

Town of Sharon



Transportation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes of 8/16/23

Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) Members

David Fixler Co-Chair	Sam Liao
Linda Hager Co-Chair	Terri Rawding
Neil Coplan	

Other Attendees

Kevin Davis, DPW absent, Kiana Pierre-Lewis, Select Board absent

Administration

- The meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board was called to order at 7:08 PM via ZOOM by Co-Chair Fixler
- Future scheduled meeting(s): 8/22 SB Meeting, 8/30

Report on Parking Policies and Procedures at the Sharon MBTA Commuter Rail Station

- Report on Parking Policies and Procedures at the Sharon MBTA Commuter Rail Station will be presented to the Select Board (SB) on 8/22/23.
- The TAB reviewed the report section by section for additional edits. Co-Chair Fixler said he will review the final document and send it to the Select Board prior to the deadline of 4PM on 8/17.
- Co-Chair Fixler said he will present a high level summary of the report to the Select Board at the 8/22 meeting. All TAB members can participate.
- The entire TAB will be present at the meeting with the Select Board.
- Mr. Liao moved to vote to approve the Report on Parking Policies and Procedures at the Sharon MBTA Commuter Rail Station as discussed and edited and as written today except for typographical or grammatical changes made by the Co-Chairs. Ms. Rawding seconded the motion. TAB voted 5-0-0 in favor of approval of the Report on Parking Policies and Procedures at the Sharon MBTA Commuter Rail Station.
- Mr. Davis will also attend the Select Board meeting to support the TAB in its reporting.
- Co-Chair Fixler said he appreciates everyone as they did a tremendous job.
- Mr. Liao said it was a pleasure having the opportunity to participate.

Minutes

- Postponed until next meeting.

Charge of TAB

- Co-Chair Fixler said there were two written charges for TAB: 1959 charge and the 2006 charge. At the end of the day based on these two, do we have a recommendation? Which charge is in play? There is a need in Town to provide an Advisory Board for transportation: rail, vehicle, bicycle.
- Co-Chair Hager spoke with David Straus, former TAB Chair who said the charge changed at an SB meeting with the focus to build a parking deck and now it changed to parking. She said sidewalks and bicycles are big now; maybe expand charge for safety.
- Ms. Rawding said we are doing a lot with all of the train station issues.
- Mr. Liao said to focus on what we can add value to. We helped influence E-bikes.
- Mr. Coplan said outside the train station what's our ability to be involved. What's the impact on how people maneuver town and make it better? How much capacity do we have?
- Co-Chair Fixler said we met every week for 2 deliverables. We have not focused on the charge. We need to devote a meeting to this. Where does the SB see us? We are conflicted. There is a time factor involved. We cannot be everything. The DPW may not be happy if we are involved in certain areas. We spent the summer on the deliverables.
- Co-Chair Fixler said we are an Advisory Board to the SB. It can be more than the Train Station but we don't want to be involved in the entire town.
- Mr. Liao agrees that we should speak with the SB and write a draft of the charge. He said there are so many issues. Which issue should come to the TAB. Perhaps we could be a sounding board for residents as pertains to transportation.

Adjournment

- Co-Chair Hager moved to adjourn and Mr. Liao seconded the motion. The TAB voted 5-0-0 in favor of adjournment at 8:22 PM.