South Acton Train Station Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes - approved
September 23, 2010

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Committee Members Present:
David Martin
Michaela Moran
Nick Zavolas
Pat Clifford
Peter Berry
Tom Campbell

Committee Members Not Present:
Jim Yarin
Sean Hanley
Dore' Hunter
John Sonner

Other Attendees:
Clare Siska
Corey York
Pamela Harting-Barrat

Mr. Berry called the meeting to order at 7:44.

The committee corrected and voted to accept the minutes of 09 September 2010.

Mr. Berry reported that the MBTA contacted him on 17 September. Paul Hadley said that he would pass along our comments on the design to the architects. He said that they would contact the town, when they had significant new information to report.

Mr. York reported that the elevator contractor has estimated $12,000 yearly to maintain the two elevators at the station. Mr. Berry reported that the town counsel said that the funding may require a town meeting vote. Acton: Ms. Clifford will investigate how the parking revenue can be used.

Ms. Moran reported that the HDC sent a letter to the MHC commenting on the design of the station. There was discussion about the MBTA's request to the MHC and the MHC's response.

The committee discussed the CAD drawings of the station, which we received from the MHC. There was general agreement that the exterior of the station is not in keeping with the historic district neighborhood. The committee voted to send a picture of the Kingston RI station as an example to the MBTA.

Action: Ms. Harting-Barrat said that she would get time on the BOS agenda for Mr. Zavolas to present what the MAPC can do concerning this project. Action: Mr. Berry will contact Mr. Bartl to see if he has any input concerning MAPC.

Mr. Campbell will research landscaping and lighting.

Ms. Siska reported that phase 3 of the environmental report on the Cauette land is due this week, and that town meeting is 12 October.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23.

The next SATSAC meeting is scheduled for 7:30 Wednesday 06 October 2010 at the COA.

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Questions for the next MBTA meeting:
- Can we get cad pictures of the area with people to assess scale?
- Has there been progress on the Montori property?
- Will the MBTA be responsible for cleaning the station, and dealing with graffiti?
- Will the station design abide by the town's lighting by-law?
- Will there be advertising? Where will it be located?

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.