

Town of Sharon



Transportation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes of 2/8/23

Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) Members

Linda Hager - Co Chair	Terri Rawding
Neil Coplan	Sam Liao
David Fixler - Co Chair joined 7:17 PM	

Other Attendees

Kevin Davis, DPW Representative
Michael Littman

Administration

- The meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board was called to order at 7:00 PM via ZOOM.
- Future scheduled meeting(s): 3/1
- Mr. Littman, a Sharon resident, said that he wants to get involved and help where he can. The Board members introduced themselves to Mr. Littman.

Minutes

- Mr. Liao moved to approve the minutes of 1/24/23. Ms. Rawding seconded the motion. The Board voted 4-0-0 in favor of approval.

Discussion

- Mr. Coplan showed the draft of the Sharon Train Station User Survey 2023. (below is updated after the 2/8/23 meeting)
- *Draft Sharon Train Station User Survey 2023*

On average, how many days per week do you commute to work in MBTA Commuter Rail? 1-7

How many adults in your household typically utilize the MBTA commuter rail to commute to work/school?

Over the next six months, do you expect an increase in the number of days you will be commuting on the MBTA commuter rail? Y/N

If Yes, how many days do you anticipate your commute will increase on average per week:

· 1, · 2, · 3 · 4 · 5

Where do you typically board the MBTA commuter rail?

· Sharon· Canton Center, · Canton Junction, · Route 128, · Foxboro, · Other – Fillable field

If Sharon is selected, go to “Questions for Sharon Train users” selection if not, go to the questions below:

If Sharon was not selected,

Please explain your reason for not parking at the Sharon Station:

Non-Resident (Multiple choice)

· Cost

· Accessibility Issues

· Schedule

· I live closer to another train station

· Other = text

Sharon Resident

· Cost

· Accessibility Issues

· Schedule

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QUESTIONS FOR SHARON TRAIN USERS

How many days a week, on average, do you park at the Sharon station?

· 1, · 2, · 3, · 4, · 5, · I do not park at the Sharon Train Station

Have you recently purchased the Sharon Quarterly parking pass online via <https://sharonparking.cityhallsystems.com/>?
Y/N

Do you use PayByPhone’s parking app? Y/N

If yes:

How has your experience been using the PayByPhone’s app on your smartphone.?

Rate 1 to 5, 5 being best and 1 being the worst.

Do you feel the price you pay for the daily space to be fair? Y/N

Please provide any comments or feedback about your PayByPhone app experiences. Open text box

When you drive to the Sharon Train station, which side do you prefer to park on?

· Outbound (Providence Side), · Inbound (Boston), · Neither, non-driver

Should the town offer quarterly parking on the Outbound Providence side? Y/N

Has the recent quarterly parking cost increase from \$135 to \$162 impacted or changed your commuting?

· Yes or · No

If yes, how has it changed your commute?

· I stopped buying the quarterly pass and switched to the daily parking option.

· I stopped commuting on the MBTA.

· I now go to a different train station.

Recently, the Town of Sharon converted a number of quarterly parking spots to residential daily spots on the inbound Boston side. · Do you support this change? Y/N / no opinion

Please provide feedback or comments on the above question: Text Box.

*Would you recommend that the Town of Sharon convert additional residential quarterly spots to daily parking spots? Y/N. **This would impact the number of quarterly parking spots. ***

Please provide feedback or comments on the above question: text box.

Please provide any other feedback or comments

- Each question was reviewed for wording and numbering.
- A discussion regarding the survey questions ensued.
- Mr. Davis said he will look into how survey monkey surveys look.
- Ms. Hager asked Mr. Davis to send a test survey to see if it works.
- Questions arose regarding what does Mansfield do as far as charging? Do they use pay by phone with a surcharge? How does Mansfield DPW charge for spots and how do they handle pay by phone.
- Mr. Davis said that the ticketing policy at Sharon station will start their patrol at 10:30 am which is later in the day giving users more time to pay.

Adjournment

Mr. Liao moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Fixler seconded the motion. Through unanimous consent and by a vote of 5-0-0 the meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Submitted:

Rachelle Levitts

Transportation Advisory Board Administrative Assistant