



Town of Bourne TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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**Transportation Advisory Committee – Joint Meeting with Board of Selectmen
Minutes of the Meeting
January 20, 2015, 6:30 pm Bourne Community Center**

Attending: Chair Wesley Ewell, Vice Chair Robert Parady, Clerk Sallie Riggs, George Sala, Dennis Woodside; Selectmen Peter Meier, Stephen Mealy, Don Ellis, Don Pickard and Linda Zuern; Glenn Cannon, Cape Cod Commission; Michael Rausch, *Bourne Enterprise*, Jim Mulvey and other members of the public

Call meeting to order: Board of Selectmen Chair Peter Meier called the joint meeting to order at 6:38 pm. He explained that the purpose of the discussion was for those watching on television to be able to clarify the confusion that has appeared around the Article on the Special Town Meeting that pertains to commuter rail. He asked Transportation Advisory Committee Chair Wesley Ewell to begin the meeting with a report of the Committee's activities.

Wes described the questions that the Committee formulated in order to be able to understand the potential impacts of commuter rail coming to Buzzards Bay. He thanked the Selectmen and Glenn Cannon of the Cape Cod Commission for providing the technical assistance the Committee needs. He noted that the Commission has provided answers for many of the questions and that more work is needed.

He went on to note that an "aye" vote at the upcoming Special Town Meeting will not be a vote for commuter rail – it would be a vote only for putting the question of joining the MBTA on the next Town ballot. He stated that if the Town were to join the MBTA, then it would have a seat at the table as the state moves forward with its plans.

There followed a wide-ranging discussion that touched on the STM vote, commuter rail as a positive economic development stimulus, the state's plans for a platform on the south side of the Canal, and the issues surrounding the potential of commuter rail coming to Buzzards Bay.

The discussion concluded with Chair Meier stating that he would like to see a positive STM vote to put the question of joining the MBTA on the ballot so that everyone in Town has a chance to express an opinion rather than just the small percent of residents that attend Town Meeting.

Adjourn: The joint meeting adjourned about 7:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Sallie Riggs, Clerk