



Kelley's Corner Steering Committee

Meeting Minutes

5 February 2019

7:30 pm

Room 9, Acton Town Hall. 472 Main Street, Acton, MA

Present	Andy Brockway (chair), Bob Van Meter, Christi Andersen (FinCom), David Manalan, Derrick Chin (PB), Jon Benson (BoS), Larry Kenah (clerk, EDC), Pat Clifford, Peter Darlow (DRB)
Not Present	Dean Charter, Erin Bettez
Town of Acton	Kristen Guichard (Planning Department)
Other Attendees	Danny Factor, Elizabeth Osche, Hena Patel, Lauren Morton, Terra Friedrichs

1. Opening

Andy Brockway opened the meeting at 7:33 pm.

2. Regular Business

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes – The meeting minutes from the 15 January 2019 KCSC meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously, with minor editorial changes.
- B. The committee welcomed David Manalan as its newest member. David has lived on Kelley Road for fifty years and is the latest KCSC representative from the Kelley's Corner neighborhood.

3. New/Special Business



A. Items Related to Kelley's Corner

During the meeting, several points were raised related to the Kelley's Corner Improvement Initiative.

MassDOT Public Hearing

The MassDOT Public Hearing on the 25% Plan will take place on Tuesday, 5 March 2019, at 7:00 pm in Room 204 of the Acton Town Hall. This is **not** a KCSC event.

- MassDOT will conduct the hearing.
- Folks from GPI will make the presentation.

Members of the committee are encouraged to attend the hearing and to speak in support of the plan.

Other Items of Interest

Jon Benson reported that the Board of Selectmen (BoS) is not interested in buying the Stop & Shop parcel where Kmart is located. The BoS would prefer to control its use via zoning.

B. Review and Discuss Open House/Gallery

Kristen described an approach that we will use at the open house events. We will emphasize four themes that form the basis for the plan.

- Efficiency
- Framework for Town Center
- Safety
- Accessibility

Room 204 will be divided into three parts as follows.

First Theme		
Second Theme	Large Picture of Plan for Kelley's Corner	Table with Detailed Plans
Third Theme		
Fourth Theme		

Each theme station will include a poster board with three pieces of information.

- Current state



- Future state
- List of improvements

We spent a little time talking about how we would present large the picture of the plan. After some discussion, we decided to display a large picture of the plan (an eight-foot square, for example) that will sit on a couple of tables in the middle of the room.

Someone suggested that we create a list of frequently asked questions (FAQ) and responses to the most common questions and concerns. Members will send questions (and possible responses) to Kristen. A couple of items were raised during this conversation.

- People will ask about Kmart. We need to point out that the fate of the Kmart parcel is outside the scope of the infrastructure project and governed mostly by the financial state of Kmart and Sears, its parent company.
- There were a couple of questions about crosswalks. We need to emphasize the safety improvements for students and others based on the locations of additional crosswalks (where students actually cross the streets) and the flashing warning signals like the ones near Acton Town Hall and in West Acton.

For the record, the two open houses are scheduled for Room 204 in Acton Town Hall.

- Wednesday, 13 March 2019
- Thursday, 21 March 2019

We are starting to think about a station outside the high school auditorium on the nights of town meeting where we can connect with even more voters about the town meeting article(s) related to Kelley's Corner.

C. Outreach updates/Future outreach

Andy Brockway stressed that the articles before town meeting are about infrastructure and only infrastructure. There are no articles about zoning changes associated with Kelley's Corner.

Terra Friedrichs suggested that improvements to Kelley's Corner would support "the plan" (her words) and encourage high density development. Committee members pointed out that the only focus for town meeting is the plan submitted to MassDOT for infrastructure improvements to Kelley's Corner.

One of the members of the public attending the meeting asked about social media as an outreach channel.

- The Acton Parents Facebook page includes 2700 people.
- Each elementary school also has a Facebook page.

4. **Next Meetings and Adjournment**

We want to meet again before 5 March (MassDOT Public Hearing) and 13 March (first open house). We chose 26 February as a target date. Kristen will poll the members and confirm the date.



At 8:45 pm, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Documents and Exhibits Used during This Meeting

- Draft minutes of January 15, 2019
- Kelley's Corner presentations dates
- Gallery walk poster ideas

These documents can be found at

<http://doc.acton-ma.gov/dsweb/View/Collection-10752>