

# South Acton Train Station Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes  
Acton Senior Center  
October 2, 2014

## Committee Members Present:

- David Martin
- Pat Clifford
- Tom Campbell
- Bob Condon
- Herman Kabakoff
- Michaela Moran
- Peter Berry - Selectman Liaison

## Planning Board/Consultants

- Rebecca Williamson - GPI
- Matthew Kearney - GPI
- Kristen Guichard - Planning Dept
- Roland Barhl - Planning Dept

## Committee Members /Staff Not Present:

- Sean Hanley
- Cory York
- Michaela Moran

## Other Attendees:

- Bill Davies, resident

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**Mr. Martin called the meeting to order at 7: 32pm**

## Comments from the Public

- None

Meeting was called to order by David Martin at 7:39P on October 2, 2014

## Review Minutes

- May 8, 2014 - Accepted by all except Herman Kabakoff (New) abstained.
- June 12, 2014 - Accepted by all except Herman Kabakoff (New) abstained.
- Sep 11, 2014 - Accepted by all except Herman Kabakoff (New) abstained.

## Committee/Planning board discussion on parking lot

- Lot is owned by MBTA
- MBTA views the lot used for commuters during the day and recreational in evening and weekends.
- Because MBTA owns property, if parking charged, then MBTA expects to share in the revenue.
- There are 8 parking spots in the tractor path which will be retained by the Rail Trail for usage even though the Maple Street lot is available. The tractor path spots are excluded from the commuter parking plan.

- History shows that that the original parking configuration has 59 spaces; The current plan shows 32 spots (according to map brought to meeting.
- 36 spots and a grass gathering spot is the direction for the Rail Trail.
- The spots that were removed were those closest to the bridge to add a grassed berm as a meeting area.
- Being a state and federal project, the parking can be more compact.
- MBTA Limitation: No deciduous trees (Only Conifers)
- The Rail Trail committee would like a sidewalk on the north side of Maple Street for safety.
- The time pinch point is 6-8 AM in the Maple Street Lot and general area.
- There will be a narrowing of the road at the southern road edge across from the Maple St. Plan is to narrow the road and reduce the potential of speed buildup entering into the intersection of Stow and Maple Street.

### **Gordon Richards' property**

- There is an ongoing search for the Highest/Best Usage.
- The land is needed for landscape and a berm buffer.
- MBTA needs access around the building to access the station.
- Mr. Richard met with town planner. There is a sense that they want to use the property for 40B which is not the direction that Mr. Richard would like to head in. The building has been fully refurbished.

### **Historical panels**

- Historic panels are complete and sent to MBTA. Many thanks go to Bill Klauer working on captions and to Claire for editing those captions.

### **Construction**

- Pilings for platform are in and poured.
- Entrance ramp at Railroad Street is in.
- Flood light at the temporary ramp is burnt out.

### **Future Meeting:**

- Oct 23 - next meeting
- Nov 20 - following meeting

### **Adjourn**

- . Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:59 PM.

Submitted by Bob Condon

