

Town of Sharon



Transportation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes January 30, 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
Lance DelPriore, Assistant Town Engineer, DPW Representative
Mike Littman - resident

Administration

- The meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board was called to order at 7:05 PM. The meeting was held at the Community Center.
- Future scheduled meeting(s): 2/12/20

Minutes

- Mr. Fixler moved to approve the minutes of 11/14/19. Mr. Coplan seconded the motion. The Board voted 5-0-0 in favor of approval.

Train Station Survey

- Lance DelPriore presented a draft of the Transportation Advisory Board Sharon Commuter Rail User Survey. The Board reviewed and provided a few minor tweaks to the questions. Mr. DelPriore said he will make the requested edits and post the survey online for the public input through the following resources: the Town Website, the Town Facebook page, the Town Twitter page, the WaterSmart email distribution system, and also on the privately run Sharon What's Up and Everything Sharon Facebook pages. Survey Monkey will be used to chart results. Mr. DelPriore will provide results to the Board as they are tallied.
- Ms. Hager moved to approve the survey and Ms. Rawding seconded the motion. The Board voted 5-0-0 in favor of approval.
- The survey will remain open until the end of February.

TAB Report to the Select Board

- The Board reviewed that they updated the Select Board in July and noted that there are serious problems with pedestrian safety and parking by drop-off/pick-up vehicles at the train station.
- The Board agreed they should take the option for the outbound station changes to design.
- They said we need to recommend that a deeper investigation occur as to adding immediate signage for the drop off zone to create efficiency in movement in the parking lot.
- The Board agreed that while feasible, they do not recommend moving forward with a recommendation to construct a parking deck at this time. As there are challenges with building a parking deck in regards to the neighborhood, potential environmental impacts and maintenance.
- Programs and policies need to be put into place to reduce the number of cars and increase the efficiency of the parking lot. We need to encourage ride share, ship to other stations, look at the distribution of the parking passes, and bicycles.
- Chair Straus will craft a report to the Select Board for presentation at the 2/11 Select Board Meeting.

Adjournment

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

Submitted:

Rachelle Levitts

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