

Minutes
Traffic Management Advisory Committee
Wednesday, November 18, 2020
7:00 P.M.
Zoom Meeting ID # 823-4252-8108
Adopted December 9, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Justin McCullen; Seth Bauer; Donna Mullin; Rhain Hoyland, Town Traffic Engineer; Anthony DelGaizo, Town Engineer; Suzanne Stein

STAFF PRESENT: Robert Wilson, Traffic Liaison Engineer; Daphne M. Collins, Recording Secretary.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Jonathan Sussman, Samantha Lemoine, Lindsey Bigda, Amy Schaffer

Mr. McCullen, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and Roll Call was taken.

1. MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 14, 2020

Vote: Ms. Stein moved to accept the Minutes for October 14, 2020. Mr. Bauer seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously **approved**.

2. STATUS REPORT UPDATE

The Report had been updated to include an additional column for tracking projects.

Mr. Wilson reported the following project updates:

- Bradford Street at Dedham – crosswalk installed and stop bar relocated.
- Thorpe Road – Speed Study completed. West bound was 26 mph; East bound was 24mph. Results below 30 mph.
- Chestnut and Oak Street Intersection – Mr. Hoyland reported that the stop bar relocation and *No Turn on Red* sign is scheduled for next Friday. The delay timing modification is being forwarded to the Town's electrical engineer contractor.

3. RIVARD STREET– Signage

PETITIONER: Jonathan Sussman, 65 Rivard Road

Mr. Sussman reported that delivery trucks speed along Rivard Road making it hazardous for the many children who live and play in the neighborhood. There was also a curve blind spot on the street as well. He requested that a *Caution Children Playing* sign be installed.

Mr. Bauer asked if the speed is caused because of cut through traffic or the delivery trucks. Mr. Sussman replied that the speed was from the delivery trucks.

When asked where to install the sign, Mr. Sussman indicated that the turn off of Great Plain Avenue before the curve would be the best location.

The TMAC requested that the petitioner collect signatures from the majority of residents on the street supporting the sign installation as well as a letter of support from the property owner directly in front of the sign and to submit the petition to the TMAC for sign installation approval.

4. A STREET – Speed

PETITIONER: Samantha Lemoine, 206 A Street

Ms. Lemoine, Assistant Director of Knowledge Beginnings, was concerned about the cars speeding down Second Avenue and taking the corner onto A Street where her school and playgrounds are located. There are pedestrian families and children walking in the area.

She'd like a *Children Playing Slow Area* sign to be posted in the area to prompt traffic to slow down on Second Avenue.

She suggested the cross walk on A Street could be moved back 100 feet so it's not so on edge with the corner and to allow the traffic to slow down.

Mr. Hoyland felt a site visit was necessary. He noted that crosswalks aren't placed to slow traffic down and moving it further down the street would be inappropriate. He thought an advance warning of A Street could be provided on Second Avenue. Mr. DelGaizo said the DPW could install a *Crosswalk Ahead on A Street* sign.

Vote: Mr. DelGaizo moved to install a sign on Second Avenue warning about A Street, language to be developed by the Engineering Department. Mr. Bauer seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously **approved**.

5. JARVIS CIRCLE, BESS, JULIA & NARDONE ROADS - Signage and Speed

PETITIONERS: Rachel Jennifer Bannon, 61 Jarvis Circle and Lindsey Bidga, Bess Road

(Ms. Bannon's and Ms. Bidga's petitions were combined because of their overlapping concerns and proximity)

Ms. Bannon was concerned with the increased traffic on Jarvis Circle as a result of the light installed on Central Avenue by Volante Farms. The speed has made it hazardous for the many children living and playing in the neighborhood. She requested that the speed be lowered to 20mph, traffic be restricted between 4-7pm, and a *Slow Down Children Playing* signs and speed bumps be installed.

Ms. Bidga also identified traffic and speed problems in the same neighborhood along Bess, Julia and Nardone Roads. She noted that the neighborhood was a cut through during times when Central Avenue was congested. She'd like to see the installation of *Stop* signs and speed bumps throughout the neighborhood.

Mr. Bauer asked if there were any *Stop* signs on Jarvis Circle or Nardone Road. Ms. Bannon said there were none.

Mr. Wilson noted that the last time a traffic study was conducted on Jarvis Circle and Nardone Streets was ten years ago and that a new one would be needed. Ms. Bannon identified 44 Jarvis Street as a good location for the speed study tubes.

Mr. McCullen cautioned that a no through traffic restriction as a solution applies to the residents and non-residents equally.

Mr. Hoyland noted that in the evening Central Avenue and Great Plain Avenue can back up to West Street and that Google Maps reroutes the traffic through Jarvis Circle and Bess Road. He offered to review the Great Plain Avenue signal and make the green light longer to see if that alleviates the traffic congestion. He reported that Central and Great Plain Avenues are scheduled for reconstruction.

Christine Mawhinney, 44 Jarvis Road, supported a traffic study at Bess and Julia Roads.

Elianna Crossing, 45 Jarvis Road, reported that traffic has increased in the area and there are lots of children in the neighborhood. She supported a traffic study.

Gaurie Pandey, 56 Jarvis Road, supported the comments made by previous speakers and agreed that traffic studies be conducted.

Vote: Mr. Hoyland moved to conduct traffic studies at Bess and Nardone Roads and Jarvis Circle and Nardone Road; and that the signals at Central Avenue and Forest Street and Central and Great Plain Avenues be adjusted to affect traffic congestion on Central Avenue. The Highway and Engineering Department will provide recommendations based on the results of the studies and signal adjustments. Mr. Bauer seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. DEDHAM AVENUE AND SOUTH STREET– Intersection Safety

PETITIONER: Amy Shaffer, 119 Livingston Circle

Item postponed to next meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.