

South Acton Train Station Advisory Committee
January 07, 2010 - Meeting Minutes
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Committee Members Present:

David Martin
Michaela Moran
Nick Zavolas
Pat Clifford
Peter Berry
Sean Hanley

Committee Members Not Present:

Dore' Hunter
Jim Yarin
Tom Campbell

Other Attendees:

Bruce Stamski
(members of the public)

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

The committee accepted changes to minutes from previous meetings, and voted to accept the minutes of 10 December and 24 September meetings.

Mr. Berry reported that Greta Eckhardt resigned from the committee. He is interested in suggestions to replace her.

Mr. Eldridge has continued to speak with the community liaison at the MBTA, who is willing to do a site visit. Saturday 23 January or Saturday 16 January were suggested. After the site visit, the MBTA will meet with the committee.

BOS was concerned about the cost for maintaining the elevators and the cost of the traffic studies.

The commission on disabilities drafted a letter. Mr. Berry will follow up.

Ms. Moran reported that they were advised to send the HDC concerns to federal agencies. The MHC may have only seen the plans for the double-tracking, and not for the station changes.

Mr. Berry contacted Andrew Whittle, who lives in Boxborough and is on the MBTA board. Mr. Whittle responded that he is willing to meet with representatives of the town.

Mr. Martin reported that Littleton is interested in comparing notes with Acton. He has a meeting with the Town Administrator next week.

Ms. Clifford will contact the Acton EDC to assess their interest in the station project.

Mr. Berry reported that Mr. Bartl will contact Mass. Highway about the changes to the rail trail that would be possible if a dual-platform station design was built.

Mr. Berry needs handouts for the Fitchburg Line Working Group meeting on Thursday 21 January.

Mr. Hunter reported to Mr. Berry that he has been unable to find anyone in Framingham who knows about problems with their station elevators. Mr. Hunter asked Paul Hadley for specific examples of elevator problems, but Mr. Hadley said that it would have to find out from MBTA operations.

Ms. Clifford reported the Fin Com would need to understand possible revenue sources for the elevators, in order to consider recommending the project.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12.

The next meeting will be 7:30 28 January 2010 at the COA.

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