



TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

10 MECHANIC STREET BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 02019

Thursday, May 23, 2024
MBTA (Section 3A) Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
5:30 pm
Arcand Meeting Room

Subcommittee Members Present:

Elizabeth Berthelette, & William F. O'Connell

Also Present:

Director of Planning & Engineering, Robert Lussier
Dennis Fraine

Present on Zoom:

Jeffrey Scornavacca

The meeting for the MBTA (Section 3A) was opened at 5:30 pm.

The MBTA (3A) Subcommittee was informed of the following updates:

- The Consultant continues to work on the writing of the bylaw.
- Need to seek 2nd grant (recommended to have bylaw language to submit for 2nd round of funding)

Public Outreach:

The public outreach will have two sessions which will take place at the Senior Center on Tuesday June 11, 2024, at the Senior Center from 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

Things needed for the meeting:

- Slide Show Presentation
- Fliers
- F & Q
- Maps

The MBTA (3A) would like to hold a follow up meeting after the June 11, 2024, meeting. A date and time will be determined. All were informed that there is a website which keeps track of the towns who have approved and disapproved the MTBA (3A) mandate.

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A question was asked about when is the deadline for submittal. The deadline is December 31, 2024. This needs to be adopted at the Fall Town Meeting. There was also a comment that some of the neighboring towns have joined a consortium to discuss the mandate and brainstorm ideas. The Town of Bellingham does not take part of these meetings. The MBTA (3A) Subcommittee would like to comply with the mandate since it relies on many grants from the State.

Outreach after the June 11, 2024 Event:

- Social media – Facebook (Liz would take care of this)
- Reach out to WBZ radio
- Post to Town News
- Fall mailer to residents

It was also discussed that the creation of an F & Q would be helpful. There could be information on this relative the misconceptions regarding the increase of students in schools. There could also be facts regarding the various grants the town receives.

Approval of Minutes:

April 25, 2024:

On a motion made by William O'Connell, seconded by Jeffrey Scornavacca the minutes from April 25, 2024, were approved.

Next Meeting:

- June 6, 2024

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland
Recording Secretary
Approved

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