

South Acton Train Station Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2010

Committee Members Present:

David Martin
Dore' Hunter
Michaela Moran
Nick Zavalas
Pat Clifford
Peter Berry
Sean Hanley
Tom Campbell

Committee Members Not Present:

Jim Yarin
John Sonner

Other Attendees:

Corey York
David Barrat
David Honn
John Mahoney
Kathryn Acerbo-Bachmann
Maya Minkin
Michael Baskin
Paul Hadley
Phil Brigg
Ronald Rose

Mr. Berry called the meeting to order at 7:30.

SATSAC joins a joint meeting with the Acton Historical District Commission.

The HDC had a discussion and voted to recommend design suggestions to the MBTA. A major portion of the design suggestion was to integrate the roof-lines of the head houses the surrounding canopies.

MBTA representatives joined the meeting at 7:55. Paul Hadley stated the need a direction tonight as to whether the HDC will respond favorably.

David Honn presented the HDC recommendations to the MBTA.

Paul Hadley said that he had no problem with the design suggestions, as long as it fit within the budget. If we cannot come to agreement, they would probably petition the FTA to allow them to

go ahead anyway. However, that process takes some months, and may cause them to miss the window and slip out of the project's time-frame.

Michael Baskin said that he liked a number of elements of the design, but he felt that it would not be able to be contained within the same cost.

- It is impractical to leave part of the bridge open because of snow accumulation.
- Not installing grating in front of the windows might save \$12/ft².

There was no consensus among various members of both committees about whether it would be advisable for the HDC to take actions to complete the Section 106 review. Some people felt that since there are no guarantees, that more progress needs to be made before the HDC gives its approval. Others felt that the MBTA has a good track record, and we should not risk the project by withholding approval.

The MBTA said that they could potentially rearrange the contract schedule to give a couple more months to optimize the design.

The MBTA gave the committees a presentation of station in context in local photographs, plus other station components used on the Greenbush line.

Kim Lighting are a type of light that meet the cutoff needs.

The MBTA only has a basic low-maintenance landscape design. If the town wants to perform the maintenance, we could consider alternatives.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00.

The next SATSAC meeting is scheduled for 7:30 on Wednesday 10 November 2010 at the COA.

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Links:

<http://www.acton-ma.gov/index.aspx?nid=244> is the SATSAC page.

<http://www.calltoacton.org/> is the local advocacy group.

<http://www.littletonma.org/content/49/3594/5590/default.aspx> is Littleton's MBTA Commuter Rail Advisory Committee.

http://www.mbta.com/about_the_mbta/t_projects/default.asp?id=15585 is the MBTA site about the project.