

## **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Minutes of May 20, 2015 Meeting  
Public Services Administration Building  
Needham, MA

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

TMAC Members: Jeffrey MacMann, Anthony Del Gaizo, John Kraemer, Donna Mullin, Ford Peckham, Mark Rosen and Glen Schneider

Technical Advisor: Robert Wilson

Guests: Megan Scudellari, Bob Gelinas, Katherine Vettraino, Shanna McClennen, Jerry Kassel, Chris Maxwell, Julie Vanderklisch, Donna Dunn and another resident.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was convened at approximately 7:10 p.m. by Jeffrey MacMann

### **AGENDA ITEMS THAT WERE DISCUSSED**

#### **I. Intersection, Signage at the intersection of Hunnewell Street and Hillside Avenue**

Megan Scudellari presented her and other residents' concerns that traffic on Hillside Avenue that is supposed to stop does not, the stop signs for Hillside traffic are not easy to see and it appears that the traffic on Hunnewell Street should also stop, but is not required to. Ms. Scudellari and others in attendance on this Agenda Item believe that adding blinking lights to the stop sign for Hillside traffic, relocating the sign and adding a tab that it is only a 2-way stop would greatly improve the situation.

After a full discussion of the issues and potential solutions, the TMAC voted to add blinking lights to the stop signs, relocate them and add 2-way stop tabs to the stop signs.

#### **II. Signage at DeFazio Parking Lot**

Katherine Vettraino presented her concerns that there is no traffic flow pattern at the DeFazio Field parking lot and no designated drop off/pick up area which makes for a dangerous condition for the children using the fields.

Unfortunately, as sympathetic the TMAC is with the concerns expressed by Ms. Vettraino and her fellow residents, correcting the situation at the DeFazio parking lot does not fall within the jurisdiction of the TMAC. The TMAC referred Ms. Vettraino to the Needham Park and Recreation Department with the suggestion that Jersey barriers be installed.

#### **III. Intersection of Crawford Street and Hampton Avenue**

Michael Wilcox suggested that the current 2-way stop signs at Crawford Street and Hampton Avenue be replaced with 4-way stop signs due to probable increase in traffic as a result of the closure of the bridge from Central Avenue to Elliot Street.

After limited discussion, the TMAC felt the change of stops signs from 2-way to 4-way was premature and possibly not even necessary. Accordingly, the TMAC rejected the proposal.

#### **IV. Intersection, Speed, Signage at the Intersection of Ardmore Road and Taylor Street**

Christopher Maxwell presented his concerns that pedestrians, in particular school children are at the risk of harm by virtue of vehicles travelling at excessive speeds or even in reverse. Mr. Maxwell proposed that drop-off and pick-up be prohibited at the dead end of Ardmore Road and that lines and signage be added at the intersection of Ardmore Road and Taylor Street to create an orderly drop-off and pick-up procedure.

After a full discussion of the issues involved, the TMAC advised Mr. Maxwell that in order for the Committee to consider his proposal, he would need to submit a petition signed by a super-majority of the surrounding/abutting residents and, in particular, any resident where new signage may be placed, supporting the placement of the signage and addition of the road markings. Once such a petition is submitted the proposal will again be placed on the TMAC's agenda for consideration.

#### **V. Signage on Parker Road between Nevada Road and Richdale Road**

Jerome Kassel presented his concerns that there is not sufficient signage to warn drivers to use caution when travelling through this area as there a large number of children that play and/or cross the streets who could be potentially injured. Mr. Kassel suggested that additional caution signs be placed at the entrance of Richdale Road and along the long flat section of Parker Road.

After a full discussion of the issues involved, the TMAC advised Mr. Kassel that in order for the Committee to consider his proposal, he would need to submit a petition signed by a super-majority of the surrounding/abutting residents and, in particular, any resident where new signage may be placed, supporting the placement of the signage and addition of the road markings. Once such a petition is submitted the proposal will again be placed on the TMAC's agenda for consideration.

#### **II. Other Business**

A motion was made, seconded and passed approving the minutes of the December 10, 2014 TMAC meeting subject to revising a typographical error in the third line of section V. of the Minutes.

All Night Parking Permit Applications were considered and approved for:

Gabrielle M. Gelinis

Glen Champagne  
Jennifer Sexton

All Night Parking Permit Application for Adam Norris was rejected.

The refund of the overnight parking permit for David Fortune was ratified.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:50 p.m.

Minutes compiled and summarized by Mark Rosen