



MINUTES

Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) Marblehead, Massachusetts

May 19, 2025

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

1. Call to Order

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

The following TSAC members were in attendance, by roll call vote, constituting a quorum:

Gary Hebert, resident	Present
Dennis King, Police Chief	Present
Maggie Wheeler, Town Engineer	Present
Rick Smyers, resident	Present

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from April made by Chief King and seconded by Maggie Wheeler. All in favor.

[Thatcher Kezer, Amy McHugh, and Chief Gilliland arrived at 4:07pm. They had no objections to the meeting minutes.]

3. Public Comment

Gary Hebert summarized two emails he had received from residents:

- i. A resident noted the bylaw which requires the chair of the TSAC to be rotated each year. We believe the committee complied with that by having another election in October, which resulted in Gary Hebert being re-elected.
- ii. A resident complained that the speed of cars on Beach St. was too high.

William Andersen noted that Yankee Magazine rated Marblehead in the top 5 places to see historic homes in New England and cautioned the Committee against changing things.

4. Traffic Change Requests, Chief King

A request came in for signage on Londonderry Rd. to reduce speeding. Londonderry is a dead end, so there is likely not much traffic, but MPD will conduct a traffic study.

A request came in pertaining to parking around Redd's Pond. This will be reviewed in more detail at a future meeting – is there a need for timed parking around our parks?

Chief King also announced that eight RFBs have been purchased and delivered. MPD is coordinating with Amy and Maggie on installation.

The Marblehead Neck Association has offered to donate funds to install speed feedback signs on the Neck. MPD will conduct a traffic study to see if they are warranted.

5. DPW Update, Amy McHugh

Complete Streets will be meeting later in May to discuss recommendations made by Apex Consultants for Beach St.

Prior to the RFB installations, ADA-compliant sidewalk ramps will first be installed at these locations:

- Smith and Atlantic
- West Shore and Jersey
- Lafayette at Birch
- Atlantic at Gerry
- Tedesco CC
- Maverick at Pleasant

The JCC location has ramps already.

The RFBs on Atlantic at Commercial and at Barnard will require additional design work for sidewalk bump-outs.

Gary Hebert previewed the 3 alternatives for Beach St that Apex has evaluated.

Rick Smyers mentioned a sight-line issue at Smith and Atlantic due to hedges which are encroaching over the sidewalk. DPW will send an email to the homeowner to trim back the hedge. Ideally, the hedge should be no more than 3 feet high within 10 feet of the intersection. The Committee discussed the option of adding a bump-out to improve the sight lines or relocating the crosswalk but concluded that neither of those would solve the problem effectively.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for June 16th, 2025.

7. Adjourn 4:43pm

Motion to Adjourn made by Chief Gilliland and seconded by Rick Smyers. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rick Smyers
Secretary