

Town of Sharon



Transportation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes February 12, 2020

Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) Members

David Straus, Chair	Linda Hager
Neil Coplan	Terri Rawding
David Fixler	

Other Attendees

Peter O'Cain, Town Engineer, DPW Representative absent
Mike Balestra, Sharon Police Department Representative absent
Lance DelPriore, Assistant Town Engineer, DPW Representative

Administration

- The meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board was called to order at 6:50 PM. The meeting was held at the Community Center.
- Future scheduled meeting(s): 3/11/20

Minutes

- Mr. Fixler moved to approve the minutes of 1/30/20. Ms. Hager seconded the motion. The Board voted 5-0-0 in favor of approval.

TAB Report to the Select Board

- Ms. Rawding stated that Mr. Straus presented the Boards thoughts regarding the station which included the need for pedestrian safety improvements, the need to split drop off and pick up areas, signage and create bike lanes.
- It was stated that Mr. O'Cain presented outbound option 6.9.2 and Inbound option 6-3.
- Mr. Straus told the Select Board that they need to push the DPW to determine what needs to be done. There are egress/access problems and the TAB is just the advisory committee.
- Mr. Straus discussed signage and told the Board that this needs to be pushed forward

Train Station/Train Station Survey

- Mr. DelPriore, Assistant Town Engineer said he met with Officer Balestra regarding signage and he is going to order dedicated drop off lane signs. Officer Balestra will supervise the effectiveness of the signs in this pilot.
- The Select Board suggested giving out stickers instead of passes and the TAB needs to look into this.
- Mr. Straus provided the data regarding the number of open spaces and told the Select Board there are about 10 empty each day. Ms. Hager said that snow will reduce the number of spaces.
- Chair Straus said the t next steps for the TAB is getting the survey results and working on the parking pass system.
- Mr. DelPriore said he hopes the signage will help to maintain decorum. He said Officer Balestra handed out a flyer to inform the riders of the new flow. Chair Straus asked what we do for broader public awareness if the flow of changing traffic causes chaos. Mr. DelPriore said to push to get the traffic out of the Chestnut Street neighborhood.
- The Board members asked Mr. DelPriore to double check on the PSC traffic impact and suggestions to see if it is implemented.
- With reference to the survey Chair Straus said there was a great response rate. The survey is open until the end of February so final results to be discussed at next meeting.
- The Board briefly discussed several of the responses. Once the survey is closed Chair Straus asked the Board to provide him with their thoughts and he will compile for a summary document. We need to determine what the data is telling us and where to focus the attention.
- There is an overwhelmingly support for traffic flow to improve parking.

Other

- Ms. Hager said she called City Hall System who runs the parking pass system and explained to the Board the issues she had with trying to obtain a temporary pass. Chair Straus said this gets back to looking at a new parking system at the station

Adjournment

Through unanimous consent and by a vote of 5-0-0 the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Submitted:

Rachelle Levitts

Transportation Advisory Board Administrative Assistant