

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting June 9, 2010

Newman School Conference Room, Needham, MA 02492

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE

David Callaghan, Lt. John Kraemer, Tony Del Gaizo, Bob Wilson, Glenn Schneider, Sarah Smith, Thomas Stokes, Rebecca Turner

Guests:

Collin Walker, Brad Carlson, David Goldberg, Norman Silver, Ron Cohen, Louanne Cohen, Nick Bezreh, Andrea Matthews, Kevin Hubbard, Jack Lally, Erika Hession, Erica Supple, Sandi Norman, Rick Fernandez, Richard D. Dodds, Jr.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 7:02 pm.

I. SIGNAGE ON GLOVER ROAD

Mr. and Mrs. Cohen related concerns about vehicles parked on Glover Road which block sightlines and access when exiting their driveway and requested that part of the cul-de-sac be made a “No Parking” zone. Mr. Del Gaizo noted that “No Parking” zones are generally a minimum of 100 feet in length and that a majority of people in the neighborhood would have to agree to have the area designated “No Parking”. Lt. Kraemer stated that residents should always call the police if there are vehicles parked in violation, such as parked in the wrong direction or too close to a corner. Mr. and Mrs. Cohen also noted that there is a basketball hoop on Glover Road which occupies the public way. Lt. Kraemer and Mr. Del Gaizo suggested that Mr. and Mrs. Cohen send a letter to the Town Manager/Board of Selectmen to make them aware of the basketball hoop.

II. SIGNAGE AND SPEED ON UNION ROAD AND CRESCENT ROAD

Mr. Goldberg expressed concerns about the lack of a stop sign on Union Road at Crescent Road and about vehicle speed in and out of the commercial sector of Crescent Road.

Action: It was moved and seconded that the Engineering Department perform a traffic study at the Union Road/Crescent Road intersection. The motion was called a vote and passed unanimously.

III. SIGNAGE AND SPEED ON WHITE PINE ROAD/GATEWOOD ROAD

Mr. Carlson expressed concerns about vehicle speed on White Pine and Gatewood Roads and requested that two “Children Playing” signs be placed in the area.

Action: It was moved and seconded that the TMAC recommend that Mr. Carlson get a petition signed by the owners of the two properties where the “Children Playing” signs would go. This was called to a vote and passed unanimously.

IV. SIGNAGE ON OTIS STREET FROM WEBSTER TO MANNING

Ms. Abbott expressed concerns about parked vehicles blocking access on Otis Street from Webster to Manning and requested a “No Parking Here to Corner” on the even side of Otis 20 feet in from Webster Street and “No Parking” signs on the odd side of Otis between Webster and Manning.

Action: It was moved and seconded that the TMAC recommend that Ms. Abbott get a petition indicating agreement with the proposed parking changes signed by the neighbors, including those upon whose property the signs would be placed. This was called to a vote and passed

unanimously.

V. INTERSECTION/SPEED ON HIGHGATE STREET

Ms. Hession expressed concerns about vehicle speed and cut-through traffic on Highgate Street and about the absence of stop signs at the Highgate/Woodledge/Helen intersection. Neighborhood residents also expressed concern about children crossing the street to get to their bus stop. Mr. Wilson stated that a traffic study had been performed on part of the Highgate/Woodledge/Helen intersection. Mr. Del Gaizo gave Ms. Hession information on traffic calming guidelines. Residents were encouraged to call the School Department Transportation Department with any questions about school bus stops.

Action: It was moved and seconded that Engineering Department complete the traffic study of the intersection of Highgate/Woodledge/Helen before the end of the school year. This was called to a vote and passed with one abstention and the rest in favor.

VI. SIGNAGE ON PICKERING STREET

Mr. Walker expressed concern about vehicles parked on Pickering Street that impede sightlines when exiting the Senior Center and make it difficult to turn into and back out of his driveway.

Action: It was moved and seconded that the TMAC recommend that painted triangles be placed on the pavement on both sides of the curb cut of the Senior Center driveway. This was called to a vote and passed unanimously.

VII. FOLLOW UP REPORTS

From the 3/10/2010 meeting: the traffic studies at the Frances Street/Barrett Street intersection and the Oak Street/Maple Street intersection have been completed.

From the 6/9/2010 meeting: the traffic study at the Highgate Street/Helen Road/Woodledge Road intersection has been completed. The traffic study at the Crescent Road/Union Street intersection should be completed by the end of this week. Also, the "Children Playing" signs have been installed on White Pine Road and Gatewood Road.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

The minutes from the April 14, 2010 TMAC meeting were accepted.

Action: It was moved and seconded that the minutes from the April 2010 meeting be accepted. The motion was called a vote and was passed unanimously.

The meeting schedule for the coming year was discussed.

Action: It was moved and seconded that the July 14, 2010 and the May 11, 2011 TMAC meetings be canceled. The motion was called to a vote and was passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2010.

These minutes are intended to convey the general content of the discussions at the TMAC meeting.
Minutes compiled by: Rebecca Turner