

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of January 9, 2013 Meeting
Public Services Administration Building
Needham, MA
DRAFT

IN ATTENDANCE

TMAC Members: Thomas Stokes, Lt. John Kraemer, Jeffrey MacMann, Tony DelGaizo
Glen Schneider, Donna Mullin, Mark Rosen

Guests: Jill Kalia-Boesel, David Kazierad, Michael Kazierad, Susan Pozaic, Lynn McClelland,
Keith McClelland, Mikhil Sole, Sande LaFaver, Ally Tuttelman, Bethan Brome, Jen Tuttelman,
Silvia Luscher, Mat Tuttelman, Josh Tuttleman, Brian Jacobson, Linda Porreca, Richard Porreca

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 7:05 PM by Mr. Stokes

I. COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

The Committee passed a motion to install Jeff McMann as the new Chairman and Mark Rosen as the new Vice Chairman of the TMAC

II. CORNER OF BROOKLINE AND FALCON

A sizeable contingency of neighborhood residents jointly presented their concerns about the combination of traffic, speed and poor visibility as the hill crests on Brookline Avenue at the intersection of Falcon Street. It is the opinion of the group that the situation has gotten worse as more drivers use Brookline as a direct route to Greendale and as vehicle traffic has expanded at the NHS. The concerns about speed and visibility on this section of Brookline are seen as equally problematic in both directions and at almost all times of day. The number of children who live in the neighborhood and walk to the Mitchell schools makes this situation a particularly pressing concern. The group presented a lengthy petition showing support from neighbors. The group wants to explore the feasibility of a four way stop and a cross walk at Brookline and Falcon as well as any other possible options available to address the problem. The TMAC informed the group that the imbalance in traffic volume will likely not meet the warrants for a four way stop and the intersection is too unsafe for a crosswalk. **The Committee passed a motion** to conduct a speed study, a site visibility study, and a stopping site distance study at this intersection. In addition, the TMAC agreed to the installation of an intersection warning sign and a 30 MPH speed tab. The latter two studies will be conducted immediately while need to find a “typical” week (no holidays, no major weather problems) will dictate the scheduling of the speed study.

III. OTHER BUSINESS.

The Committee passed motions to:

- Revise Section VI of the December, 2012 minutes to replace the word “sidewalk” with the word “crosswalk”
- Approve the revised minutes from the December, 2012.
- Deny a request for overnight parking 180C Linden due to concerns that the vehicle (if not moved early in the morning) could be an obstacle to school busses arriving at Highrock School.
- Table discussion on a request for overnight parking at 102 Edwardel pending additional information on their need to “accommodate overnight guests”.

In response to a request raised by Mr. McMann at the December meeting, Mr. Wilson brought Average Daily Traffic (ADT) maps and data printouts.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Minutes compiled and summarized by Glen Schneider