



TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

10 MECHANIC STREET BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 02019

Thursday, July 18, 2024

MBTA (Section 3A) Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

5:30 pm

Arcand Meeting Room

Subcommittee Members Present:

Elizabeth Berthelette, William F. O'Connell and Jeffrey Scornavacca

Also Present:

Director of Planning & Engineering, Robert Lussier

Consultant Sarah Maren, Barrett Consulting

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

The public meeting was opened.

There was an overview of the outreach meeting in June which was held at the Senior Center. There were two events which were well attended. The residents in the audience also communicated that the coffee and conversation meeting attended during the day helped provide information for those who attended.

The Subcommittee suggested the following steps moving forward:

Suggestions for Outreach:

- Place an ad in the Bellingham Bulletin about the MBTA 3A Mandate.
- Have a voice messaging (robo call) to residents prior to town meeting to get out the vote.
- Create dates for outreach meetings.
- Suggestion write an editorial for the August or September
- Do a mailer to send out (check on funding, get list of registered voters from Town Clerk.
- Schedule event at library or town hall – Invite such groups as (Lyons Club etc.)
- Have a table at the Bellingham Day Event in August.

Discussion of Alternative locations:

There was discussion about coming up with a Plan B option if there is an issue with the current option in front of the Subcommittee. The Consultant agreed that this is a great idea to have an alternative option. The modeling of another option could be completed. Most of the other towns which the consultant advises have alternate options.

Some of the alternate options include:

- Area around Curtis Apartment
- Area around Oakwood, and the campground area.

The Director Lussier will work with the Consultant on an alternative options.

Next Steps:

- Back up modeling
- Bellingham Days- Participation in Event
- Draft Bylaw Language - Refine with Consultant and Town Counsel
- Timeline for Town Meeting
- Prepare language for warrant article
- Outreach to the Town Administrator to have him attend next meeting.

June 6, 2024:

On a motion made by William O'Connell, seconded by Jeff Scornavacca, the minutes from June 6, 2024 were approved.

Next Meeting:

- August 1, 2024

Adjourn:

On a motion made by William O'Connell, seconded by Jeff Scornavacca, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland
Recording Secretary

