

MINUTES

Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC)

Marblehead, Massachusetts

Meeting 1

November 20, 2023

The first TSAC meeting was held at 4:00 p.m. at Abbott Hall, 188 Washington Street, Marblehead and publicly via Zoom.

The following TSAC members were in attendance:

○ David Kucharsky, resident	Present
○ Rick Smyers, resident	Present
○ Gary Hebert, resident	Present
○ Dennis King, Police Chief	Present
○ Jason Gilliland, Fire Chief	Present
○ Amy McHugh, Director, Department of Public Works	Present
○ Charles Quigley, Town Engineer	Present (4:17 pm)
○ Thatcher Kezer-Ex Officio, Town Administrator	Present

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

1. Call to Order

Thatcher Kezer called the meeting to order at **4:03 p.m** and announced it was being recorded.

2. Welcome /Introduction

Thatcher Keezer introduced himself as an Ex Officio or non-voting member, and gave a brief description of his role and the other board members.

3. Organization

Motion To appoint Gary Hebert as Chairman made by Jason Gilliland and seconded by Rick Smyers:
The motion **PASSED 6-0-1**

Motion To appoint Amy McHugh as Secretary made by Jason Gilliland and seconded by Gary Hebert:
The motion **PASSED 6-0-1**

Motion To adopt Robert's Rules of Order made by Jason Gilliland and seconded by Dennis King:
The motion **PASSED 7-0-0**

4. Committee Goals

Discussion

- Emphasis was given to the importance of formulating up to three goals, each with clear, concise, and fiscally achievable objectives.
- Need to set aspirational goals with measurable objectives to be finalized at the next Committee meeting.
- Goal suggestion:
 - To implement Complete Street Projects
 - Zero fatalities any road user, Safe pedestrian and bicycle routes to school, Respond to Resident safety concerns
 - Review and advise on current and future complete streets or traffic safety studies.
 - Review public input forms on resident-suggested traffic safety improvements and provide input on how to address these suggestions.
- Other topics discussed included:
 - How well the Town is doing relative to its historical traffic safety experiences within the past 5-6 years
 - How will potential TSAC-recommended projects will be coordinated where multiple department and various committees control related aspects.
 - Develop a Mission statement.
 - The Chair asked members to identify their top 3 locations for discussion on Safety related actions.
 - Committees' interaction with Grants.
 - Review and advise on resident requests put forward to TSAC.
 - Set yearly objectives

5. **Public Comments:**

- *Jessica Venadeto*, resident. Kids do not have a safe route to school. No buses beyond grade 6. No buses account for traffic and safety issues. Committee should work with school committee to provide buses to school.
- *Michelle Bell*, resident. Concerned about global warming. Looking to encourage more bikes by providing bike lanes, places for people to park bicycles. and bicycle parking.
- *William Anderson*, resident. While concerned about safety, would like to preserve the historic Marblehead's uniqueness and not go overboard on recommending things that are not in concert with historic Marblehead.

6. **Next Meeting Date:**

- Third Monday of the month. December 18th.

Motion To Adjourn at 4:59pm: PASSED 7-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy McHugh
Secretary