

South Acton Train Station Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes
Town Hall Room 46
November 7, 2013

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Committee Members Present:

David Martin
Clare Siska
Tom Campbell
Sean Hanley
Michaela Moran

Committee Members Not Present:

Pat Clifford

Other Attendees:

Corey York (Engineering)
Bill Davies

Other Non Present Non Committee Members:

John Sonner (BOS liaison)

Mr. Martin called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Comments from the public

- None

Construction Update

- Ms. Siska reported that the foundations have been poured, the sealant has been painted on the concrete, and backfilling has commenced. The escape ramp will be the last to be poured.
- The Martin St. and Central St. crossing construction work has been delayed, actual work schedule TBD
- Water quality issues have improved, consistently better

Farmers Market

- Market coordinators remarked at the high traffic flow and keen civic interest at the SATSAC booth
- Parking still seems to be the major discussion point for the public as well as alternate modes of transportation

Historic Panels

- There was a recap of the unfortunate chain of miscommunication with the trustees of the Jenks Library.
- We will need to request specific photos, there is no browsing
- Coordination with AHC Bill Klauer for final content of the panels will be necessary
- The construction schedule requires quick action on our part in order to have the panels ready at the appropriate time
- Ms. Siska suggested that AHC take over the choosing of the content for the panels

- The signs at the South Acton station will be approximately half the size of the panels at the Littleton station, however Acton has more signs and the total surface area of signage is approximately the same.
- Photos from local historical literature were perused and several were chosen as potential candidates for subsequent review at the next subcommittee meeting on Wednesday, November 13 at 6:30 pm, immediately before their meeting with the AHC at 7:30 the same evening.

Parking

- The MBTA has gotten back to Roland Bartl regarding their requests for the Montourri property. Their criteria is that there are between 30-50 spaces, green space buffer area, visibility in area for safety
- Roland says rail trail designers will work on it and pass it by our committee
- Mr. Martin will re-send the motion our committee developed regarding the design concepts of the Montourri property to the rail trail designers

Publicity, Coordination with other committees

- Ms. Siska says the Beacon may be willing to print photos of the construction progress

Minutes

- 10/17/13 Minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved with edits

Meetings

Subcommittee – November 13 at 6:30 pm, immediately prior to AHC meeting

Full Committee

December 5th

Mr. Martin moved to adjourn; Mr. Campbell seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sean Hanley

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.