

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting April 14, 2010

Newman School Conference Room, Needham, MA 02492

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE

David Callaghan, Lt. John Kraemer, Tony Del Gaizo, Bob Wilson, Richard P. Merson, Glenn Schneider, Sarah Smith, Rebecca Turner

Guests:

Debbie Goldberg, Barry Charton, Rod MacLeod Sr., Ateo Ricciardelli, Robert Richal, Marge and Ken Phillips, Mimi Woo, Jane Donovan, Rod MacLeod

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 7:01 pm.

I. SIGNAGE AT PUTNAM AND CROSS STREET

Mr. Charton and Ms. Goldberg spoke to the Committee about parking problems on Putnam Street which is a private road. They explained that visitors to businesses on Highland Avenue/Cross Street park on Putnam and they wondered if they could put up signs indicating resident parking only and how the parking limitations could be enforced. Mr. Del Gaizo stated that non-regulatory signs could be placed on private property. Lt. Kraemer stated that the police cannot enforce non-regulatory parking restrictions but can enforce "blanket regulations" such as parking near corners and fire hydrants and blocking emergency vehicle access. Mr. Charton and Ms. Goldberg were also encouraged to speak with businesses in the area about the parking issues and to check with the Planning Board to ensure that any parking conditions put in place at the time of permitting are still being followed.

II. SIGNAGE/SPEED AT MILLS/UTICA/SACHEM/HUNTING

Ms. Woo expressed concerns about cut-through traffic, vehicle speed, and rolling stops in the Mills/Utica/Sachem/Hunting neighborhood. There was discussion about restricting access to the neighborhood at commuting times by placing "No Right Turn" signs on Highland eastbound at Mills and at Utica and by placing a "No Left Turn" on Hunting northbound at Sachem.

Action: It was moved and seconded that the TMAC recommend selective police enforcement in the Mills/Utica/Sachem/ Hunting neighborhood and that a petition be circulated in the neighborhood by Ms. Woo to see what access restrictions the neighborhood would support. The motion was called a vote and passed with 7 in favor and 1 abstention. (As a resident of Utica Road, Ms. Turner recused herself from the discussion and vote.)

III. FOLLOW UP REPORTS

From the 11/18/2009 meeting: the traffic studies have been completed for the Tower Avenue/Paul Revere Road/Hoover Road intersection, the Rosemary Street/Tillotson Drive intersection, and the Booth Street/Bobsled Drive intersection.

From the 3/10/2010 meeting: the traffic study at Frances Street/Barrett Street intersection and the traffic study at Oak Street/Maple Street are being conducted.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

The minutes from the March 10, 2010 TMAC meeting were accepted.

Action: It was moved and seconded that the minutes from the March 2010 meeting be accepted. The motion was called a vote and was passed

unanimously.

Mr. Callaghan reported that Mr. Paul Gordon had submitted his resignation to the TMAC.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2010.

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

Minutes compiled by: Rebecca Turner