

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of October 9, 2013 Meeting
Public Services Administration Building
Needham, MA

IN ATTENDANCE

TMAC Members: Lt. John Kraemer, Jeffrey MacMann, Rick Merson
Glen Schneider, Donna Mullin, Mark Rosen, Robert Meltzer

Guests: Susan Bycoff, Darren Bycoff, Jodi Lockwood, Beth Cuddy, Kelly Mangano, Jerry Amodeo

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 7:05 PM by Mr. MacMann

I. SIGNAGE BROAD MEADOW ROAD/BIRD STREET

Mr. and Ms. Bycoff explain the rather complex set of configurations and problems associated with the intersection of Broad Meadow Road and Bird Street at the entrance to the Broad Meadow School. Of particular concern was the width of the intersection, the height of one of the existing stop signs, and the tendency of cars to speed when rounding the curve from “Broad Meadow to Broad Meadow” heading towards Greendale Ave. Specifically they wanted to explore the feasibility of installing two more stop signs. The first would be on Bird as it merges with Broad Meadow towards GPA and the second where Broad Meadow turns into Broad Meadow heading towards Greendale. The **Committee passed a motion** to conduct a traffic study at this intersection. This would serve to update a previous study that supported the current configuration.

II. INTERSECTION, BROOKLINE AND MANNING

Ms. Mangano described two inter-related problems at the intersection of Brookline and Manning that, in her estimation, (and supported by letters from 7-8 neighbors) makes this a very difficult intersection to cross. The first is that the cars have a tendency to use a “rolling stop” at the corner. The second is that the existing crosswalk is not fully visible. Currently, the intersection handles a large volume of kids of all ages walking either to Mitchell or NHS. **The Committee passed a motion:** 1) To paint the existing crosswalk with a hatching or laddering for greater visibility and prominence and; 2) to determine if there is any signage marking the cross walk and if not, install “Yield to Pedestrians” sign on both sides of Manning.

III. SIGNAGE, HORACE STREET

Mr. Amodeo discussed the situation on Horace Street where there has been an increase in both traffic volume and speed. It is unclear whether this is a neighborhood issue or cut-through traffic heading towards Cricket Field. Several neighborhood-based steps were discussed including the distribution of a flyer or brochure to call attention to the issue. In addition the Committee

discussed the use of the “green men” and popular lawn signs that read “Drive Like Your Child Lives Here”. The option of installing formal signage (Slow: Children At Play) was also discussed. This would require a signed petition from the majority of the neighbors including agreement from specific residents where the signs would be placed.

IV. INTERSECTION, CROSSWALK SIGNAGE KINGSBURY AND WARREN

Ms. Cuddy summarized a variety of concerns at the intersection of Kingsbury and Warren and more broadly the stretch of Kingsbury leading up to Admiral Gracey. She noted a combination of vehicle traffic, pedestrian traffic as well as an inordinate number of inexperienced drivers with only an ‘implied’ stop sign at the Warren/Kingsbury “T” intersection. Lt. Kramer did review the accident data from this corner that did not show an inordinate number of incidents. Mr. Merson explained that a cross walk was not a short term solution since it would require a full reconstruction of the intersection to insure ADA compliance. The **Committee passed a motion** to have the Town Engineer review the feasibility of placing a stop sign at the intersection of Kingsbury and Warren.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Bulian from the Board of Selectmen updated the TMAC on proposed changes to the charter of the Committee. Specifically, the proposed change is to expand its purview from primarily vehicular traffic to include pedestrian and bicycle traffic as well. Draft language to this effect will be presented to the Board of Selectmen at their meeting on either the 22nd or 29th of October.

The **Committee passed a motion** to approve an overnight parking permit for Michael Miller of 33 Williams Street.

The **Committee passed a motion** to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Minutes compiled and summarized by Glen Schneider

Minutes submitted with summary of all TMAC follow-up items (separate attachment)