

Minutes
Traffic Management Advisory Committee
Wednesday, July 14, 2021
7:00 P.M.
Zoom Meeting ID # 823-4252-8108
Adopted September 8, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Justin McCullen, Chair; Seth Bauer, Vice-Chair; Anthony DelGaizo, Town Engineer, Rebecca Tarantino, Suzanne Stein.

STAFF PRESENT: Robert Wilson, Engineer; Daphne M. Collins, Recording Secretary, Rana Mana-Doerfer, Administrative Specialist.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Belle Von Der Goltz

1. ROLL CALL

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

2. CHARLES RIVER STREET BETWEEN DOVER ROAD, SOUTH NATICK AND CENTRAL AVENUES – Speed

PETITIONER: Megan Coons Belle Von Der Goltz, 590 Charles River Street

Ms. Von Der Goltz reported that it takes her 20 minutes to get out of her driveway because of traffic and speed on Charles River Street. She used an app on her phone to track vehicular speeds. She clocked speeds of over 70 mph. She noted that the speed limit on Charles River Street is 30 mph and is a scenic road. She reported that the speeds are observed at rush hour. She'd like to see a speed bump installed and for the police to set up speed traps.

Ms. Tarantino acknowledged that traffic is a problem on Charles River Street and town wide. She suggested that the Police be contacted to engaged in enforcement and that they use the speed trailer.

Mr. DelGaizo suggested that a traffic study be done to obtain data to determine the situation.

Vote: Mr. Bauer moved that a speed and volume study be conducted on Charles River Street between Winding River Road and Belle Lane or at a location at the discretion of the Engineering Department. Ms. Tarantino seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously **approved**.

Mr. Wilson estimated that the traffic study will be completed by next meeting and action will be determined after the results.

3. MINUTES FOR JUNE 9, 2021

Vote: Mr. Bauer moved to accept the Minutes of June 9, 2021. Ms. Tarantino seconded the motion.
4-0-1(Mr. McCullen abstained)

4. STATUS REPORT UPDATE

Mr. Wilson reported the following project updates:

Stephens Road Traffic Study: South bound at 24mph; North bound at 23mph

Mr. DelGaizo noted that there is no speed issue on Stephens Road as the data indicates speeds of under 25 mph. The data is solid as it was collected in October 2019 prior to Covid19.

Vote: Mr. DelGaizo moved to install a *Slow Children Playing* sign with a 25mph tab on Stephens Road. Mr. Bauer seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously **approved**.

West Street Study (at the bottom of the hill): East bound 43 mph; West bound 49 mph

Mr. DelGaizo would like to see more police enforcement and to convey the information to Lt. McGrath to set up a police speed trap at the bottom of the hill.

Central Avenue at Webster Street and Rosegate Road: a *Curve Ahead with Side Street* sign with warning LED flashers on Central Street was installed in May.

Charles River Street Traffic Study: East bound 1776 vehicles, at 30 mph; West bound 1465 vehicles, at 30 mph. 4.1% of the vehicles were trucks.

5. TMAC MEETING IN-PERSON OR ZOOM – DISCUSSION

The Legislature voted to allow remote public meetings until April 2022. The Committee agreed to continue to hold the TMAC meetings on Zoom as long as possible.

Ms. Mana-Doerfer reported that she will no longer be working for the Town and that Tyler Gabrielski will be staffing the TMAC in the interim.

6. ADOPTION OF THE NEEDHAM UNITED AGAINST RACISM INITIATIVE (NUARI) GUIDELINES

The Select Board has requested that Needham Boards and Commissions adopt the Guiding Principles and Intentional Practices developed by NUARI Working Group.

Vote: Mr. McCullen moved that the Committee support the established NUARI Guiding Principles and set of Intentional Practices. Ms. Tarantino seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously **approved**.

7. TMAC SUBCOMMITTEE

The TMAC discussed the creation of a subcommittee to investigate and recommend how to improve the application process and avoid duplication of reviews. Mr. Bauer offered to serve as the chair of the subcommittee. Ms. Tarantino and Mr. McCullen volunteered to serve on the subcommittee. The subcommittee is open to all members and will be consistent with Open Meeting Law.

Vote: Mr. Bauer moved to establish the TMAC Subcommittee whose charge is to review the TMAC's intake and review process. Ms. Tarantino seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously **approved**.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:45p.m.