





Town of Bourne

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Transportation Advisory Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
April 9, 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; Selectman Don Ellis; Glenn Cannon and Patrick Tierney, Cape Cod Commission; MPO member Patrick Ellis; member of the public: Don Myers; Ryan Barber, Cape Cod Times, Michael Rausch, Bourne Enterprise, Paul Gately, Bourne Courier

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

<u>Minutes</u>: Wes asked for corrections or amendments to the Minutes of the Committee's meeting on March 19, 2015. Wes had previously pointed out some typographical errors. There being no additional corrections, it was then MOVED, SECONDED and VOTED unanimously to accept the Minutes as amended.

<u>Commuter Rail</u>: Glenn Cannon and Patrick Tierney circulated a revised draft of the report and discussed the changes from the first draft. After a brief discussion of the report, it was MOVED, SECONDED and VOTED unanimously to accept the report as revised. Wes then noted that the document has become a public document. After additional discussion (see below), it was MOVED, SECONDED and VOTED unanimously to forward the report to the Board of Selectmen.

During the discussion, Glenn reported that the MassDOT officials he has spoken with suggested that the Town hold off on a Town vote until MassDOT is ready to provide service.

Additional discussion centered on a new platform – where it would be located, how long it would be, how it could be designed to prevent the trains from blocking Academy Drive. Ultimately, the answers will come from the MBTA planning staff.

The discussion shifted to public outreach. May 6 has been confirmed for a public forum at the Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School beginning at 7 pm. Wes will chair the discussion; committee members should plan to attend. Glenn and Patrick were also asked to attend. It may be possible to use the Town's website to collect questions from residents before the meeting.

The Committee members then set the following schedule for its next meetings:

- April 16 to discuss the original 12 questions and the information that has been identified to answer them.
- May 6 public forum.
- May 7 to review the discussion from the public forum and take a vote as to what action the Committee will recommend to the Board of Selectmen.

 May 12 – meet with the Board of Selectmen to present Commission report and to bring the Committee's recommendation

<u>Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization</u>: Wes introduced Patrick Ellis, a Selectman from Sandwich and for ten years the head of the Sandwich DPW. Patrick represents the Upper Cape region at the MPO meetings. He noted that he is particularly interested in Canal area transportation planning. Committee members welcomed him and indicated that they feel it is critically important to have the area's voice at the MPO, especially as potential TIP projects are reviewed.

<u>Public Comment</u>: Don Myers requested that his concern about speed at the intersection of Route 28A and County Road be put on the Committee's agenda. Wes agreed to put it on an agenda, but not for the April 16 meeting. Wes indicated that he would like to invite Glenn to the meeting.

<u>Future agenda items</u>: outlined for next several meetings above.

Adjourn: The next meeting was set for Thursday, April 16. The meeting adjourned about 4:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Sallie Riggs, Clerk

Future Agenda Items:

- Charge to the Committee
- Local roads and road taking policy
- Adams Street update
- MA DOT consultants and a report on Belmont Circle planning
- Bicycle and pedestrian concerns
- Canal fishing and charter boats