

South Acton Train Station Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes - draft  
November 10, 2010



**Committee Members Present:**

David Martin  
John Sonner  
Michaela Moran  
Nick Zavalas  
Peter Berry  
Sean Hanley  
Tom Campbell

**Committee Members Not Present:**

Jim Yarin  
Dore' Hunter  
Pat Clifford

**Other Attendees:**

Corey York  
Lauren Rosenzweig-Morton  
Pamela Harting-Barrat

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

Mr. Berry announced that Jim Yarin would be resigning from the committee.

Mr. Berry said that the MBTA & FTA do not feel that they are bound by the MHC review.

Ms. Moran explained that after the AHDC sent a letter indicating significant indirect affects on the historic district from the station, the MHC delegated to the AHDC the task of working with the MBTA. Ms. Moran reported that the HDC chair tried to call the MHC twice on Tuesday.

There was not consensus among committee members as to what actions would be best from this committee, the HDC and the BOS. These were the issues discussed:

- Some people felt that we could not trust the MBTA to make the design changes, which the HDC is asking for. Others felt that the HDC cannot put he project at risk on behalf of Acton.
- Some people felt that we should be able to get an extra \$250K (very general estimate on our part) to get a better station. Others felt that we already got over \$3M for station improvements, and it wasn't obvious where additional money would come from.
- Some people felt that there was not enough time to make the design changes in time for project deadlines, and that we would not be getting a good design for the town, if it were rushed.

In general the committee felt that it would be good to get a letter saying what they would be able to do to optimize the design going forward.

There was general agreement that Ms. Harting-Barrat and Mr. Berry should contact Jaime for guidance.

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:20.**

The next SATSAC meeting is scheduled for 7:30 on Wednesday 17 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\\_mbtat\\_projects/default.asp?id=15585](http://www.mbta.com/about_the_mbtat_projects/default.asp?id=15585) is the MBTA site about the project.