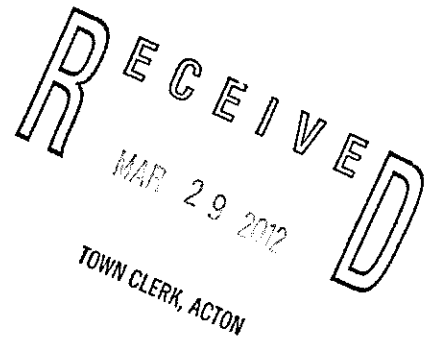


Minutes
Acton 2020 Committee
March 14, 2012
Acton Town Hall
7:00 PM – 10:30 PM



Attendees:

- ▲ Committee: Sahana Purohit, Charlie Mercier, Paulina Knibbe, Celia Kent, Margaret Woolley Busse
- ▲ Staff: Roland Bartl, Kristin Alexander
- ▲ Consultants: Jim Purdy, Daphne Politis

I Approve minutes from 2/8

Sahana moves to accept minutes of Feb 8. Paulina seconded. Passed unanimously.

II Discuss Goal 4 Objective changes.

Planning board met after our March 6 meeting to consider the Goals and Objectives to appear on the town warrant. They had a concern that objective 4.1 mentioned a specific facility, while we had said on March 6 that the Warrant article would NOT be an approval of a specific expense. So they dropped this objective, and broadened another one to include the strategies underneath. Margaret as chair reported feeling caught in the middle between Board and Committee, given that the Warrant needed to be printed on Tuesday AM before the next 2020 meeting. She heard from some committee members about unhappiness with process and or the content. Other discrepancies also showed up because the warrant article was based on a slightly old version of the goals and objectives.

The Warrant as filed was updated for those small discrepancies at the last minute by a small number of committee members and staff looking at the records that they had. And the Warrant as filed has the Planning board changes.

Reactions were aired. Summary: Not ideal, but let's move ahead. Lessons learned. Margaret will go back to planning board to review process learnings.

Committee reviewed all changes from the original warrant to the final warrant as filed, and all were OK with it.

Note: Pre-Town Meeting meeting is scheduled for March 29 at the Public Safety building. Margaret and Jim will be there. If 2020 presentation is allowed to go early, Margaret will be able to present it at that meeting. She will also be presenting at Town Meeting

III + IV Review March 6 meeting comments and other comments that have come in since then.

Daphne & Jim went through and summarized the comments, and the committee reflected back to the consultants thoughts on how to approach them in the documents. Topics included:

- ▲ Transfer of Development Rights
- ▲ Projected change in school enrollments

- ⤴ What does “small housing” mean?
- ⤴ The place of North Acton in the plan.
- ⤴ Clarifying in the plan why we have “making progress on” but not “achieving” the 40B goals.

Also reviewed minor change suggestions from committee members, including these topics:

- ⤴ Adding a conclusion
- ⤴ Referencing the diagrams when they supplement the text
- ⤴ Various small grammar and spelling changes.
- ⤴ Certain words should only be used when they refer to our specialized meanings for those words (example: Goal, Road map, Strategy, etc.)

V Town Meeting publicity

Tomorrow, Margaret and Jim will cut a PSA. It will be available on the public access cable TV government channel, and at the Acton TV Video-on-demand website (http://www.actontv.org/vod_government.html)

We will use our standard email lists, supplemented by new names from our last public meetings, to publicize the upcoming vote on goals and objectives on the second night of town meeting (April 3).

Reviewed a draft postcard, made edits, recommended that it be sent out to residents.

VI Implementation Committee

Acknowledged that implementation committee will exist. Some of us will serve on it, others won't.

VII Next meeting

Focus will be on Town Meeting presentation, and any necessary comment and document review. This next meeting is March 28th

Adjourned at 10:35

These documents at <https://doc.acton-ma.gov/dsweb/View/Collection-4742> were distributed to the committee beforehand and were used as background for these discussions:

- 00 - 3-14-12 Acton 2020 Committee Meeting Agenda
- 010 - I. - 2-8-12 Acton 2020 Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft
- 020 - II. - Acton 2020 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article - Final - 3-13-12
- 022 - II. - Acton 2020 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article - DRAFT - 3-9-12
- 030 - III. - 3-6-12 Acton 2020 Presenting the Plan Meeting Summary - Draft
- 040 - IV. - <http://www.acton2020.info/documents.shtml>
- 041 - IV. - Plan Comments - JSG – 3-13-12
- 042 - IV. - Plan Comments - SP - 2-28-12
- 043 - IV. - Plan Comments - Kornfield and Adachi
- 044 - IV. - Plan Comments - Ashton - 3-7-12
- 045 - IV. - Plan Comments - Choate - 3-12-12
- 046 - IV. - Plan Comments - Human Resources - 3-6-12
- 047 - IV. - Plan Comments - IT Dept and KA - 2-29-12

048 - IV. - Plan Comments - Municipal Properties-Tree Warden - 3-2-12
050 - V. - Script for Acton 2020 Public Service Announcement - 3-14-12
070 - VII. - Project Countdown - 2-28-12