

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of September 9, 2015 Meeting
Public Services Administration Building
Needham, MA

IN ATTENDANCE

TMAC Members: Jeffrey MacMann, Anthony Del Gaizo, John Kraemer, Richard Merson, Ford Peckham, Mark Rosen and Glen Schneider

Technical Advisor: Robert Wilson

Guests: Mary Bilder, David Mackey, Lucy Mackey, Eleanor Mackey, Regina Ballinger, Mary Ann Savrin, John Wiesman, Alison Hoch, Joanne Aliber, Teague Dyer, Tad Staley, Stephen Buratowski, C. Carl Cardinali

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at approximately 7:01 p.m. by Jeffrey MacMann

AGENDA ITEMS THAT WERE DISCUSSED

I. Intersection at Oak Street and Maple Street

Alison Hoch presented her and other residents' concerns that there have been numerous accidents at this intersection; the signage is confusing; the signage is faded and possibly obstructed by overgrown vegetation.

After a full discussion of the issues and potential solutions, it was decided that and a motion was made, seconded and passed that a traffic study would be performed to determine if the intersection qualified for a four (4) way stop sign, vegetation would be cleared if required, a two (2) way stop sub sign would be added and corner clearance would be checked.

II. Speed on Greendale Avenue

Mary Bilder presented her concerns that vehicles are traveling too fast on Greendale Avenue and that the street should be returned to a community street as opposed to a thoroughfare by reducing the speed below 40 mph. It is a thickly settled area where the prima facie speed limit should be 30 mph. Previous speed study indicated the current speed limit in various zones of Greendale Avenue are at the 85percentile. In fact based upon a speed study that was done in connection with the development of the Greendale Mews project, the speed limit could be as high as 50mph.

After discussing potential solutions to the issue, including installation of granite curbing, it was decided that alternative traffic devices would be re-visited such as narrowing the road by painting bike lanes, after the Kendrick Street interchange is completed.

III. Speed, Signage on Webster Street between West Street and Great Plain Avenue

Stephen Buratowski presented his concerns about the speed of vehicles on Webster Street and whether shoulder lines will be painted on the street. Webster Street was reconstructed in three phases and has differing widths over the course of the street. There were neighborhood meetings conducted and there was neighborhood “push back” on painting edge lines on the second phase of the project. Richard Merson will report back to the Town manager on the status of the installation of edge lines over the length of Webster Street.

IV. Signage on Central Avenue

Teague Dyer requested a “Children at Play” sign between Marked Tree Road and Gay Street. He also noted there is a street light missing at the intersection of Bellvue and Central Street.

Mr. Dyer was advised that it would necessary to circulate a petition among the neighborhood with greater than a majority consenting to placement of a “Children at Play” sign, including consent to the property owner in front of whose home the sign will be located.

V. Intersection at Maple Street and Great Plain Avenue

Joann Aliber requested a “Do Not Block Intersection” sign or crossing lights at this intersection.

It was explained that any permanent signage might be premature pending issuance of the Phase I Downtown Improvement Project Report, which will undoubtedly impact this intersection. Also there is a Quiet Zone Study being conducted due to the RR crossing near this intersection. However a motion was made, seconded and passed to put a “Do Not Block Intersection” sign would be placed on Great Plain Avenue.

OTHER BUSINESS

I. Marshall Street and Great Plain Avenue

Regina Ballinger requested that no parking all day Monday through Friday signs be installed.

After an exhaustive discussion of all the issues associated with installation of such signs, Ms. Ballinger was advised that it would be necessary to circulate a petition among the neighbors to install such signs. Ms. Ballinger declined to circulate such a petition due to the location of such signs would not be aesthetically pleasing.

II. Brookline Street

Carl Cardinali presented a petition whereby all of the affected neighbors on Brookline Street agreed to the posting of “No Parking from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.” signs on the odd number side of the street.

III. Intersection at Damon Road and Tanglewood

John Wiesman advised of a restricted sight line at this intersection

IV. Bike Update

Tad Staley gave a presentation on the Bike Lane Project

OVERNIGHT PARKING

Lieutenant Kraemer presented All Night Parking Permit Applications for Heather Goss and Harriet Hurworth, both of which were approved.

MINUTES- AUGUST 12, 2015 MEETING

A Motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed approving the Minutes of the August 12, 2015 meeting of the TMAC.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Minutes compiled and summarized by Mark Rosen