

## Town of Bourne TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Transportation Advisory Committee  
Minutes of the Meeting – Public Forum  
May 6, 2015, 7 pm Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School

Attending: Chair Wesley Ewell, Vice Chair Robert Parady, Clerk Sallie Riggs, Michael Blanton, John Carroll, Dan Doucette, Cindy Parola, George Sala, Dennis Woodside; Town Administrator Tom Guerino; Selectmen Stephen Mealy and Linda Zuern; Glenn Cannon and Patrick Tierney, Cape Cod Commission; Tom Cahir and Cathy Lynds, Regional Transit Authority; Mark Tirrell, former Selectman; George Slade, 2-3 other members of the public; Ryan Barber, *Cape Cod Times*, Michael Rausch, *Bourne Enterprise*,

Call meeting to order: Transportation Advisory Committee Chair Wes Ewell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Commuter Rail: Wes began by providing some background on the interest in commuter rail and the revitalization of Buzzards Bay, Bourne's Downtown. He went on to describe the work of the Cape Cod Commission Technical Planning staff in assisting the Committee in finding answers to a dozen questions that appeared to be the most often asked about bringing commuter rail to Buzzards Bay. He noted that Town Meeting in February voted to put the question of Bourne joining the MBTA on the May 19 Town election ballot.

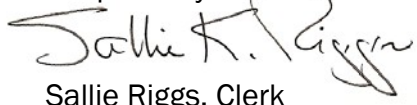
Questions from the audience then included such topics as (topics and summary responses):

- The assessment: In FY17 it would be about \$48,000 (\$128K minus CCRTA assessment of \$80K); assessments would not begin until service begins
- The impact on property values: other areas have experienced from 24% to 44% increases in property values; realized at sale time
- Ridership, parking and traffic: the Cape Cod Commission report projected ridership at 800 each day with parking needs for about 120 cars initially; there are expected to be some traffic flow impacts – about 30 minutes in the mornings and about 15 minutes in the afternoon, most significant at the entrance to the parking lot and at the intersection of Main Street and St. Margaret's St.
- Financial impact on the Town: new dwelling units and new commercial activity within ½ mile of the station could increase tax revenues by \$1.3 million

Wes also noted that the MBTA can add service to Buzzards Bay without a large investment in infrastructure because track, signals, crossings, and lights are already in place; in fact, this is an opportunity for some new revenues for the MBTA.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned about 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Sallie Riggs, Clerk