

South Acton Train Station Advisory Committee
January 28, 2010
Meeting Minutes (corrected) - DDM

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Committee Members Present:

David Martin
Dore' Hunter
Michaela Moran
Nick Zavolas
Peter Berry
Sean Hanley
Tom Campbell

Committee Members Not Present:

Jim Yarin
Pat Clifford

Other Attendees:

Bruce Stamski
Dean Cavaretta
(members of the public)

Mr. Berry called the meeting to order at 7:37.

The committee voted accepted the minutes from previous meeting with minor changes.

The committee discussed the logistics of the site visit at the station at 1:00 SAT 30 JAN with Joe Nolan from the MBTA.

Mr. Zavolas reported on the project's 1990 MEPA filing. The committee reviewed the filing and found numerous details in the project have changed. Of particular note was the fact that the 1990 project included dual platforms and no large structure. A notice of project change could be filed.

Mr. Berry reported on lack of access for the disable with the ramp system. He said that he hoped that the MBTA's assistant general manager in charge of disabled access would be able to come to the site visit.

Ms. Moran discussed a letter being written by the HDC to the MHC, and a joint letter by the HDC and the MHC to the FTA. The committee recommended that the HDC to MHC letter be stronger.

Mr. Berry reported on economic development issues.

Mr. Zavolas reported on the project's MEPA filing, which was done about 20 years ago. Since then, numerous details in the project have changed.

Mr. Berry and Mr. Hunter reported that they have been unable to find any problems with elevator maintenance either in Framingham or elsewhere. The MBTA has been unable to provide us with specific problems. There are still issues, including timing, of how the town can legally pay for elevator maintenance.

Mr. Martin reported that Littleton is expecting their station design next month. Some of their concerns are different from Acton's but some are the same, such as accessibility. Their parking situation is also similar to Acton's, except in their case, the non-MBTA lot is privately owned. Their planning board allow the parking to be doubled to near 200 spaces last year. Now a garage is proposed to double it again.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42.

Links:

<http://www.acton-ma.gov/index.aspx?nid=244> is the SATSAC page.

http://www.mbta.com/about_the_mbtat_projects/default.asp?id=15585 is the MBTA site about the project.