

## **Minutes of the MBTA Task Force Subcommittee on Communication and Outreach**

**March 27, 2024**

March 27, 2024                      10:00 a.m.                      Hybrid and In-Person, Room 7, Town Hall

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**      Garlan Morse, Chris Olney, Susan Philbrick

**MEMBER ON ZOOM:**      Sandy Bodmer-Turner

**STAFF PRESENT:**              Tiffany Marletta, Communications Director; Marc Resnick, Town Planner

Call to Order:                      The meeting was called to order at 10:07

Ms. Marletta provided a summary of the Task Force's addition to the Quarterly Newsletter which will be received by residents in the next week. An updated timeline was included.

Mr. Olney led a discussion of the March 25<sup>th</sup> Planning Board meeting. The agenda did not provide a comment period at the end of the meeting, so an opportunity for residents to ask questions and to comment on the Task Force's presentation with Ms. Innes should be provided in the future. Mr. Olney will coordinate with Mr. Mastrogiacono.

All agreed that the Task Force needs accurate information for each proposed MBTA zoning district to include: 1. the number of residences that currently exist; 2. the number of residences that current zoning allows; and 3. the number of residences that theoretically could be allowed under the proposed MBTA zoning. The table provided by Ms. Innes contained inaccurate information regarding the number of current residences. Mr. Resnick and Mr. Olney will contact Ms. Innes to correct.

Mr. Morse observed that residents would benefit from an explanation of the dramatic differences between the Shingle Hill property and the storage unit property in the Limited Commercial District. For example, the storage area property is already developed, and the land is disturbed, whereas the Shingle Hill property is an untouched, natural parcel. In addition, infrastructure exists to support the storage area property, but none exists for land at Shingle Hill.

Mr. Resnick led a discussion of preparations for the next evening's meeting with the Task Force. He will refine the potential zoning and how it will appear on a map.

Ms. Philbrick stated that at a recent training, HLC referenced additional grants available for communication and legal resources. She will forward to Mr. Resnick.

April 4, 2024 Virtual Forum

- Ms. Marletta suggested a weeknight virtual forum
- Mr. Olney will discuss guiding principles and why the proposed boundaries are configured the way they are
- Mr. Olney will explain what an overlay district is and provide a slide
- Ms. Marletta suggested foam core maps
- Ms. Bodmer-Turner suggested that the Town Administrator prepare a new list of the funding sources in jeopardy of the Town is found to be non-compliant with the Law.

Question of the Week: Ms. Bodmer-Turner suggested “what is an overlay district?” Mr. Olney agreed to draft.

Ms. Philbrick discussed the importance of revising and updating the FAQs. The original due date for edits was 4/1, but it was agreed that suggested revisions should be submitted to Ms. Marletta by 4/4, with a working session to be scheduled on 4/11 to finalize .

Next Meeting: Virtual Forum at 7 p.m. on 4/4; 2:30 p.m. on 4/11.

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at noon with a motion by Mr. Olney and a second by Ms. Bodmer-Turner.