

Attendees:

Bruce Stamski
David Martin
Dore' Hunter
Greta Eckhardt
Jim Yarin
Michaela Moran
Nick Zavalas
Peter Berry
Sean Hanley
Tom Campbell
(numerous members of the public)

Peter called the meeting to order at 7:30.

Peter and Michaela moved that David be made the clerk of the committee. The motion passed.

Bruce presented a dual outside platform solution that has numerous advantages, including safety and south-side access, brought up at the 07 May meeting. Bruce's proposal included some drawings showing the elevator building in the style of surrounding buildings.

Greta presented some conceptual drawings showing a possibility of having more of a station building with space for a coffee shop or similar.

Peter reported that Roland Bartl said that this plan meets the requirement that the Assabet River Rail Trail end at the train station.

Peter and Dore' reported on the T reaction to the proposed plan. Mark Boyle, Paul Hadley, Joe Cosgrove and other were there. The T was concerned about the extra land-takings that might be required for a dual platform solution. The T said that the no longer do elevators in the suburbs, because of numerous problems in low-traffic areas. Currently the work is stopped pending state matching funds.

Tom reported on the parking projects in other towns:

Beverly is far along with 500 spaces with retail, etc.

Franklin planning is fairly far along.

Natick is not far along.

Rockland parking is currently a disaster.

Comments:

- \$15K/year elevator maintenance should be able to be accommodated in the parking lot budget, however there may be coordination issues with T-owned elevators.
- South-side access would allow a shuttle drop-off.
- We should emphasize that the ramping structure meets the letter of the law, but many disabled persons cannot manage a ramp more than 30'.

Questions/issues:

- A generator may be required for the elevators in case of a power failure.
- Should the sidewalk to be on Stow St. or Maple St.?
- Should there be a drop-off on the south-side?
- The town might need an easement or or land-taking on the south-side.
- Would the south-side access mean additional traffic on maple?

Main Agenda item for next time:
Preparation for TUE 23 JUN Town meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45.

Next meetings
THU 11 JUN 7:30 COA
THU 25 JUN 7:30 COA