

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of June 12, 2013 Meeting
Public Services Administration Building
Needham, MA
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IN ATTENDANCE

TMAC Members: Jeffrey MacMann, Anthony Del Gaizo, Lt. John Kraemer, Richard Merson, Glen Schneider, Robert Meltzer, Donna Mullin, and Mark Rosen.

Technical Advisor: Robert Wilson

Guests: Peter Sullivan, Daniel White, Gershon Gacs, John Harris, Tad Staley, John Bulian, and Gary Levine.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 7:00 PM by Mr. MacMann.

I. Intersection, Crosswalk, Speed on Hoover Road/Webster Street and Hoover Road/Manning Street

Deferred due to absence of applicant or designee.

II. Corner of Washington Avenue and Bancroft Street

Mr. Sullivan, as a designee of MaryAnn Sullivan, indicated that he is concerned about the high rate of speed and increased traffic at the intersection of Washington Avenue and Bancroft Street. His overall concern is the safety of children in the neighborhood who walk to the Mitchell School. He has in the past deployed the little green men, but notes that they are not overly effective. He requests a four-way stop sign at the intersection of Bancroft Street and Washington Avenue. **The Committee passed a motion** for the Highway Department to conduct a traffic study at the intersection of Bancroft Street and Washington Avenue to determine the flow of traffic and to see if it supports a four-way stop.

III. Crosswalk, Speed, Signage at 566 Great Plain Avenue

Deferred due to absence of applicant or designee.

IV. Intersection at A Street and 2nd Avenue

Mr. Harris presented his concern of dangerousness at the intersection of A Street and 2nd Avenue, particularly due to a large number of vans parked near that intersection on 2nd Avenue that obstruct the view of motorists attempting to take a left on to 2nd Avenue. A “no parking here to corner” sign is already installed at that location. Mr. Harris suggested a three-way stop, but withdrew that motion when instructed that line-of-sight safety and traffic flow concerns will probably not allow such action. **The Committee passed a motion** for the Needham Police Department to talk to the owner of the vans in the hopes of a peaceful resolution and for the Engineering Division to look at the Planning Board’s decision to see if anything can be done regarding the parking of said vans.

V. Needham Bikes' Presentation of Bike Plan

Mr. White, accompanied by others, presented to the Committee the status of its revision to the 2002 Bike Plan. In particular, the update included ideas for the revision and to get feedback from and to open up dialogue with the Committee. A succinct briefing covering why a bike plan is necessary, the vision of the plan, the goals of the plan, and a draft outline of the plan was presented. Both Needham Bikes and the Committee agree that a less ad hoc approach to incorporating biking ideas and plans into the Committee and DPW mechanisms is necessary. Ideas of how to generally institutionalize the biking community into the process include: making Needham Bikes an agenda item for planning purposes when future opportunities arise (such as upcoming paving) and where Needham Bikes may be interested in attending and collaborating; and an annual or quarterly review by the Committee and Needham Bikes of the five year road construction plan. Further, the Committee agreed that it will evaluate its current charge to see if a revision or expansion by the Board of Selectmen is necessary.

VI. Other Business

- **The Committee passed a motion** to approve an all-night parking permit application for one vehicle at 34 William Street.
- **The Committee passed a motion** to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2013 meeting albeit with a correction. That correction is to change the typographical error “(2))” to “(20)” on the 10th line of the first order of business.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM.

Minutes compiled and summarized by Robert Meltzer.