



**Acton Town Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes
Date: December 8, 2015
Room 204 Town Hall 7:30pm.**

(DRAFT. Awaiting Approval by the Committee)

All Members Present except Bob Evans

- I. Chairman Majors called the meeting to order at 7:31pm
- II. There was no Public Participation.
- III. Transportation Update
 - a. Doug Halley, Transportation Coordinator, presented an update of the Transportation program.
 - b. The status of the COA van, Road Runner, Dial-a-Ride, Rail Shuttle, and Cross Town Transit were described.
 - i. Cross Town transit goals were described as 500 per month by the end of the first year.
 - c. Ridership reporting was intended to be similar to the experience of other towns, while unique service offerings are kept out for the sake of comparability.
 - d. Income levels reflect \$96k from parking, \$160k from LRTA, and \$234k from the town of Acton.
- IV. POV (FinCom Point of View Document)
 - a. Members discussed the relevancy, composition, and format of the Committee's commitment to generating the Point of View as a guide to other boards and staff coming into the annual budget seasons.
 - b. Members discussed a number of alternative approaches including posting the POV in docushare or elsewhere on the Town website, publicizing the POV recommendations in the press, and having more formal presentations at BOS and SC meetings.
 - c. The discussion also related to how to express concerns about future threats such as over-ride votes necessitated in future by actions being taken in the near term as well as such things as long term capital needs and our successful advocacy for a responsible posture with respect to OPEB.

V. Subcommittee Updates:

Updates were received on the Minuteman High School, Acton 2020, Kelley's Corner Steering Committee, the former Acton Nursing Service and its impact on current Town expenses.

VI. Minutes: Minutes were approved for the meeting of November 3rd.

VII. The committee adjourned at approximately 9:30.