

Town of Sharon



Transportation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes September 10, 2019

Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) Members

David Straus, Chair	Linda Hager absent
Neil Coplan	Terri Rawding
David Fixler	

Other Attendees

Peter O'Cain, Town Engineer, DPW Representative absent
Mike Balestra, Sharon Police Department Representative absent
Heather Zelevinsky

Administration

- The meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board was called to order by Chair Straus at 7:09 PM at the Community Center.
- Future scheduled meetings: 10/10, 10/22, 11/14, 12/10

Minutes

- David Straus moved to approve the minutes of 6/4/19. David Fixler seconded the motion. The Board voted 4-0-0 in favor of approval.
- David Straus moved to approve the minutes of 8/27/19. Terri Rawding seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0-1(Fixler) in favor of approval.

Traffic Study

- The three possible alternatives for the train station were not discussed in detail as Town Engineer; Peter O'Cain was not in attendance. This topic will be kept on the agenda to be discussed at the next meeting.
- Chair Straus commented that the designs were sent out and Mr. O'Cain was meeting with Tom Houston to think of other concepts and add additional movement. He said we need to be walked through those designs.
- David Fixler asked what the immediate solution is to the current drop off issues at the station. He questioned what the immediate enforcement process will be.

- Chair Straus commented that at the last meeting it was mentioned by Peter O'Cain that the Police Chief did not like the signage proposals. Peter attended a meeting with the Chief and Officer Balestra and they came up with additional design flows for drop off and pick up entry into the parking area.
- Mr. Fixler asked how we get the Select Board to focus on the public safety hazard that exists today. Chair Straus said he will request a formal answer from the Chair of the Select Board as to the immediate safety issue. He said we are open to any and all ideas. The goal is to eliminate lingerers. People need to drop passengers and leave the station.
- With regards to the Providence side Chair Straus said we endorsed to increase capacity and potentially solve movement issues and flow through the parking lot. Mr. O'Cain will flush out additional possible changes to be discussed at a future meeting.

Survey

- Mr. Straus reviewed the updated survey he prepared.
- The purpose of the survey is to use the feedback to help determine what users see as access issues and how they should be addressed.
- Mr. Straus added a section to determine people's home locations to include which street they are coming from. He made changes to various questions such as asking if they currently hold a quarterly pass or daily pass. He asked their thoughts on pedestrian safety as well as if they were willing to park at the new Foxboro station at Gillette.
- It was noted that the current parking lot is priced below market.
- A draft needs to be written for an opening paragraph for the survey.
- Chair Straus will edit the survey and reissue to the Board.

Adjournment

Through unanimous consent and by a vote of 4-0-0 the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Submitted:

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