

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting September 9, 2009

Broadmeadow School Media Center, Needham, MA 02492

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE

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

Guests: Rob Olson, William Burke

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 7:02 pm.

I. CROSSWALK, SPEED & SIGNAGE ON GREENDALE AVE AT ST. SEBASTIAN'S

Mr. Burke and Mr. Olson expressed concern about the safety of St. Sebastian's students crossing Greendale Avenue. The St. Sebastian's campus is on both sides of Greendale and students cross as late as 6:00 pm, when it is dark. Southbound traffic is of particular concern because the road curves slightly and goes down a hill hindering the visibility of the crosswalk and there is heavy commuter traffic from the Kendrick Street area going that direction in the evening. It was noted that construction on Route 128 and ramp restrictions on the Great Plain Avenue bridge may further increase traffic on Greendale. Mr. Burke has retained a traffic design consultant and they would like to brainstorm with the Needham Engineering Department and return to the Committee with possible solutions in October.

II. PLACEMENT OF CROSSWALKS NEAR HIGH ROCK SCHOOL

Chief Leary discussed pedestrian traffic around the High Rock School. Several new crossing guards have been staffed in the area. Chief Leary suggested that based on the number of children crossing at the intersections of High Rock Street at Birchwood Road and Great Plain Avenue at Linden Street, these are viable places for crosswalks and the placement of crosswalks would help the crossing guards control the intersections. A crosswalk will be placed across Great Plain Avenue at Linden Street and the crosswalk across Great Plain Avenue at Nehoiden Street will be removed. Because only one side of Birchwood has a sidewalk, only one crosswalk will be placed at that intersection. Ramps will also be constructed.

III. SPEED AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ISSUES ON MAYO AVENUE

Speed and pedestrian safety issues on Mayo Avenue were discussed. The town does not possess the authority to lower the speed limit. Police will monitor the speed of vehicles in the area.

IV. OVERNIGHT PARKING APPLICATION

An overnight parking application for two vehicles from Edmond Snyder of 16 Yale Road was presented to the Committee.

Action: It was moved and seconded that the TMAC recommend the issue of the overnight parking permit for one of the two vehicles. The motion was called a vote and was passed unanimously.

V. NEW BUSINESS

The minutes from the August 12, 2009 TMAC meeting were amended.

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

unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

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

Minutes compiled by: Rebecca Turner