

South Acton Train Station Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2010

Committee Members Present:

David Martin
John Sonner
Peter Berry
Jim Yarin
Sean Hanley
Michaela Moran

Committee Members Not Present:

Dore' Hunter
Nick Zavolas
Pat Clifford
Tom Campbell

Other Attendees:

David Honn
Clare Siska
Ronald Rose

Mr. Berry called the meeting to order at 7:34.

Mr. Berry reported that the MBTA is looking for a categorical exclusion. The MBTA feels that they have met all of their requirements, including the Section 106 review. The MHC reportedly sent a letter to the FTA disputing the process. Sen. Eldridge said that the FTA would like a black or white letter from the town, indicating the

Ms. Moran reported that Kathryn Acerbo-Bachmann spoke with Ed Bell at the MHC, who feels that the Section 106 review is still open.

Mr. Honn said that additional canopies were about 1000SF, not 2000sf, and he feels that other parts of the estimates are exaggerated.

Considerable discussion followed about what the appropriate next step for SATSAC should be. Some felt that we should wait to find out if the Section 106 review is now closed. Others felt that we should move ahead as soon as possible to engage the MBTA to push the design to fit Acton's needs as closely as possible. There was general agreement that we should clarify the MBTA's cost estimates.

Ms. Moran moved that SATSAC draft a letter to the MBTA clarifying the cost estimates and listing the cost deductions.

The motion passed 4 to 1 with 1 abstention

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05.

The next SATSAC meeting is scheduled for 7:30 on Wednesday 22 December 2010 at the COA.

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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 is the MBTA site about the project.