

Minutes of the MBTA Task Force Subcommittee on Communications and Outreach

January 4, 2024

January 4, 2024 5:30 p.m. Room 5, Hybrid and In-Person

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gar Morse, Susan Philbrick

VIRTUAL: Sandy Bodmer-Turner, Chris Olney

STAFF PRESENT: Tiffany Marletta, Communications Director; Gail Hunter, MBTA Task Force Administrator

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

Discussion of January 6th Density Walk

- Ms. Bodmer-Turner will provide an introduction before walk begins
- Explanation of 15 units per acre; what it is, where it is
- Mr. Olney will provide final version to Ms. Marletta to post on website
- Route and map discussed
- Ms. Marletta will provide coupons; Laughing Gull will invoice
- **10:00 a.m.** at Town Hall, end at Laughing Gull
- Informal Q and A

Mr. Morse summarized a call he had from the Gloucester Time

- Purpose of Density Walk to illustrate current multifamily housing and density in downtown Manchester
- Explained any proposed zoning amendments will comply with the Law and preserve the Town's character
- Town Meeting vote in Summer or Fall

Ms. Hunter stated that part of the work is to get ready to present to the Planning Board

Ms. Marletta reiterated that continuous public engagement was essential prior to first Planning Board public hearing

Revised Schedule

- January 8, meeting with DIP
- January 11th, general meeting with Emily
- January 18, business roundtable
- February 3, Public Forum at High School – Zoning 101 with Planning Board,
- February 15 at Manchester Club bumped to March

Ms. Hunter requested that the Task Force subcommittees try to meet immediately prior to the regular Task Force meetings due to space and time constraints at Town Hall. Task Force and subcommittees are holding more meetings than any other Town body has ever held. Consider spaces outside of Town Hall.

Meet with Town Clerk and Town Administrator to discuss options that would comply with Open Meeting Law. Town Hall set up for Zoom, 1623, recording etc.

Once Business Roundtable is scheduled, Ms. Marletta will announce in Cricket and issue a Press Release.

Ms. Hunter suggested contacting the Chamber of Commerce.

Next Meeting scheduled for January 25, tentatively at 5:30, prior to 6:30 Task Force Meeting

Adjourn: Ms. Philbrick moved to adjourn; Mr. Morse seconded. Unanimous. Adjourned at 6:25 p.m.