

South Acton Train Station Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes -
Council on Aging Senior Center
March 10, 2011

Committee Members Present:

Clare Siska
David Martin
Nick Zavalas
Pat Clifford
Sean Hanley
Tom Campbell

Committee Members Not Present:

Peter Berry
Jim Yarin
John Sonner
Michaela Moran

Other Attendees:

Corey York
David Barrat
Pamela Harting-Barrat

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

The committee accepted all prior outstanding meeting minutes.

The committee discussed the make-up of the committee and took the following actions.

The committee voted unanimously for David Martin to be chair of the committee to replace Peter Berry who is resigning.

The committee voted unanimously to accept Clare Siska as a member of the committee to replace Dore' Hunter, who had resigned.

The committee voted unanimously to recommend to the Board of Selectman to change the portion of the Committee's charge regarding membership. Mr. Martin will send a new draft charge to Ms. Harting-Barrat recommending that the committee consist of about 7 members, including:

- 1 member of the Finance committee
- 2 residents of South Acton in proximity to the train Station
- plus 4 at-large members

The committee voted unanimously to adopt a policy to contact members after three missed meetings to ask them to attend. If they are not present at the next meeting, the committee may vote to remove them from the committee.

Mr. Martin announced that Mr. Zavalas has resigned from the Committee effective 25 March'11.

Mr. Campbell presented information concerning the town's lighting by-law, and the committee had a discussion of lighting at the station.

- The by-law requires lights that direct light downward, so that it's not possible to see the light from the side.
- Mr. Campbell recommended that we consider replacing the parking lot lighting with conforming lighting at a future meeting, because the energy savings alone.
- The proposed MBTA lighting conforms to the by-law, and the committee considers it acceptable.
- Mr. Hanley & Mr. Martin will ask about an additional shield on platform lighting near residences.
- The question was asked if we should consider dimming the lighting or shutting off some of the lighting at off hours.
- Mr. Hanley & Mr. Martin should ask the MBTA about the color of the station window glass.

The committee discussed the latest design from the MBTA. Mr. Hanley & Mr. Martin presented the latest changes, including:

- a flat roof on the north elevator tower
- beams interior to the elevator tower
- exterior columns along the platforms
- similar cladding throughout opaque exterior areas

Suggestions included:

- a provision for stairs to be added alongside the north head-house in the future
- a South Acton sign facing east

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33

The next SATSAC meetings will be:

- 7:30 Thursday 24 March at the COA
- 7:30 Thursday 07 April at the COA
- 7:30 Thursday 21 April 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.mbt.com/about_the_mbt/t_projects/default.asp?id=15585 is the MBTA site about the project.