



TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

10 MECHANIC STREET BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 02019

Thursday, February 1, 2024 **MBTA (Section 3A) Subcommittee** **Meeting Minutes**

Subcommittee Members Present:

Sahan Sahin, William F. O'Connell, Elizabeth Berthelette, Robert Lussier, and Jeffrey Scornavacca

Not Present:

Also Present:

Amy Sutherland, Assistant Town Planner

Present on Zoom:

Denis Fraine, Interim Town Administrator

The meeting for the MBTA (Section 3A) was opened at 6:00 pm.

Organization of the Subcommittee:

Chair/Co-Chair:

On a motion made by William O'Connell, seconded by Jeffrey Scornavacca, the subcommittee voted unanimously to appoint Rob Lussier and Liz Berthelette as Chair/Co Chair of the MBTA Subcommittee.

Presentation of the Warrant Article:

The Subcommittee was in agreement that the goal is to prepare the warrant article for acceptance at the Fall 2024 Town Meeting.

The Subcommittee discussed that there are three options:

- Comply with maximizing build out.
- Noncompliance of mandate
- Meeting the compliance of development

The Subcommittee would like to gather input from the various departments: DPW, School, CFO, and Public Safety to gain perspective on how this would impact these departments and what areas throughout town would be viable for the amount of units needed. Each of the departments will be asked to provide information to the Subcommittee to review while a designation area is looked at.

The following departments will be scheduled to provide information:

- February 8, 2024: CFO information
- February 22, 2024: DPW Director, Public Safety

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- February 29, 2024: School

Grants:

The Subcommittee discussed the possibility of seeking grants for a consultant. There have been contacts provided and the Chair and Assistant Town Planner will work on getting this submitted before the next meeting.

Public Outreach:

There will need to be several steps taken to provide public outreach.

The following was suggested:

- Put an article in Bellingham Bulletin
- Update website and provide more information on site.
- Have an outreach session on a Saturday in early June and also another in early Fall.
- Have the MAPC representative Katy be invited to one of the meetings or have her participate via zoom.
- Create fliers to provide to residents for education.

The Subcommittee will be meeting on Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 6:00 pm to discuss this further.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland
Recording Secretary

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