

MINUTES
TOWN OF CONCORD
CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Thursday August 9 2012
7:00 PM-9:30 PM
Clock Tower Room
Harvey Wheeler Community Center

Present: Lisa Bergen, presiding
Ray Bruttomesso
Kate Damon
Abe Fisher
Louise Haldeman
Mark Hanson
Absent: Rick Anderson

Citizens present: Cynthia Rainey

1. Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Chair, Lisa Bergen

2. The minutes:

The minutes of the August 2 meeting were approved.

3. Correspondence/ Chairs Report

Ms Bergen reported that she had received two letters from members of the public asking that the CTC request the Superintendent to request the Building Committee to look at the possibility of keeping the present transportation building on site.

Ms Bergen asked if the committee should consider writing such a letter. There was general approval of the idea. Committee members have spent a great deal of time looking at various sites for the transportation department and are aware that the TAC has done so as well. The merits of keeping the high school site if it is possible to do so have become apparent and the Committee has felt a good deal of frustration at the idea that the possibility would never be given due consideration. It was felt also that the community at large needed a more definitive answer than they had been given so far.

Accordingly, it was moved and seconded that the committee draft a letter to the Superintendent requesting that she instruct the Building Committee to look at options which might make it possible to retain the transportation building and parking on the high school grounds. As construction has not yet started and the Building Committee is still fine-tuning the plans, such a request would be timely.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was moved that a letter be drafted to be approved at the meeting on the 16th which will follow the conclusion of the hearing. Ms Bergen and Ms Haldeman will draft the letter.

4. Citizen comments: none

5. Reports and Issues for Discussion/ Action items:

In preparation for the hearing most of the remaining time was spent on a dress rehearsal for the hearing on August 16. The projector stayed on and the slides and commentary were reviewed. Ms Bergen's beautifully edited slides were complimented and the committee enjoyed the animated school bus which closes the presentation. There were some suggestions made for tweaking the slides in order to make

the data clear to the audience. Ms Bergen reminded the members that they would not have a clear view of the screen when giving their presentations so coordinating will be important.

There was discussion about questions from the audience. Ms Haldeman is looking for a human recorder to take note of questions which may not be able to be answered at the meeting. The audience will be encouraged to write down questions and fill out the feedback forms.

The committees also discussed the need for keeping the audience focused on the matters before them and not use the hearing for issues not within the province of the CTC.

Dates for September meetings; Ms Bergen reminded the committee that it will take August 23 off but will meet again on August 30th. The next hearing will be September 13 and it was considered advisable to meet between the 30th and the 13th if a date and place can be secured. The final report will be given on October 2 and the committee can expect that there will be a need for additional September meetings. It is possible that the committee may need to continue its work after October 2. Specific dates will be addressed a later meeting.

6. **Citizen's comments:** Ms Rainey stated that she had enjoyed the dress rehearsal but would be out of town for the hearing.
7. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 9:15

Respectfully submitted,

Louise S. Haldeman, clerk