

Minutes
Traffic Management Advisory Committee
Wednesday, January 13, 2021
7:00 P.M.
Zoom Meeting ID # 823-4252-8108
Adopted on April 14, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Justin McCullen, Chair; Seth Bauer, Vice-Chair; Donna Mullin, Rhain Hoyland, Superintendent of Highways; Anthony DelGaizo, Town Engineer; Lt. John McGrath, Rebecca Tarantino.

STAFF PRESENT: Daphne M. Collins, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT: Amy Schaffer

Mr. McCullen, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and Roll Call was taken.

1. MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 9, 2020

Vote: Ms. Tarantino moved to accept the Minutes of December 9, 2020. Mr. Bauer seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously **approved**.

2. STATUS REPORT UPDATE

Mr. McCullen reported the following project updates:

- Rivard Road – Work order has been submitted to DPW for the *Children Playing* sign.
- Oak Street at Chestnut Street – Signal timing change request sent to vendor.
- Jarvis Street – Speed study was conducted on January 5, 2021. Results pending.

3. DEDHAM AVENUE AND SOUTH STREET – Signage

PETITIONER: Amy Schaffer, 119 Livingston Circle

Ms. Schaffer reported that she has witness many accidents at the corner of Dedham Avenue and South Street. She noted that when turning left on South Street from Dedham Avenue there is a blind spot of the oncoming traffic. She'd like to see a dedicated turning lane and/or a green arrow similar to the intersection at Chestnut and High Rock Streets.

Mr. DelGaizo responded that the Town Manager has requested a study at the intersection which includes traffic counts, turning movement and surveying the intersection. He noted that adding a left green arrow requires a dedicated lane and there is not enough width. The intersection is scheduled for a reconstruction in the Town's Five-Year Capitol Improvement Plan. He believes it's scheduled for year four or five. The problems at the intersection will be addressed. There is no short-term solution as the intersection's geometry doesn't allow for a simple fix. The intersection must be reconstructed.

Lt. McGrath inquired if a temporary sign could be installed warning about the intersection. Mr. DelGaizo thought a *Signal Ahead* sign could be installed. Mr. Bauer suggested a *Yield to Oncoming Traffic* sign.

Ms. Schaffer wanted to know when the reconstruction was scheduled. Mr. DelGaizo will follow-up with the information. Mr. Hoyland added that funding is an issue in the priority determination of capital projects.

Vote: Mr. Bauer moved to add a hanging sign *Left Turn Must Yield*. Ms. Tarantino seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously **approved**.

Ms. Schaffer inquired if accident counts were used in funding/budgetary decisions. Lt. McGrath reported that there were only three accidents at the intersection in the last three years. Mr. DelGaizo responded that crash data is part of funding consideration of projects.

4. WARREN STREET BETWEEN KINGSBURY AND MAY STREETS – Speed, Crosswalk, Sign
PETITIONER: Stephen Connelly, 67 May Street

Item to be rescheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at p.m.7:31 p.m.