

## MINUTES

### Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) Marblehead, Massachusetts

#### Meeting 2 December 18, 2023

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:

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

The meeting was open to the public and several public attendees as well as Zoom participants were in attendance.

#### 1. Call to Order

Gary Hebert called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. and announced it was being recorded.

#### 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

**Motion** To approve meeting #1 minutes (11-20-23) made by Jason Gilliland and seconded: Rick Smyers. On a roll call vote the committee voted as follows: Kucharsky, in favor; Smyers, in favor; King, in favor; McHugh, in favor; Gilliland, in favor; Hebert, in favor.

#### 3. Public Comment (16 minutes)

Elaine McGrath: This Committee should take sidewalks and pedestrian safety into account, Ngrid project on Rowland Street highlighted.

Resident: Mission and goal should use highest standard available

Jody Magee: Police presence could be one way to solve obeying traffic laws,

Contractors should be held responsible for sidewalk repair

sidewalk condition – possible reason – that pedestrians walk in street –

David Patten: no more traffic devices that exacerbate traffic movement. Brighten Streetlights

Rachel Taradash: Students at Devereux School cross Smith Street every day. Children do not always stay with adult – increase safety for students

#### 4. Committee Mission and Goals

Discussion

**Motion** *To accept as written with the following amendments Mission and Goals as written: add reduce all crashes, Insert Town’s Professional Staff for Town Administrator made by Dennis King and seconded by: Rick Smyers. On a roll call vote the committee voted as follows: Kucharsky, in favor; Smyers, in favor; King, in favor; McHugh, in favor; Gilliland, in favor; Hebert, in favor.*

**5. Resident Traffic change Request forms**

Discussion on the Request 1,2, 7 Stop signs

Request #

1. Evans Rd and Elm Street (Stop Sign install)
2. Arthur and Robert Rd (Stop Sign install)
7. Casino Rd and Atlantic Ave (Stop Sign install)

**Motion** *To approve recommendation for installation of Stop Signs following MUTDC guidelines regarding traffic change requests 1,2,7 made by David Kucharsky and seconded by: Jason Gilliland. On a roll call vote the committee voted as follows: Kucharsky, in favor; Smyers, in favor; King, in favor; McHugh, in favor; Gilliland, in favor; Hebert, in favor.*

Discussion on the Request 5,6 Corner Parking Restrictions

5. Gregory Street and Hawkes Street
6. Beach Street and Orchard Street

**Motion** *To postpone for review Requests 5,6 Corner Parking Restrictions made by David Kucharsky and seconded by Rick Smyers On a roll call vote the committee voted as follows: Kucharsky, in favor; Smyers, in favor; King, in favor; McHugh, in favor; Gilliland, in favor; Hebert, in favor.*

**6. Review of Historic Marblehead crash trends**

Discussion of material included in meeting package. Information was helpful for the ability to visualize and confirm on areas to consider for committee focus.

**7. Committee member’s top 3 safety concerns**

Discussion

Complete streets Project 10 corridor of Lafayette and Pleasant Street  
Tedesco and Maple

**8. Complete Streets and Traffic Safety Grants & Studies status report – Becky Curran/Chief King**

Grant from DCR repair worst areas of rail trail work completed 2019

DCR Grant to create overall master plan for rail trail received- complete

Complete Streets Grant for improvements of rail trail crossings at Smith St. Pleasant Street and West Shore Drive completed in 2022

DCR Grant for Design of lead mills 75% shared with Salem. completed

1.4 million in ARPA funds secured for 100 % design, permitting, bidding and construction for upgrades to rail trail from West Shore Drive to end of Lead Mills

Next steps: Request for quote – for Professional Engineer and LSP - 100% Design plans that are expanded to include improvements to West Shore Drive to Lead Mills

Bid structured to do project in increments to stay within funding available

Border to Boston Mass Dot Grant \$175,000 approved for design of trail improvements- Smith Street to the Swampscott line

DCR Trails Grant – application Due 2-1-2024 - Submit request for Rail Trail prototype from Smith to Pleasant - This will create an example of what will be standard rail trail specifications.

Bicycle plan request for proposal is planned to be issued shortly

Consultant for Town will be providing 6 deliverables still outstanding –sidewalks data collection has been completed.

Town has submitted for grants – 24 town wide speed radar signs have been approved. Application in for Shared Streets Grant for improvements to the West Shore Drive corridor

**9. Committee Assignments**

Get more information on published on Traffic Change Requests  
Agenda to list Traffic Change Requests

**10. Next Meeting Date:**

Fourth Monday due to January Holidays – next meeting set January 22

**Motion To Adjourn** made by Dennis King, seconded by Jason Gilliland - 5:08 pm: On a roll call vote the committee voted as follows: Kucharsky, in favor; Smyers, in favor; King, in favor; McHugh, in favor; Gilliland, in favor; Hebert, in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy McHugh  
Secretary