

Town of Sharon



Transportation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes of 3/1/23

Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) Members

Linda Hager Co Chair	Terri Rawding joined 7:15 PM
Neil Coplan	Sam Liao
David Fixler Co Chair joined 7:13pm	

Other Attendees

Kevin Davis, DPW Representative

Administration

- The meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board was called to order at 7:00 PM via ZOOM.
- Future scheduled meeting(s): 3/15

Minutes

- Mr. Liao moved to approve the minutes of 2/3/23. Ms. Rawding seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0-0 in favor of approval.

Survey and Parking Discussion

- Chair Hager asked Mr. Davis how long it will take to get the survey up.
- Mr. Davis said not very long if it is in question-and-answer format.
- Ms. Hager said we need to give residents time to respond.
- Chair Hager said she will ask the Select Board if the TAB report can be submitted in April.
- Mr. Coplan displayed the survey from the last session to review.
- Mr. Davis said you can have conditions/matrices etc. branch logic on survey. It will not be hard.

- Mr. Liao said he tried the survey and it works. He said he has a parking pass but parks 2 days per week at Route 128 Station because it is less expensive zone.
- The objective of the survey is to determine if we have too many spaces.
- Mr. Coplan said he will send Mr. Davis the word document that was just reviewed. Kevin will create the survey monkey. Once created we can try it.
- Mr. Fixler asked how do we disseminate through regular and electronic means. Town Twitter, Town Facebook, digital bulletin board, robo call, Citi hall parking.
- Mr. Fixler said the previous survey went out on 2/3/2020 and was sent by the Water Department. It was posted to the Town Website, Town Facebook, Town Twitter, Sharon What's Up, Water Department – Water Smart, Everything Sharon.
- Mr. Davis said he will send the survey test and will let the group know the status by the end of the week.
- Mr. Liao suggested the Governance Study Committee, email list from Citi Hall parking, Select Board email list.
- In summary, Mr. Davis will pull together and send out the survey so we know it works. We can close it out within a week. We can then go live.
- Mr. Davis said he called Mansfield and they have an old contract with pay by phone. They pay 8 cents. They said they will look at other options if there is an increase. Their lot is private.
- Ms. Hager said maybe we can join with Mansfield for a pay by phone cheaper price. Mr. Davis said he will reach out to pay by phone directly.
- Mr. Davis said there are 64 spots converted to daily spots last year: numbers 30 -93. Only residents can park there. Accessibility spaces are not numbered. We pay Citi Hall system a fee. Mr. Davis will contact Citi Hall to determine cost of fee.
- Mr. Davis will check if we ticket nonresidents who park in numbered spots.
- Ms. Hager said questions for police include: what is the ticket fee for nonresidents who park in resident only parking if paid by phone or in quarterly spaces. For resident only parking, how do they identify the cars? By sticker or plate?

MBTA Stairs Status

- Current plan is to re-mortar and start exploring options for replacement but it is a big ticket item. DPW cannot absorb this in their budget. This is a long-term solution. Late spring, early summer, the mortar will be done. The project could last for 5 years.
- Ms. Hager said we still need to identify charge of this group: parking or stairs, platform, curb etc.
- Ms. Hager said the stairs were built with the bridge. MBTA may be able to help.

- Mr. Davis said we need grant or funding options.
- Mr. Liao asked who has ownership of the stairs? MBTA or Town? He said he is glad the Town is taking the initiative.
- Mr. Davis said when Mass Dot designed the system stairs were not included. The Town asked for the stairs to be built. There is a convenience with the stairs. The Town Engineer said stairs are owned by the Town.
- Mr. Liao said he went on the MBTA website and that the stairs were noted as having an issue. Public was notified on the MBTA website.
- Ms. Hager said we need to look into the bridge plans which will have the layout lines and will identify who owns the property.
- Mr. Liao stated his opinion that the basic structure of the stairs is sound, and the only problem is with the nosing on the stairs, He advised that DPW should look into using materials other than plain cement or concrete to repair the stairs, such as polymeric cement/concrete or fiberglass reinforced cement/concrete, which he thinks he has observed for a similar stair repair near the MBTA's Back Bay Station garage.
- Ms. Hager suggested IIAJ grants.
- Mr. Davis said we need the approximate cost and find someone who does this work. Look at Mass State bridges, apply for grants. Need names of contractors that do this work to see availability and cost.
- Next meeting is 3/15. Need to find out how survey worked and release on 3/16 if all is good.
- Ms. Hager said how can we help the DPW.

Adjournment

Mr. Fixler moved to adjourn at 8:10 PM and Mr. Liao seconded the motion. The Board voted 5-0-0 in favor of adjournment.

Submitted:
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