



Town of Bourne
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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**Transportation Advisory Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
January 8, 2015, 3:30 pm Bourne Community Center**

Attending: Chair Wesley Ewell, Vice Chair Robert Parady, Clerk Sallie Riggs, John Carroll, Dan Doucette, Cindy Parola, George Sala, Dennis Woodside; Selectmen Peter Meier, Stephen Mealy, Don Ellis and Linda Zuern; Glenn Cannon, Patrick Tierney, Cape Cod Commission; Michael Rausch, *Bourne Enterprise*, Paul Gately, *Bourne Courier*. Jonathan Higgins, Courtney Higgins, Chris Bailey, Jim Mulvey

Call meeting to order: Chair Wes Ewell called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

Minutes: Wes asked for corrections or amendments to the Minutes of the December 18, 2014 meeting. There being none, it was then MOVED, SECONDED and VOTED unanimously to accept the Minutes as circulated.

Commuter Rail: Glenn Cannon and his team continued the discussion of commuter rail and the research his team is doing by circulating a handout (a copy is on file with the original of these Minutes). Before he reviewed the handout, the Committee discussed the language of the vote that will be before the Special Town Meeting on January 26. The vote is simply to put the question of joining the MBTA on the ballot in the next Town election. The vote is not on the merits of commuter rail.

Selectman Mealy suggested that the Selectmen's meeting on January 20 be used as a public information meeting to clarify the vote and to make the distinction between commuter rail to Buzzards Bay and the CapeFLYER going to Hyannis.

Glen then reviewed the handout, first expanding on potential ridership numbers and potential traffic generation during peak 15 minute periods. He then provided some general information on the potential economic impacts – communities with commuter rail service have seen positive economic impacts and an increase in property values and rental values. He noted particularly that *Those communities that have seen the greatest investment are those that focused mixed use high density development around the transit station.* And he added that young professionals are looking for urban centers as their homes where they can walk for services and take the train to work. Bourne is well positioned with the Downtown District Zoning Bylaws and the GIZ.

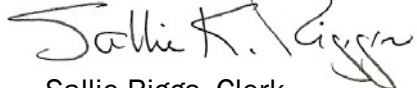
During the discussion that followed, Glenn noted that the MBTA will most likely build a platform, see how it goes, and then build a parking lot. Therefore, developing the current DOT parking lot next to the park will likely be the first scenario.

The discussion turned to the next steps. Glenn expects to complete the report of their work within about two weeks. The next meeting was set for February 12, after the Special Town

Meeting. The Committee will be on the Selectmen's agenda for Tuesday, January 20, as noted above.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned about 4:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Sallie Riggs, Clerk

Future Agenda Items:

- Adams Street update
- Local roads and road taking policy
- Commuter rail to Buzzards Bay
- MA DOT consultants and a report on Belmont Circle planning
- Bicycle and pedestrian concerns
- Canal fishing and charter boats