

Minutes of the MBTA Task Force Subcommittee on Communication and Outreach

April 16, 2024

April 16, 2024 6:30 p.m. Hybrid and In-Person, Room 7, Town Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sandy Bodmer-Turner, Gar Morse, Chris Olney, Susan Philbrick

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

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.

Discussion of Public Forum: April 27, 2024

- Ms. Marletta will confirm location with MESD.
- Changing date to May 4th will not permit Ms. Innes to attend.
- 10:00 a.m. - noon.
- Detailed planning to occur at next meeting: Friday, April 26, 10:00 a.m.

Finalization of FAQs II

- All members suggested edits, and a final draft was agreed upon.
- Ms. Marletta will distribute for comments.

Mr. Olney led discussion of opinions expressed and attitudes at most recent Task Force meetings.

- Mr. Olney pointed out that MBTA Communities Act does not give the Planning Board the proper tools to solve Manchester's housing issues.
- Many residents are frustrated that the zoning changes currently proposed will not expand housing in Manchester.
- Mr. Resnick emphasized the positive aspects of the zoning changes proposed.
- The process of working to comply with the MBTA Communities Act has exposed shortcomings in Manchester's zoning by-laws.

Public Comment: none.

Next Meeting: Friday, April 26, 10:00 a.m.

Adjourn: The meeting ended at 8:00 p.m. The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Olney made and seconded by Mr. Morse.