

DRAFT Acton 2020 Committee Minutes

Date: March 23, 2011, 7:00 pm

Location: Town Hall, Room 126

Attending: Celia Kent, Jim Snyder-Grant, Sahana Purohit, Margaret Woolley Busse, Planners Collaborative (Daphne Politis, Jim Purdy) Planning Dept – Roland Bartl, Kristin Alexander
Finance Committee- Clint Seward

- I. Minutes approved for 3-07-11
- II. Blog Update from Jim S.
 - As of March 23rd there were 178 comments;
 - For the next blog posting- Jim to work on another possible sustainability post. Margaret will come up with another posting.
 - Margaret to send out an email announcing the next ‘save the date’ workshop in June, A link to the updated inventory and the new blog posts.
 - A separate thank you note to be sent out to the people who attended the ‘Burning issues workshop’.
 - Thank you note to the resource people. (Kristin to put together the list for this)
 - Jim will update the contacts from the last meetings- phase 2 individual contact sheet. Kristin will send all the sign in sheets & he will merge all the contacts from Margaret and Kristin’s lists.
- III. Update on search for new committee members –
 - Sandeep has already met with Lauren
 - Sandeep & Charlie, are out of town currently. They are very interested to be on the committee. Margaret noted that the candidates needed to go through VCC and possibly will have to wait for the next BOS meeting which will not be until after the town meeting.
 - Margaret has also heard from Deb Piper who has shown interest that she would like to be involved. Lauren wants 2 associates.
- IV. Public meetings discussions-

Daphne walked the committee through the draft write up. There were some minor edits/suggestions by the committee & the planning department. Refer to the handout- <http://doc.acton-ma.gov/dsweb/Get/Document-32697/EconDevWorkshopWRITEUP%20-%20203-23-11.pdf>

<http://doc.acton-ma.gov/dsweb/Get/Document-32698/TransportWorkshopWRITEUP%20-%20203-23-11.pdf>

<http://doc.acton-ma.gov/dsweb/Get/Document-32699/HousingWorkshopWRITEUP%20-%20203-23-11.pdf>

Margaret had a suggestion regarding ‘Transportation’, since this topic is so vast she felt that it might not be within this committees reach to justify the entire aspects- example the sidewalks, transit, bike paths etc. She wanted to explore the possibility if this can be handled by separate entity/advisors and to delegate the stuff to them so they can think through.

Daphne gave the example of a group in Lexington, who already does something similar to this and works like a ‘middle layer’.

V. Discussion of comments submitted to the committee-

Pertaining to the public meetings-

For the comments from Kurt Madden – Planners Collaborative will get more information from Bill Swartz.

<http://doc.acton-ma.gov/dsweb/View/Collection-4205>

The committee noted that in Brandy Brendon's comments wherein 40% indicated higher interest in sidewalks.

<http://doc.acton-ma.gov/dsweb/Get/Document-32691/Brandon%20Comments%20on%20Sidewalks%20-%20Consolidated%20-%20202-4-11.pdf>

Jim S to submit comments from Water Resources and Green Advisory Board, Green Acton

VI. May meeting –

Time Line - Daphne and Jim prefer the week of May 16th - May 21st or June 18th

The committee settled on June 23rd as the next public workshop “Choose your own Acton”

Publicity -

- Something at town meeting like a flyer. Town meeting is less than 2 weeks away.
- Jim to announce on the web page way in advance.
- To dedicate a whole meeting for discussing publicity for June 23rd workshop
- Discuss alternatives for people who cannot attend the workshop like a booth, etc. something different than the boards.

Jim Purdy will create the flyer to be handed out at the Town meeting and the committee to send Jim P comments about the flyer.

Presenting different alternatives, prioritization of the seven goals and building out scenarios. PC has a list already and can share it in some way. Describe the scenario, and then discuss cost and benefits associated. Basically talk about the trade off and ask the public to add more to it. Some thoughts- what happens in Kelly's corner, Town villages...analyzing the outcome. May be put in the risk factor involved as a sub scenario?

Jim S ideas /discussion - Jim will make a tabular version of the flow chart to fill in the blanks by the committee. Committee to send in comments/ prepare from what Jim S has prepared for the next meeting.