

# 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:

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| ○ 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