

# Town of Sharon



## Transportation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes October 10, 2019

### Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) Members

David Straus, Chair	Linda Hager
Neil Coplan	Terri Rawding
David Fixler <b>absent</b>	

### Other Attendees

Peter O'Cain, Town Engineer, DPW Representative
Lance DelPriore, Assistant Town Engineer
Mike Balestra, Sharon Police Department Representative
Hanna Switlikowski
Tom Houston PSC Consultant

### Administration

- The meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board was called to order by Chair Straus at 6:30 PM at the Community Center.
- Mr. Straus stated he can no longer serve as Chair and thinks the Board needs a Vice-Chair as well as 2 or 3 more members. He said he will discuss with Mr. Turkington.
- Future scheduled meetings: 10/22, 11/14, 12/10

### Minutes

- David Straus moved to approve the minutes of 9/10/19. Terri Rawding seconded the motion. The Board voted 4-0-0 in favor of approval.

### Survey

- Chair Straus stated there is no survey update at this time.

### Traffic Study

- Town Engineer; Peter O'Cain commented that Tom Houston who is present at tonight's meeting went above and beyond in response to the scope of services and plan options that he is preparing.

- Mr. O'Cain said that they looked into adding a left turn lane on the Providence side as requested by the Sharon Police. Mr. O'Cain said he will determine with Mass Dot if the work to make a left lane is in the state layout. If it is in the state layout he needs to file with Mass Dot. If it falls outside the layout then no filing is needed.
- Mr. Houston reviewed all plans he prepared. Plan 1 showed a better means to exit the lot and it fundamentally stays in the existing developments footprint. The 205 existing spaces are now increasing to 219.
- A second plan added a roundabout to bring order and create a way to control drop offs. Mr. Houston thinks that adding a right turn only situation on the northbound to Boston will improve the level of service. This would minimize conflict on Depot Street. Ms. Hager thought this plan did not resolve backup. Chair Straus said it reduces drop off and traffic flow with parkers. The plan will make the lane wider and a longer drop off lane so thru traffic can flow.
- Plan 6.9.3 Mr. Houston said extends the drop off lane. It separates out a bike path and puts parallel parking to the bike lane. It was developed at the request of Police Chief Ford who felt the drop off function needs to be separate from the parking function. You are required to enter from Depot Street in all directions. Chair Straus said he likes the additional live parking and waiting area. He has a lot of concerns about the exit and slope. Ms. Hager is concerned with the MBTA spots near the station being lost. Mr. O'Cain said he can redesign. Ms. Hager said the MBTA could reject the design if their spots are affected.
- Chair Straus said there is a lot more discussion needed with the Boston side plan. We have a general idea of what we like.
- Chair Straus asked with the traffic counts, how many users are there in the southbound lot in the afternoon to pick up versus how many people parked. He said there is a capacity for 15 cars along the drop off lane.
- Chair Straus commented that the task back to Peter O'Cain is to find out the boundaries. If possible is it Tom's role to integrate the lane into the design? If this can happen then we can complete the outbound side to Providence.
- Mr. Coplan asked if lighting should be considered. Chair Straus commented that once we make a recommendation then a full engineering plan would be developed which would include lights.

## **Adjournment**

Through unanimous consent and by a vote of 4-0-0 the meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Submitted:

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