

South Acton Train Station Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Acton Center Town Hall, Room 121

December 18, 2014

Committee Members Present:

- David Martin (Chair)
- Tom Campbell
- Bob Condon
- Sean Hanley
- Herman Kabakoff - Finance Liason
- Michaela Moran
- Peter Berry - Selectman Liaison

Committee Members/Staff Not Present:

- Cory York
- Michaela Moran

Other Attendees:

- Bill Davies, resident
- Pat Clifford
- Luke Evans
- Trey Kellet
- Gordan Richards
- Claire Siska

Mr. Martin called the meeting to order at 7:32pm

Comments from the Public

- Question from Luke about the express train. It will continue as far as the committee knows.
- Claire: - Would rather Mr. Richard' property NOT be dedicated to parking,
- Would like something that fits in with the neighborhood,
- Would keep the neighborhood informed.

Meeting was called to order by David Martin at 7:39P on October 2, 2014

Review Minutes

- November 11, 2014 - Accepted by all

Construction

- Outbound platform panels installed
- Steel scheduled for December, but realistically will not begin install until Jan 15, 2015 once the crews return from holiday break.
- Steel installation procedures have been approved by MBTA (recent happening)

Committee discussion on parking lot/ Mr. Richard's property

- Tom Campbell and Sean Hanley surveyed the Richard's property and drew up a concept document that would retain the main building (for other usages such as EMT Vehicle rental), office space, food pantry etc...
- By removing the small garage for an entrance, a rough estimate of 110 - 130 car spots could be placed there for revenue (4.00 would yield roughly \$140K per year)
- Parking would have the least impact on the neighborhood,
- The wetlands across the street Stow at Maple would need to be planned and work through,
- Trey's comment is that he would like to keep South Acton a "walkable village" and to keep the options open.
- Claire's comment was to keep a South Acton Village but this plan will impact Martin Street.
- AT this time, the discussion ended and a motion was taken to put this on the next meeting's agenda for more discussion.

Additional comment regarding Mr. Richard's property

- There was some discussion that apartments could be placed there (or a 40B development) with as many as 90 units. This was met with dissatisfaction with the neighbors in attendance.

Historic Panels

- Some minor retouching of photos and slight rewording.
- No vote needed to accept

Future Meeting:

- Jan 8, 2015 - next meeting
- Feb 5, 2015 - following meeting

Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 PM.

Submitted by Bob Condon