

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting March 9, 2011

Newman School Conference Room, Needham, MA 02492

MINUTES- Draft

IN ATTENDANCE

TMAC Members: Thomas Stokes, Lt. John Kraemer, Tony DelGaizo, Robert Wilson, Sarah Smith, Glen Schneider, Donna Mullin, Jeff McMann

Guests: Faith Chandler, Gretchen Filoon, Maicharia Weir Lytle

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 7:05 PM

I. INTERSECTION, SIGNAGE AT MANNING AND LINDBERGH

Ms. Chandler and Ms. Filoon summarized multiple concerns regarding the intersection of Manning and Lindbergh. Their biggest concern is the impaired visibility caused by the fence in the front yard of a corner residence. While the fence has been modified to be in compliance with Town ordinances, it remains a problem requiring vehicles to inch their way into the intersection in order to see oncoming traffic. In addition, traffic has become an increasing problem as more cars now use this intersection since they cannot turn left into NHS from Webster. While there have not been an inordinate number of reported accidents, the Committee acknowledged the multiple issues in play at this intersection. The **Committee passed a motion** that the Department of Engineering conduct a traffic study as soon as the snow has melted to ensure more “normal” congestion and visibility conditions.

II. SPEED AND PARKING ON MELLEN STREET

Ms. Lytle reviewed multiple concerns about traffic speed, volume and long term parking on Mellen Street. The biggest concerns are speed and traffic volume due to the fact that there are so many young kids who live/play on this short block. In addition to listening to the presenter, the Committee briefly reviewed the origins of the (now missing) “No Left Turn” at the Trader Joe’s driveway exit on to Mellen and the “no parking” signs which are believed to be out of compliance with the original established specifications. The **Committee passed a motion** to inform the Planning Board that the “No Left Turn” sign at TJs parking lot exit is currently missing and must be reinstalled per their original agreement with the store. The **Committee also passed a motion** to place the speed trailer on Mellen Street as soon as the weather allows.

III. OLD/OTHER BUSINESS

- The Committee briefly acknowledged the agenda item submitted by Kathleen Lahey regarding signage on Nehoiden St. The **Committee passed a motion** to table any discussion until the next meeting when a representative is present.

- Mr. DelGaizo conveyed a request from Dr. Schwinden, Principal of Mitchell School. To limit congestion on Brookline (coming from Manning), he has requested signage preventing a left turn into the driveway for a half hour in the morning (8:45AM-9:15 AM) and a half hour in the afternoon (2:30 PM-3:00 PM). The **Committee passed a motion** that NPD assign Officer Harmon is to meet with Dr. Schwinden and discuss the viability of a portable “no left turn” sign to be used at his discretion in coordination with the crossing guard.
- The minutes from the February, 2011 meeting were approved
- The **Committee nominated and passed a motion** to elect Glen Schneider as Secretary
- The meeting as adjourned at 8:20 PM

Minutes compiled and summarized by Glen Schneider