

South Acton Train Station Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes
Town Hall Room 46
October 17, 2013

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Committee Members Present:

David Martin
Clare Siska
Tom Campbell
Pat Clifford
Michaela Moran

Committee Members Not Present:

Sean Hanley
John Sonner (BOS liaison)

Other Attendees:

Corey York (Engineering)
Bob Condon
Bill Davies

Mr. Martin called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

Public Comments

- Mr. Condon requested information about setting up a food vendor for the new station. He has spoken with the town.
- Mr. Condon also suggested that for the opening of the station we do a "touch a train event" so that kids and adults can explore a train and meet the conductors.

Construction Update

- Ms. Siska reported that the South side foundation has been completed and the North side is underway. Reports are that the construction should move quickly once the foundations are complete.
- The Martin St and Central St crossings will be replaced on the weekends of November 2nd and 9th (not sure which one will be on which weekend)
- SATSAC will monitor road closings and bring them to the attention of the Board of Selectmen.

Farmers Market

- Mr. Martin, Ms. Clifford, and Ms. Moran will represent SATSAC from 9:30 to 11:30, and Mr. Campbell and Ms. Siska will take the 11:30 to 1:30 shift.
- There will be current photos, a revised flyer, and visual representations of the new station (thanks to Ms. Siska and Mr. Martin)

Historic Panels

- The 5 historic panels need to be ordered soon - the feeling was by the next meeting.
- Additional panels would cost \$1,200 each to produce.
- Mr. Martin shared with the committee the MBTA's process for the creation of the panels, and how the Jenks Library in town would like to propose content.
- The Jenks Library charges \$50 per "item" which is a cost the MBTA will absorb.
- The theme of the panel images was discussed and the feeling of the committee was that there would be a historic theme to the images.

- The decision was to ensure that the images and content are accurately historic, tasteful, universally accepted as significant aspects of Acton, and specific to the MBTA guidelines.
- Ms. Moran moved to form a subcommittee with Ms. Moran, Ms. Siska and Mr. Martin to choose the images and content with the town historians at the Jenks Library. Ms. Siska seconded and it was passed unanimously.
- Ms. Moran also moved to focus the subcommittee's efforts on the below priorities, and to work to present as a full committee soon thereafter (within 3 weeks). Ms. Siska seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
 1. Transportation History, focused of the Train Station
 2. Revolutionary War
 3. Business and Industrial History
 4. Landmarks and Historic Buildings
 5. A Historic Map
 6. Agricultural History
 7. South Acton

Parking, Publicity, Coordination with other committees

- Topics were generally discussed briefly with no relevant information getting communicated

Minutes

- 7/25/13 Minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved
- 8/29/13 Minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved
- 9/19/13 Minutes were reviewed and approved with 1 abstention

Meetings

Subcommittee - within the next 2 weeks.

Full Committee

November 7th

December 5th

Ms. Moran moved to adjourn; Ms Clifford seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Campbell

Links:

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

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