

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting July 11, 2012
PSAB Charles River Room
MINUTES – Draft

IN ATTENDANCE

TMAC Members: Anthony DelGaizo, Donna Mullin, Robert Meltzer, Matt Forbes (NPD), Thomas Stokes, Richard Merson, Robert Wilson, Mark Rosen

Guests: Elizabeth Sutcliffe, Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Buchbinder

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 7:00 PM by Committee Chairman Thomas Stokes.

I. SIGNAGE/PARKING ON HIGH ROCK STREET NEAR CENTRAL AVENUE

Ms. Sutcliffe asked the Committee for a status update related to “No Parking” signs proposed to be placed on High Rock Street near the intersection of Central Avenue. This is in response to Cusick Field sporting event related vehicles parking on both sides of High Rock Street obstructing traffic flow and limiting visibility. As a result of earlier discussion, the Committee was sent a copy of the sporting events schedule for Cusick Field and a copy of the signed petition by the neighbors for a “No Parking April – October” regulation for both sides of High Rock Street from Tolman Street to Central Avenue. **The Committee recommended that a “No Parking April – October” Regulation be prepared for both sides of High Rock Street between Tolman Street and Central Avenue.** Also, Ms. Sutcliffe was informed of the timetable for the sign installation.

II. TRAFFIC SAFETY AT THE AUDREY AVENUE/ALETHA ROAD INTERSECTION

Mr. Buchbinder made a presentation to the Committee regarding the issue of traffic safety at the intersection of Audrey Avenue and Aletha Road. He would like to have traffic safety measures installed at the intersection, yield signs or, preferably, stop signs. Mr. Stokes indicated that to install stop signs at the intersection, a traffic study must be performed in order to determine the traffic volumes for each approach. **The Committee recommended that the Needham DPW Engineering Division perform a traffic study at the intersection of Audrey Avenue and Aletha Road and based on the results of this study, they recommend that a stop sign regulation be prepared for the approaches of the intersection having the least amount of traffic volume.**

III. SPEED AND SIGNAGE ON MARKED TREE ROAD

There was some general discussion regarding the geometry of the Marked Tree Road and Central Avenue intersection, including the use of barrels to narrow the opening of Marked Tree Road to slow down the vehicles coming from Central Avenue northbound onto Marked Tree Road. Also, it was suggested that the response letter sent to the Simonini's include notification that a neighborhood petition is required in order to be able to install a "Children Playing" sign. The Committee recommended that any further discussion of the issue of pedestrian safety on Marked Tree Road near Central Avenue be continued until such time as the Simonini's are present.

IV. PARKING ON LINDEN STREET NEAR GREAT PLAIN AVENUE AND NEAR THE HIGH ROCK SCHOOL

There was some general discussion by the Committee regarding the parking issue on Linden Street near Great Plain Avenue, including **the recommendation to have the Needham DPW Highway Division replace any missing or illegible "No Parking..." signs on the west side of Linden Street between Great Plain Avenue and Walnut Street.** The Committee recommended that any further discussion of the parking issue on Linden Street near Great Plain Avenue and near the High Rock School be continued until such time as Ms. Hickey and Ms. Blum are present.

V. OLD/OTHER BUSINESS

The receipt of the petition for the extension of curbing on Taylor Street from Jennifer Brownridge was acknowledged by the Committee and the Committee by Mr. Wilson that the request to install the curbing has been sent to the Needham DPW Highway Division.

Donna Mullin initiated discussion of the visibility of "No Heavy Trucking" signs on Greendale Avenue and the visibility difficulty of exiting the Trader Joe's parking lot onto West Street.

The minutes from the June 2012 meeting were approved with the amendment that added Mark Rosen as member of the Committee

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM

Minutes compiled and summarized by Robert Wilson

