

SOUTH ACTON TRAIN STATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

7:30 PM THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER

ACTON TOWN HALL, ROOM 126

- 1. 7:30 Comments from the public**
 - 2. 7:35 Construction – general update, schedule, noise, and issues**
 - 3. 7:50 Station Opening Logistics**
 - 4. 8:05 Landscaping - fall town meeting**
 - 5. 8:05 Parking – main parking re-layout, Richard’s property feasibility plan**
 - 6. 8:25 Porrazzo Land**
 - 7. 8:35 Review & accept prior meeting minutes**
 - 8. 8:40 Future meetings, and calendar events over next several months**
 - 9. 8:45 Adjourn**
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Meeting Minutes

Acton Town Hall
October 15th, 2015

Committee Members Present:

David Martin
Tom Campbell
Michaela Moran
Sean Hanley
Dave Wellinghoff, Finance Committee
Cory York, Town Staff

Committee Members Not Present:

Bob Condon
Peter Berry, Board of Selectmen

Other Attendees:

Bill Davies, resident

Jim Minot, resident
Gordon Richards, resident

Mr. Martin called the meeting to order at 7:35pm

Comments from the public:

- Mr. Minot asked about the construction schedule and the phase of development. Mr. Martin answered that the project was on track to be completed just after Thanksgiving 2015. Landscaping and site work may extent into the spring of 2016.

Construction:

- Mr. Martin reported an update to the construction progress
 - October 24th the temporary platform would begin to be deconstructed and it would take roughly a month to get that removed and the new outbound track completed.
 - For the month of November the Inbound track will continue to be used for both directions.
- Mr. Martin further outlined the dysfunction of the project with remarkable detail.

Station opening logistics:

- The proposed new schedule has been leaked and the morning times appear to include a new outbound train to facilitate a reverse commute. Additionally, they deliver on the promised reduction in commute times - The express between Acton and Porter Square drops to 27 minutes from 32.
- New schedule is targeted to begin on November 30th (date is tentative)

Landscaping

- SATSAC has proposed a landscape plan to the town.
- Mr. Hanley will represent the worthiness of the landscape plan and its merits at the BOS meeting on October 19th in hopes of getting the appropriation in a warrant for the Fall town meeting.

Parking:

- Negotiations with Mr. Richards are proceeding and the possibility of purchasing Mr. Richard's property on Martin St is in open discussion. Mr. Richards and Mr. York are planning to meet to discuss options and plans.
- Mr. York suggested that the parking meter enhancement and final layout of bike lockers will happen in the spring. Final enhancements for the Parking lot, repaving and restriping would occur in the summer of 2016.

Porrazzo Land

- Discussed what options we had with this land located between the East side parking area and the Civil Response building
- The committee generally concluded that the town should look into purchasing that land, and questions came up around the cost.
- Mr. Campbell offered to write a proposal to the town to look into purchasing the Porrazzo Land.

Future meetings

- Tentatively scheduled for November 5th

Ms. Moran moved to adjourn, Mr. Campbell seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm

Respectfully submitted by Tom Campbell