

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting April 15, 2009

Newman School Media Center, Needham, MA 02492

MINUTES – Approved June 10, 2009

IN ATTENDANCE

Meredith Page, Tony Del Gaizo, Bob Wilson, Chief Thomas Leary, Lt. John Kraemer, Rick Merson, Paul Gordon, David Callaghan, Margaret Murphy, Thomas Stokes, Rebecca Turner

Guests: Ms. Marty Remsen, Ms. Lisa Guagliano, Mr. Sam Guagliano, Mr. Dan Vallee

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 7:01 pm.

I. SAFETY CONCERNS ON KINGSBURY ST., FAIR OAKS PARK, & WARREN ST.

Ms. Remsen expressed concerns about the safety of pedestrians entering and exiting the High School via Admiral Gracey Drive. She would like to see crosswalks painted across the end of Admiral Gracey Drive, across Kingsbury from Admiral Gracey Drive to Fair Oaks Park, and across Kingsbury at Warren or Oakland. Mr. Del Gaizo stated that the DPW is planning to reconstruct Kingsbury Street and that crosswalks will be installed and absorbed into the capital plan pending the redesign of Kingsbury Street.

II. SAFETY CONCERNS AT RICHDALE ROAD AND LEXINGTON STREET

Ms. Guagliano expressed concerns about the traffic volume and speed on Lexington Street approaching Richdale Road and stated that Lexington is used to access Greendale and Kendrick and traffic volume can be high. The road is hilly and vehicles, including school buses, tend to speed on the road. There have been two accidents in the area. Ms. Guagliano would like stop signs placed at the Lexington/Richdale intersection. A traffic volume study will be done to see if there is enough traffic for stop signs.

III. INTERSECTION OF CHESTNUT STREET AND SOUTH STREET

Mr. Vallee expressed concern that the new curb at the corner of Chestnut Street and South Street has narrowed South Street and would make it difficult for bicyclists and cars approaching the intersection on South Street and requested that the width be enlarged to at least 28'. Mr. Del Gaizo noted that the opening at South and Chestnut is wider than it was before the construction and that the new traffic light at the intersection will allow both cars and bicycles an opportunity to cross Chestnut without having to shoot across in a break in traffic.

IV. LIGHTING, SIGNAGE AND SPEED ISSUES ON FOREST STREET

Mr. Washek wrote to express concerns about lighting, signage and speed on Forest Street. Lt. Kramer reported that there have been many accidents throughout the years in that area. Mr. Del Gaizo noted that it was the town's policy to place a streetlight at intersections and at curves.

Action: It was moved and seconded that street lights be placed on Forest Street at bends in the road. The motion was called a vote and was passed unanimously.

Action: It was moved and seconded that the above action be amended to include the addition of a "dangerous curve" sign with speed tab to the curve at East Militia Heights Road. The motion was called a vote and was passed unanimously.

V. SPEED CONCERNS AT INTERSECTION OF JUNCTION ST. AND WARREN ST.

Ms. Demetrius wrote to express concerns about the amount of traffic on Junction Street. It was felt that the end of the Chestnut Street construction would alleviate the problem.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Chief Leary spoke about the traffic flow around the High School. Safety concerns exist on Holland Street during high school drop off and pick up times. Signs prohibiting entry from 7:15-8:15 am and from 2:00-3:00 pm will be placed at the Manning Street end of Holland Street as soon as possible and a police officer will monitor the area to ensure compliance.

Minutes from the March 11, 2009 TMAC meeting

Action: It was moved and seconded that the minutes from the March 2009 meeting be accepted. The motion was called a vote and was passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 10th at 7:00 pm in the Broadmeadow Elementary School Media Center.

These minutes are intended to convey the general content of the discussions at the TMAC meeting.

Minutes compiled by: Rebecca Turner