

South Acton Train Station Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes - accepted
17 November 2010

Committee Members Present:

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

Committee Members Not Present:

Dore' Hunter
Jim Yarin

Other Attendees:

Corey York
David Barrat
David Honn
Franny Osman
Kathryn Acerbo-Bachmann
Margaret Miley
Mike Gowing
Pamela Harting-Barrat
Rep. Jen Benson
Sen. Jamie Eldridge
Pam Hoodes

Mr. Berry called the meeting to order at 7:34.

The committee voted to accept the minutes of 06 October, 28 October, and with changes 10 November.

Ms. Acerbo-Bachmann, said that the FTA has not contacted the MHC or the AHDC. She will contact the FTA tomorrow, and will be drafting letter for Tuesday meeting. She said that she will be investigating if their sending a letter would conclude the 106 review. The AHDC would like the changes costed. She said that when disagreements happen in the Section 106 process, the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation in DC gets involved.

Rep Benson said that there appears to be a disagreement between the FTA & MHC. The MBTA does have approval for the single platform design, but the MHC could appeal.

Mr. Zavolas said the project has never made a MEPA filing. There is confusion as to what version of the project the MHC gave concurrence to.

Sen. Eldridge said that the federal funding is at risk if the project gets blocked, and he is concerned about the other communities in his district.

David Honn said that Paul Hadley indicated that in order to have a bit more design time, the MBTA was trying to separate the Acton station design from the submittal required for the rest of the project.

There was discussion as to what might be in the letter. Mo Khan, who was at the Fitchburg Line Working Group meeting, suggested the letter from the AHDC might say that the project is accepted, provided that certain changes are made.

Ms. Clifford moved that SATSAC ask the AHDC to write a letter to the FTA supporting the project going forward, but listing specific changes the AHDC wants to see in the station design. The motion carried 4 to 2 with 2 abstentions.

Mr. Zavolas moved that SATSAC ask the AHDC to write letter to MBTA asking them to incorporate the AHDC's design changes into the station's CAD design and calculate the associated costs of the changes. The motion carried 6 to 0 with 2 abstentions.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05.

The next SATSAC meeting is scheduled for 7:30 on Thursday 02 December 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.