

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting June 8, 2011

Newman Elementary School Conference Room

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE

TMAC Members: Donna Mullin, Jeff MacMann, John Kraemer, Tony DelGaizo, Richard Merson, Thomas Stokes, Sarah Smith, Robert Wilson

Guests: Jon and Kristin Simonini, Gary Levine, Peter Nawrocki

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 7:20 PM by Committee Chairman Thomas Stokes.

I. SIGNAGE/STENCIL FOR BICYCLES

Mr. Levine representing "Needham Bikes" presented to the Committee a handout related to bicycle signage and road marking. The discussion involved bicycle pavement marking types, sizes, and possible locations. The Committee was concerned regarding the size of these pavement markings due to potential complaints from the residents who live along the street where the pavement marking is placed. The Committee recommended that "Needham Bikes" prepare a proposal for bicycle pavement marking size and potential locations including drawings to scale and/or photographs of existing bicycle pavement markings and present this proposal at a future meeting of the Committee.

II. NO PARKING SIGNS AT INTERSECTION OF CAROL RD. AND GREAT PLAIN AVENUE

Mr. Nawrocki asked the Committee for status update related to the "No Parking" signs on Carol Road near Great Plain Avenue. Mr. Wilson informed Mr. Nawrocki that the width of the pavement on Carol Road near Great Plain Avenue is 24 feet and that the request to remove the three existing "No Parking" signs and to install one "No Parking Here To Corner sign has been sent to the DPW Highway Division.

III. SPEED AND SIGNAGE ON MARKED TREE ROAD

Mr. and Mrs. Simonini summarized a few issues regarding vehicle speeds on Marked Tree Road near Central Avenue. Mrs. Simonini noted that Marked Tree Road is a cut-through street to/from Dover/RTS and with the narrow angle of the intersection of Marked Tree Road with Central Avenue; the vehicles tend to travel at high speeds through the intersection and continue down Marked Tree Road. Mrs. Simonini would like to have more speed enforcement along this section of Marked Tree Road and ideally a redesign of the intersection of Central Avenue and Marked Tree Road to "square-off" the corners. Richard Merson discussed the history of the geometry of the intersection. John Kraemer informed Mrs. Simonini that speed enforcement is being

performed in this area of Marked Tree Road. Also, John noted that the mobile speed monitor device would be placed on this section of Marked Tree Road if it could be placed in a location that would not obstruct drivers' visibility. It was the recommendation of the Committee that the DPW Engineering Division perform a traffic speed and vehicle type study on Marked Tree Road near #298 Marked Tree Road and using the results of this study to determine if the redesign of the intersection of Marked Tree Road with Central Avenue be revisited. Also, the Committee recommended to Mr. and Mrs. Simonini that they look into submitting to the Committee a petition from the neighborhood to install "Children Playing" sign.

IV. OLD/OTHER BUSINESS

All-Night Parking request – 179 Dedham Avenue for 2 spaces – Committee recommended the request be rejected.

Richard Merson updated the Committee on the status of the Newman School "drive line" experiment related to student pick-up.

Donna Mullin requested a status update from the traffic study at the Manning Street/Lindbergh Avenue intersection. The results were provided by Tony DelGaizo and Robert Wilson.

The minutes from the April 2011 meeting were approved

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM

Minutes compiled and summarized by Robert Wilson