

South Acton Train Station Advisory Committee
September 24, 2009
Meeting Minutes (corrected) - DDM

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Attendees:

Bruce Stamski
David Martin
Greta Eckhardt
Jaime Eldridge
Jim Yarin
Michaela Moran
Nick Zavolas
Peter Berry
(several members of the public)

Mr. Berry called the meeting to order at 7:35.

Mr. Berry reported that he had a conversation with Joe Cosgrove of the MBTA. Mr. Cosgrove said that the \$125K that had been previously allocated to design a parking deck in Acton is now off the table. Stimulus money has been allocated for the double-tracking and a new station in Littleton, but not a station in Acton. At this point, double-tracking is planned to start west of Acton. Elevators at the Acton station would be a problem from the MBTA's point of view. Designers will be back on the project soon.

The \$150 in Small Starts fund includes money for some of the Fitchburg line improvements, but it is unclear if it includes money for Acton double-tracking and train station design.

Sen. Eldridge reported that there was a plan for 200-300 spaces in Littleton on private property. Sen. Eldridge said that it was his understanding that the Acton station was part of the Small Starts fund. Rail trail funds were to be available in 2011. Sen. Eldridge said that he would contact the MBTA about a meeting.

Mr. Stamski said that there was an upcoming meeting on the metering system at the station. Mr. Berry said that the selectman could consider raising parking fees to cover costs.

Ms. Eckhardt and Mr. Stamski said that money saved by not having to build the rail-trail bridge could be used to fund part of the south-side access to the station.

The committee agreed to the following actions:

Ms. Moran said that she would investigate the issues with elevators in Framingham.

Mr. Stamski said that he would investigate the maintenance and security issues with the elevators.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35.

Next meetings will be scheduled after Sen. Eldridge contacts the MBTA.