

## **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Minutes of April 12, 2017 Meeting, 7pm  
Public Services Administration Building  
Needham, MA

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

TMAC Members: Donna Mullin, Ford Peckham, Suzanne Stein, Kara Holmquist, Stephen DeLisi, Lt. John Kraemer, Glen Schneider, Tony Del Gaizo

Technical Advisor: Bob Wilson

Guests: Cynthia Osgood, Amit Kapoor, David Eisan-Smith, Amy Gorin, Matthew MacNevin, Erica Karp, Jay Rosellini, Eleanor Rosellini, Shane Marchard, Carey Vose, Lori Saderwitz, John Negoshian

### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **I. SPEED ON HAMPTON AVE & MILLS FIELD ENTRANCE**

P. Grasso was not present.

#### **II. SPEED AND SIGNAGE ON LAUREL DRIVE**

Cindy Osgood and Amit Kapoor presented concerns about speeding on Laurel Drive. They said that many children live on the street and there have been near misses. They presented a map and signatures from residents who live on the street. Many children play in the front yards because the back yards are sloped and not conducive to playing. The road has a hill and a hairpin-type turn that makes visibility difficult. They have tried to talk to the neighbors who speed, but the problem is also college kids picking up other kids, package delivery trucks, etc. They came to ask for, at a minimum, more signage.

After a full discussion of the issues, a motion was made to install “children playing” signs, as well as 20 mph speed tabs, pending a signed petition from the neighborhood including signatures in the affirmative from the property owners in the immediate vicinity of:

1. 98 Laurel Drive
2. 41/45 Laurel Drive
3. 150/154 Laurel Drive

The signs will be installed so that they face cars entering from the part of Laurel Drive with the higher house numbers.

### **III. INTERSECTION OF FALCON STREET/BOND STREET**

Erica Karp presented concerns about the intersection at Falcon Street and Bond Street; there are stop signs at Bond St. but nothing at Falcon St. Residents in the area would like a 4-way stop. Erica said this is a direct route to Mitchell School.

A traffic study done at that intersection in 2009 showed that the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed on Falcon St. (going up Bond St.) was 28/29 mph. The volume was around 350 vehicles/day on Falcon St. On Bond St., the speed at the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile was 26 mph (west of Falcon St.). Daily traffic on Bond is 200/day. There is no history of accidents at this site. Tony explained that according to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, the traffic has to be balanced on each of the four legs for a 4-way stop. As of 2009, there was 1/3 more traffic traveling on Falcon St., so it would not support this 4-way stop. The traffic studies are generally good for 5 years.

At one time, the TMAC looked at this issue and has been awaiting signatures for an “intersection approaching” sign.

After a full discussion of the issues, a Motion was made that a traffic study be conducted at Bond St. and Falcon St. to get current numbers. Bob said that this will take about 3-4 weeks and will be completed before the next meeting in June.

### **IV. CROSSWALK ON CHESTNUT STREET**

This was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

### **V. SPEED, SIGNAGE ON GREENDALE AVENUE BY MANN AVENUE**

Jay and Eleanor Rosellini presented concerns about cars not slowing down when the speed changes (lowered to 25 mph) on Greendale Avenue at Mann St. They requested that the 25 mph sign be moved north on Greendale Ave. There are two school crossings nearby on Greendale Ave. and people do not slow down. They also suggested a reduced speed ahead sign, as well as an LED or brighter sign.

After a full discussion of the issues, a Motion was made that 1) a 24x36 sign be installed to replace the existing smaller one and 2) an advisory sign (“reduced speed ahead”) on Greendale Ave. be installed further north, pending approval of the homeowners in front of whose house the sign will be placed.

### **VI. SPEED, SIGNAGE AT 193 GREENDALE AVENUE**

Shane Marchand, Carey Vose, and Lori Sadewitz presented concerns with speed and a blind driveway at 193 Greendale Ave. Carey’s son is picked up and dropped off by a school van. While the van has flashing lights and a stop sign, people who are driving on Greendale Ave. (mostly down Greendale) drive fast and it is

dangerous. There has been at least one accident. There are no crosswalks in the area, either.

Greendale Ave. is not speed zoned and a sign can't be installed with miles/per hour.

After a full discussion of the issues, a Motion was made to install a school bus stop sign at 193 Greendale Ave. and a "school bus stop ahead" sign on Greendale Ave. at Parker St.

## **VII. SIGNAGE ON HILLSIDE AVENUE**

Amy Gorin and Matthew MacNevin discussed installing "no parking" signs on the odd side of Hillside Ave. They live at 447 and 433 Hillside Ave. and have people who work at the businesses on the even side of the street park in front of their houses.

After a full discussion of the issues, a Motion was made to recommend "no parking" signs on the odd side of Hillside St. on the down gradient from 447 Hillside St. to Dale Street.

This is a regulatory issue and will need to be proposed to the selectmen for the regulation to prohibit parking.

## **VIII. SPEED, SIGNAGE ON CENTRAL AVENUE BY WALKER SCHOOL**

David Eisan-Smith of the Walker School on Central Avenue requested solar radar signs to be installed on Central Ave. The school is concerned about speeding and that a child could run out from the school and be hit. Walker School is willing to use a contractor to install the signs, donated to the Town.

After a full discussion of the issues, a Motion was made to approve these signs in a specific location, once Walker School has spoken to the residents at 1910 Central Ave. to ensure they approve of putting a sign near their property.

The other sign would be installed in an area that does not have a house nearby.

Mr. Eisan-Smith is to return in June.

## **IX. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **PARKING ON WEXFORD STREET**

John Negoshian attended this meeting to present an issue relating to parking at his business on Wexford Street. There have been parking issues in that area for a long time. Recently, the Town has heard from a neighbor of Mr. Negoshian with complaints about "no parking" signs on the street at his property. He installed

them approximately 24 years ago without permission by the Town. The trucks coming in and out of his property will have difficulty getting in and out of their lots if parking is allowed in this area. The trucks at the business across the street may not be able to even get into their parking areas. This issue was discussed and the Committee felt that to allow parking at this site would be problematic and to not remove the signs at this time. The Committee will encourage the neighbor (who did not want to leave her name with the Town) to attend the June meeting.

**X. MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 8, 2017 MEETING**

The Minutes of the February 8, 2017 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

**XI. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

This is Ford's last meeting. He needs to step down in order for his replacement to be appointed. This means we need a new Chair (as well as a Vice-Chair and Secretary).

Kara offered to serve as Secretary, Donna agreed to serve as Vice-Chair, and Stephen accepted the role of Chair.

The motion to accept this slate of officers was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:40p.m.

Minutes compiled by Kara Holmquist