

MINUTES

Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC)

Marblehead, Massachusetts

March 18, 2024

The TSAC meeting was held at 4:00 p.m. at Abbot Hall, 188 Washington Street, Marblehead and publicly via Zoom Meeting

The following TSAC members were in attendance which constitutes a quorum:

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| David Kucharsky, resident | Present |
| Rick Smyers, resident | Present |
| Gary Hebert, resident | Present |
| Dennis King, Police Chief | Present |
| Jason Gilliland, Fire Chief | Present |
| Amy McHugh, Director, Department of Public Works | Present |
| Charles Quigley, Town Engineer | absent |
| Thatcher Kezer-Ex Officio, Town Administrator | Present |

1. Call to Order

Gary Hebert called the meeting to order at 4:03p.m. and announced it was being recorded.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion *To approve meeting minutes (2-26-24)* made by Jason Gilliland and David Kucharsky seconded: All in favor.

3. Public Comment

Beach Street comment wants speed decreased and no tree removal.

Beach Street is a major pedestrian route; No speed limit signs – not a clear one-way entrance sign near the beach end of street.

Beach Street could be a good example of what can be done on a street – raised sidewalks, buffers, green space.

Laurel Ave change request to have car speed decreased and volume of cars from Tedesco to Lafayette

Lafayette lacks crossings down by conservation area.

Concern on how any suggestions from this group would be too aggressive for this Town and the special aesthetics of the Town. Marblehead crash numbers are lower than the state average.

Speed Feedback signs a suggestion was made to add 25 MPH sign on speed feedback flashing signs.

4. Rick Smyers – update on potential alternate funding source for bike racks

Rotary Club is considering funding for bike racks. **Motion** Not to pursue bike racks for complete street grant at this time by David Kucharsky and Jason Gilliland seconded: All in favor

5. Beach Street speeding Complete Streets options – pro/con Assessment

Power point presentation of Beach Street design options. Power point with 6 options presented. Majority of traffic is moving from one part of Marblehead to another.

1- 5 ft raised sidewalks and 6 ft bike lane on both sides: 2a. Speed pillows and shared walk bike park paths: 2b. 5 ft sidewalks – buffered shared bike and park lanes: 3. 5 ft sidewalks parking on one side, buffered bike lanes. 4. 5 ft sidewalks- Adding Green Space – no signs, no parking, no bike lanes shared street. 5. Bikes have bi-directional shared path with walkers buffer then parking then travel lane: 6. Option 5 with a 5 ft sidewalk on opposite side of street from bike lane.

Motion to recommend to prioritize this segment of Beach Street for a complete street grant or other funding made by Rick Smyers second by David Kucharsky: All in favor

6. Chief King – Laurel Street review

Suggestion of a 50 ft Median on Humphry Street. Changing directionality could move traffic to another area – Doane Street. do not want the project to move to another area. Bump outs at entrance and crossings. Stripe at medium. No left turn from Lafayette to Laurel. More speed data should be completed. one way could increase speed. Get information from all the neighbors about no left turn from Lafayette.

Motion to Table this discussion and review options made tonight made Dennis King seconded Amy McHugh: All in favor.

7. Discussion of four Traffic Safety involving on street parking safety – next meeting

8. Next Meeting Date: meeting discussion Items – Beach Street, Lafayette Street
Monday April 15, 2024.

Motion To Adjourn by Amy McHugh seconded by David Kucharsky at 5:18 pm: All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy McHugh
Secretary