

Minutes
Traffic Management Advisory Committee
Wednesday, December 11, 2019
7:00 P.M.
Public Services Administration Building – Charles River Room
500 Dedham Avenue
Needham, MA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephen DeLisi; Justin McCullen; Donna Mullin; Rhain Hoyland, Town Traffic Engineer; Lt. John McGrath; Rebecca Tarantino; Suzanne Stein; Anthony DelGaizo, Town Engineer; Robert Wilson, Traffic Liaison Engineer; Daphne M. Collins, Recording staff.

PUBLIC PRESENT: See TMAC Sign-In Form of December 11, 2019 attached

Stephen DeLisi, Chairman, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

1. MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 13, 2019

Vote: Justin McCullen moved to accept the Minutes for September 18, 2019. Rebecca Tarantino seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously **approved**.

2. OTHER BUSINESS/STATUS

Robert Wilson reported the following:

- Warren Street at Great Plain Avenue Intersection – No parking sign for approval at the Select Board on December 17, 2019.
- Forest Street near Brookside Road – Traffic and speed study conducted. Curve sign and speed sign to be installed. Officer John McGrath reported that enforcement had taken place and speeds had been recorded at 51-57mph. Outreach to Babson College regarding speed limit had been made. Informational warnings were included on the Babson Twitter and Facebook sites

3. FALCON STREET AND BOND STREET – Speed

PETITIONER: Donald A. Salvucci, 103 Falcon Street

Mr. Salvucci was concerned about the high speed on Falcon Street, the lack of painted lines on Falcon Street to guide traffic and the lack of granite curbing on the of Bond Street on Hillcrest Street to prevent cars from crossing over the sidewalk. Mr. Salvucci also requested a 4 way stop be placed at the intersection.

Mr. Wilson reported that a traffic study was conducted two years ago which identified that there were 450 daily vehicles on Falcon Street and 250 daily vehicles on Bond Street. The numbers do not support a stop sign at the location.

Anthony DelGaizo noted that single white lines are no longer allowed but double yellow are allowed. Hoyland added that solid lines cannot continue through the intersection. However, short dash yellow tracking line could be installed to assist lane tracking.

Rhain Hoyland reported that the Town installs granite curbing when doing street and/or sidewalk reconstructions. Falcon nor Bond Streets are listed to be reconstructed

Vote: Mr. McCullen moved to install a line and dash line on Falcon Street at the discretion of the Highway and Engineering Department. Ms. Tarantino seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Salvucci reported that there were no name signs or speed signs on the street. Lt. McGrath noted that the speed limit in the area is 30mph and that generally traffic in residential areas go slower than 30mph. He offered to assign spot enforcement in the area. Mr. Salvucci inquired about a *Slow* sign. Lt. McGrath felt that spot enforcement tended to slow drivers. Mr. Wilson reported that Traffic Study indicated traffic at 33mph.

4. APPLETON ROAD BETWEEN HILLCREST ROAD AND SHADY LANE

PETITIONER: Peter Benham, 103 Hillcrest Road

Mr. Benham was concerned about the volume of traffic along Appleton Road a gravel road. Though a private road Uber, Lift and delivery trucks are using it as a cut through to Broadmeadow because Appleton Road does not appear as a gravel road on Google Maps and directional mapping. The traffic is now changing the contour of the road; and pedestrian safety is a concern. He has seen trucks driving on the private property lawn to avoid the muddy road.

Mr. Wilson noted there is a sign on Appleton Road near Thornton Road that identifies the street as a *Residents Only – No Through Traffic*.

Mr. DelGaizo informed that Appleton Road is a Private Way and is the responsibility of the people who live on road. As owners in common, they can put up any signs on the road. He cautioned that installed signs cannot be official looking. Informational *No Trespassing Private Way, Go Slow Private Way* would be an appropriate sign. The Town does supply street name signs for emergency vehicles and a topper for *Private Way* tab. Mr. DelGaizo said that the residents of Appleton Road need to collectively agree to put up signs. They cannot block access to the road.

It was suggested they contact way finding companies and inform them that the road is private and to exclude it on its searches.

5. HIGHLAND AVENUE PARKING SPACES AT TRADER JOE'S PARKING

PETITIONER: Lisa Rhoades, 20 Pythias Circle

Petitioner did not show. Item was tabled.

6. DEDHAM AVENUE AND GEORGE ARGOTT ROAD – Crosswalk

PETITIONER: Josep Jornet Montana, 423 Dedham Avenue

Mr. Montana requested that there be a crosswalk on Dedham Avenue on George Aggott Road as crossing Dedham Avenue is very dangerous and there is no easy pedestrian way to get to DeFazio Park.

Mr. DeLisi said that there is no support for a crosswalk on Dedham Avenue as it would be very unsafe. Mr. DelGaizo concurred. However, he reported that the new Needham Pedestrian Safety Report has a cross walk policy. He recommended that the TMAC review the policy before considering any crosswalks along Dedham Avenue.

Mr. DelGaizo suggested that the TMAC look at South Street and Dedham Avenue as an intersection for a possible crosswalk.

There was discussion about improving the crosswalk at Dedham Avenue and Harris Avenue which is a school crossing and is the highest priority on the Town's pedestrian crossing needs.

There was general agreement about the need to facilitate pedestrian access to DeFazio Park.

Vote: Mr. DelGaizo moved to analyze intersection under the new crosswalk policy. Mr. McCullen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Tarrantino inquired about the status of Oak Street and Chestnut Street. Mr. Hoyland will follow-up.

Mr. McCullen noted that there is no *Stop* sign at High Rock Street and Central Avenue. There is a *Stop* sign across the street on Central Avenue. He requested that a *Stop* sign be located at the traditional operational position on High Rock Street.

Mr. Hoyland reported that Premier Fence will repair the guardrail on Wyoming Avenue.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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