

South Acton Train Station Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
August 12, 2010

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**Committee Members Present:**

David Martin  
John Sonner  
Nick Zavalas  
Pat Clifford  
Sean Hanley  
Tom Campbell  
Nick Zavalas

**Committee Members Not Present:**

Dore' Hunter  
Jim Yarin  
Michaela Moran  
Peter Berry

**Other Attendees:**

Clare Siska  
Corey York  
David Honn  
Pamela Harting-Barrat

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

The committee voted to accept the minutes of 01 July 2010.

Ms. Siska and others summarized the previous MBTA meetings for Mr. Honn. Mr. Honn suggested that we acknowledge the 30% design in a letter to the MBTA. In the letter we can ask about the areas below.

Additional information that we should have includes:

- Confirmation that roof material is standing seam
- Dimensions
- Floor plans: ground, platform, bridge
- Longitudinal cross sections of the bridge

We like to ask about the possibilities of these design elements:

- Increasing the size of platform canopies
- Reducing the number of patterns of exterior windows
- Reducing the overhangs
- Using laminated glass instead of wire mesh

- Using surfaces other than clapboard, such as opaque glass (The clapboard seems out of place with the style of the rest of the building, especially considering that it's only on a minority of exterior surfaces.)

The committee or a subcommittee could assemble a site plan, to investigate these elements:

- landscaping
- lighting
- signage
- South Acton identity

Mr. Honn will send us his recommendations for us to use to write to the MBTA. The section 106 review can be used to assess the historic acceptability of some of the design elements.

Mr. Zavolas reported that the Metro Area Planning Council can assess traffic, land use, etc. for projects like the South Action Station. They have done so in Wrentham and Sharon. The committee voted to have Mr. Zavolas present his findings to the Board of Selectman.

The committee had a brief discussion of the sidewalks around the station. It was reported that the Martin Street sidewalk has been approved. There needs to be more discussion for the committee to make recommendations.

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 advertizing? Where will it be located?

The next SATSAC meeting will be scheduled soon. Agenda items should include:

- Publicity
- Continued sidewalk discussion

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:26.**

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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.mbta.com/about\\_the\\_mbta/t\\_projects/default.asp?id=15585](http://www.mbta.com/about_the_mbta/t_projects/default.asp?id=15585) is the MBTA site about the project.