

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of December 14, 2016 Meeting
Public Services Administration Building
Needham, MA

IN ATTENDANCE

TMAC Members: Jeffrey MacMann, Donna Mullin, Ford Peckham, Mark Rosen, Tony Del Gaizo, Lt. John Kraemer, Stephen DeLisi,

Technical Advisor: Bob Wilson

Guests: Ron Gillis, Kari Gillis, Corine Milgram, Pay Hayden, Jeff Hayden, Jay Salvia, Kristen Gosselin, Michael Samarel

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at approximately 7:04 p.m. by the Chair of the Committee, Jeffrey MacMann

I. SCHOOL ZONE DESIGNATION ON BOBSLED/BOOTH STREETS

The presenter for this item, Helena Bialski, could not be present so the item was tabled until the TMAC's next meeting.

II. SPEED, SIGNAGE ON HUNNEWELL BETWEEN CENTRAL AVENUE AND HIGHLAND AVENUE

Jeff Hayden presented his concerns that there are no speed limit signs on this stretch of roadway except at Hillside and that as a consequence vehicles are traveling at a faster rate of speed than permitted, especially between Bobsled and Hillside in both directions. The speed limit for this portion of Hunnewell is 30 mph.

After a full discussion of the issues, a Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to monitor the speed of vehicles between Bobsled and Castano Court.

III. SIGNAGE ON GREEN STREET

Kristen Gosselin presented her concerns that her driveway, due to the natural incline of the topography, is a "blind" driveway at this location on Green Street and it is very treacherous trying to exit from her driveway onto Green Street.

After a full discussion of the issues, a Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to place a “blind” driveway sign on Green Street near the golf equipment shed of the Needham Golf Course.

IV. SIGNAGE ON BROOKSIDE ROAD

Joseph Salvia advised the Committee that due to the fact that he has no frontage on Brookside Road, no one knows where to turn to access his residence.

After a full discussion of the issues, a Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to place a double-sided sign across from Mr. Salvia’s driveway with an arrow indicating the entrance to his property

V. SIGNAGE ON HARRIS AVENUE

Corine Milgram presented her concern that there is insufficient signage along Harris Avenue indicating it is one way in each direction on each side of the middle boulevard. Apparently, she had an encounter with a vehicle traversing Harris towards Great Plain going in the wrong direction.

After a full discussion of the issues, a Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to review Harris Avenue and install one way signs at each opening of the Harris Avenue center boulevard.

VI. SIGNAGE ON HILLSIDE AVENUE

The individual who placed this item on the TMAC’s agenda for this meeting was not present, so the item will be deferred until the next meeting of the TMAC.

VII. INTERSECTION AND CROSSWALK AT MAY AND GARDEN STREETS

Michael Samarel presented his concerns that there are not sufficient curb cuts at this intersection where there are pedestrian cross walks.

After a full discussion of the issues, unfortunately because temporary measures to rectify the situation are not permissible unless they are ADA compliant and because there are several intersections that need such curb cuts, notwithstanding that the Town has a plan to address the lack of curb cuts, because of lack of funding, all of the intersections that need such curb cuts cannot be done this year. The Town is seeking such funding, but sufficient funding to install curb cuts at all the intersections that need them is unlikely and will result in the need to prioritize the intersections. It was suggested that Mr. Samarel monitor the prioritization process as given the amount of foot traffic at this particular intersection, it may be high on the priority list. Also, it was suggested that Mr. Samarel may want to raise the lack of curb cuts at this intersection with the Town’s Commission on Disabilities to ascertain if it has any influence over the which intersections get higher priority than others.

VIII. SIGNAGE ON SOUTH STREET

Ronald Gillis presented his concerns that due to the planting of shrubbery on the property adjacent (79 South Street) to his, his driveway has become a “blind” driveway. He is requesting that either an oak tree that on the adjacent property that is seven (7) feet from the pavement be removed or that a “blind” driveway sign be installed.

After a full discussion of the issues, it was decided that Mr. Del Gaizo will inspect the sight to determine if it is in fact a “blind” driveway and if so, what measures can be taken to alleviate the problem.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

Bob Wilson presented the status report of the various intersections/roadways which have come before the TMAC for discussion and recommendations. Also, it was reported that “tracking” lines need to be installed on Chapel Street.

X. MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 19, 2016 MEETING

The Minutes of the October 19, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:10 p.m.

Minutes compiled and summarized by Mark Rosen