

Town of Sharon



Transportation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes of 9/6/23

Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) Members

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

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 7:05 PM via ZOOM by Co-Chair Hager
- Future scheduled meeting(s): 10/4

Train Station Parking Next Steps

- Co-Chair Hager thanked Mr. Fixler for presenting the Train Station Parking Recommendations Report to the Select Board on 8/22/23.
- Co-Chair Fixler thanked the Board for their attendance as well.
- Co-Chair Hager said the Select Board liked our recommendations to monitor the lot.
- Co-Chair Fixler said we had questioned if residents wanted to move daily spots to quarterly and most said no. He said perhaps people would change their mind if the price was reduced. He said he is unsure if we resurvey people if this would help.
- Co-Chair Hager said we left this in the hands of the Select Board.
- Co-Chair Fixler said that is correct. We have nothing more to do.
- Co-Chair Hager said more companies are requiring people to go to work.
- Co-Chair Fixler said when the reports come in he would like to see the overall increase from last quarter and how it compares to a year ago September regarding the buying of passes. He said let's take this one step at a time. The Select Board should investigate how to enforce the parking and what technology is being used.
- Mr. Liao said in terms of a survey, the question cannot resolve if it's about convenience or price. It's in the hands of the Select Board to decide what's best. He said the Select Board

should move incrementally and progressively get to an ideal policy that would maximize revenue and make everyone happy.

- Co-Chair Hager said we need to make sure we the TAB are involved. We can ask Mr. Davis for data and use it as a reason for the Select Board.
- Co-Chair Fixler said there are no action items at this moment.
- Co-Chair Fixler said we could hold an open forum and say TAB did a survey, vetted the survey in August, what do you think as a commuter? He thinks this might be an important step that parkers would value. The Select Board would run it. He said let's put this as an agenda item once we have the parking pass data organized.

Minutes

- Mr. Fixler moved to accept the minutes of 8/9/23. Mr. Liao seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0-0 in favor of approval.
- Mr. Fixler moved to accept the minutes of 8/16/23 as amended by Ms. Hager. Mr. Liao seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0-0 in favor of approval.

Charge of TAB

- Co-Chair Hager said we need the whole committee to discuss the charge. Each member should develop 10 suggestions regarding the charge that are not so broad that doesn't take up a lot of time.

Other

- We can give Kevin Davis time to compile statistics for us regarding parking. Ask Mr. Davis to provide a report on the E-bikes, bike racks and stairs.

Adjournment

- Co-Chair Fixler moved to adjourn and Mr. Liao seconded the motion. The TAB voted 3-0-0 in favor of adjournment at 7:34 PM.