

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting June 10, 2009
Broadmeadow School Media Center, Needham, MA 02492
MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE

Meredith Page, Tony Del Gaizo, Bob Wilson, Lt. John Kraemer, Thomas Stokes, Rebecca Turner

Guests: Ms. Michelle Saipe, Mr. Ben Daniels, Mr. Glenn Stern

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 7:10 pm.

I. "NO ACCESS TO HIGHLAND AVE." AND "NO OUTLET" SIGNS ON DAVID RD.

Mr. Daniels and Ms. Saipe explained that drivers unfamiliar with the area are directed by MapQuest and GPS to use Sachem or David Road as the most direct way to get onto Highland Avenue and Route 128 when in fact there is no access from David and Sachem Roads onto Highland Avenue. Mr. Daniels and Ms. Saipe reported that the multiple vehicles that come down David and Sachem Roads by mistake make u-turns in the road, block traffic, and drive over lawns. Mr. Daniels and Ms. Saipe requested that signs be placed at the Hunting Avenue entrances to Sachem and David Roads indicating that there is no access to Highland Avenue.

Action: It was moved and seconded that a sign be placed at the entrance to David Road at Hunting Road indicating that there is no access to Highland Avenue via David Road. The motion was called a vote and was passed unanimously.

Sachem Road is a private way so all residents would need to agree to the placement of a sign and the residents would need to pay for the sign. Mr. Daniels and Ms. Saipe indicated that they would talk to the Sachem Road residents about this.

II. TRAFFIC ON SOUTHBOUND SIDE OF WEBSTER ST.

Mr. Stern explained that traffic is backing up on the southbound side of Webster Street at the High St.-West St. traffic light and making it difficult for residents to pull in and out of their driveways. Mr. Del Gaizo reported that at the time the traffic light was installed, a traffic study indicated that a delayed green for southbound traffic and a left turn arrow for northbound traffic was warranted. Traffic counters will be put out to see if the traffic patterns have changed.

III. SPEED, SIGNAGE, CROSSWALK AT WEST AND GLEN GARY

The Committee discussed a letter from Lee Weber expressing concerns about vehicle speed and the safety of pedestrians at West Street and Glen Gary Road. Lt. Kraemer reported that in the past 4 years, 366 tickets have been issued in that area and that the mobile speed detection unit would continue to be used in that area.

IV. NO RIGHT TURN AT SYLVAN AND LINDEN

Lt. Kraemer explained that to ease traffic at drop-off and pick-up times at the High Rock School, the police department would like to see a No Right Turn out of the High Rock School driveway onto Sylvan Road.

Action: It was moved and seconded that the TMAC recommend No Right Turn out of the High Rock School driveway onto Sylvan Road during school drop-off and pick-up times M-F

7-8 AM and 1:30 – 2:30 PM, contingent upon Town Council's concurrence. The motion was called a vote and was passed unanimously.

V. OVERNIGHT PARKING APPLICATION

One overnight parking pass application from Gary Sullivan of 76 Edwardel Road was presented to the Committee.

Action: It was moved and seconded that the TMAC recommend the issue of the overnight parking permit. The motion was called a vote and was passed unanimously.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Concerns were raised about vehicles parking and blocking traffic on Maple Street and on Oak Street between Chestnut Street and Linden Street. Mr. Del Gaizo will check to see what regulations are in place for these areas and verify that the appropriate signs are in place.

The minutes from the April 15, 2009 TMAC meeting were amended.

Action: It was moved and seconded that the amended minutes from the April 2009 meeting be accepted. The motion was called a vote and was passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

These minutes are intended to convey the general content of the discussions at the TMAC meeting.

Minutes compiled by: Rebecca Turner