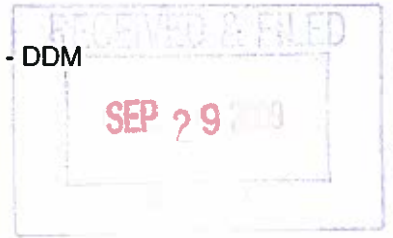


South Acton Train Station Advisory Committee 11 June 2009 Meeting Minutes - DDM



Attendees:

Corey York
David Martin
Dore' Hunter
Greta Eckhardt
Jim Yarin
Michaela Moran
Nick Zavalas
Peter Berry
Sean Hanley
(several members of the public)

Peter called the meeting to order at 7:40.

Peter went over the warrant article and presentation for the 23 June 2009 town meeting.

Greta said that she was concerned about presenting a drawing at town meeting, because she felt that we don't have enough information to assure ourselves that it's feasible.

Dore' said that the biggest issue is how to cross the tracks, and the use of elevators instead of the ramp system.

Nick said that we should present the opportunities and obstacles to the current plan.

Sean said that he was reluctant to present an alternative plan.

David said that safety and south-side access were the major issues from the public, and also full access and aesthetics. With a concrete proposal we stand a much better chance of convincing the MBTA of Acton's point of view.

Jim presented a possible change to the traffic pattern on Maple St., which might help the drop-off situation.

Michaela suggested that the 4 issues from the town be presented, and that we include the goals of the committee and the MBTA, and that we remove the last slide, and make it clear that this proposal is a concept, and may still require some changes.

Based on input from the committee, Peter summarized the changes that he would make to the town meeting presentation.

The committee agreed on the following wording of the motion for town meeting:

Be it resolved as follows, Acton town meeting requests that Board of Selectman take every action the Board considers appropriate to have the MBTA revise it design plans for the South Acton Station in a way that promotes a safe and secure environment, ensures south-side access, improves access for all patrons of the MBTA, and respects the historic nature and integrity of South Acton, as illustrated in the South Acton Train Station Advisory Committee's design study.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40.

Next meeting:

THU 25 JUN 7:30 COA