

Town of Bourne
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Transportation Advisory Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
May 7, 2015, 3:30 pm Bourne Community Center

Attending: Chair Wesley Ewell, Vice Chair Robert Parady, Clerk Sallie Riggs, Michael Blanton, John Carroll, Dan Doucette, Cindy Parola; Town Administrator Tom Guerino; Selectman Stephen Mealy; Glenn Cannon, Cape Cod Commission; Marie Oliva, Canal Region Chamber of Commerce; 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 3:35 pm.

Minutes: Wes asked for corrections or amendments to the Minutes of the Committee's meeting on April 16, 2015. There were two corrections. It was then MOVED, SECONDED and VOTED unanimously to accept the Minutes as amended.

Commuter Rail: Wes introduced the topic by asking if, having heard the discussion at the public forum last evening, anyone had a motion for the Committee regarding the upcoming Town vote to join the MBTA. Sallie Riggs spoke up, noting first that she considered it of particular interest that at the Forum, she learned that the Town would not be assessed until rail service began. With that question answered, she proposed the following MOTION:

Our research has convinced us that bringing commuter rail service to Buzzards Bay will provide the catalyst needed to trigger redevelopment of underutilized properties along Main Street and create a vibrant downtown for Bourne. There are enormous benefits to be gained by the entire town from this action with very little financial impact and few potential problems. The Transportation Advisory Committee supports a positive vote to join the MBTA in order to send a strong signal to our elected official and potential developers and investors that Bourne wants commuter rail service. The MOTION was SECONDED

After hearing from Committee members and members of the audience, Wes called for a vote. Sallie asked if the Committee would consider an amendment to the motion – rather than “very little financial impact” she suggested “very little negative financial impact.” Several people suggested not using “negative” and proposed: “very little financial liability.”

Wes then called for a MOTION and a SECOND on the amendment. It was then VOTED unanimously to amend by replacing impact with liability. Wes then asked for a VOTE – The Motion as amended passed unanimously.

There was a brief discussion of a hand-out. Wes and Sallie indicated that one was being prepared.

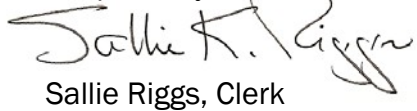
Updates: Glenn Cannon indicated that the Adams Street project is still at MassDOT.

Future agenda items:

Mr. Nelson's request concerning the 28A/County Road intersection in Cataumet
Potential bike path extension
Local roads
Charge to Committee

Adjourn: The next meeting was set for Thursday, June 4. The meeting adjourned about 4:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sallie R. Riggs". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

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