

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of October 11, 2017 Meeting, 7pm

Public Services Administration Building

Needham, MA

IN ATTENDANCE

TMAC Members: Donna Mullin, Kara Holmquist, Stephen DeLisi, Lt. John Kraemer, Tony Del Gaizo, Richard Merson, Seth Bauer, Justin McCullen.

Technical Advisor: Bob Wilson

Guests: Lawrence Lipson, Bob Segal, Karen Friend, Stephanie McRoskey

CALL TO ORDER

Stephen gave a brief introduction to the guests about how the TMAC works.

I. SIGNAGE ON CYNTHIA ROAD & GLOVER ROAD

No one appeared at the meeting to address this issue.

II. SPEED ON HILLSIDE AVENUE FROM WEST ST TO ROSEMARY ST/CAUTION TAPE BETWEEN NO PARKING SIGNS ON HILLSIDE AVENUE

Lawrence Lipson lives at the condominium complex at 497-503 Hillside Ave. He noted the number of parking signs and caution tape that had been present to prevent parking (and parking on grass). The caution tape has been removed recently. He believes that cars now speed on this street because there are no parked cars to slow down traffic. There is no speed limit sign. However, it is a residential area and the limit is 30 miles/hr. Speed tabs could be installed to help educate the area. Signs should go up near top so people see before going down and for cars coming up Hillside Ave, we can find a spot in that area (no homes right there, where it is intended for cars to park).

After a full discussion of the issues, a Motion was made and unanimously passed for the applicant to obtain a signed petition from neighbors for a children playing or residential area or similar type sign with 30 mph speed tab on Hillside Avenue at the top near West St and at the bottom near Rosemary street, warning drivers of the 30 mph speed limit.

III. SIGNAGE ON WOODBINE CIRCLE

Stephanie McRosky appeared at the meeting to request a “deaf child” or similar sign. She has a child who is severely hearing impaired and lives on a street where speeding is common. A few options were discussed. She can request a sign in front of her house, but then by the time people see it, it could be too late. Also, her daughter walks from the bus stop, so a sign where cars enter the neighborhood might be better (and would need a petition signed by neighbors).

She is going to talk to her husband and neighbors about the options. She should get more than 50% of the neighbors, including the person in front of whose house the sign would go in front of, if she wants to go that route. She does not need to come back to the TMAC to get the “deaf child” sign in front of her house if that is what she chooses.

IV. SIGNAGE ON ELIOT ROAD

No one appeared at the meeting to discuss this matter.

V. INTERSECTION OF HUNNEWELL STREET AND WELLESLEY AVENUE

Bob Segal and Karen Friend appeared to express concern about this dangerous intersection on the border of Wellesley and Needham. It is complicated because Wellesley has in the past decided it does not want to invest in fixing it. The concerns are that because of the challenging design of the intersection, it is hard to see cars while at the stop sign and it can lead to collisions, possibly head on. Various options were discussed, including solar powered lights, to make the existing yield sign more visible. Ultimately, no action was recommended. While this is a well-known problematic intersection, unless Wellesley commits to work with Needham to fix it, there isn't anything feasible that we can do.

VI. INTERSECTION, CROSSWALK AT LINDBERGE AVENUE AND MANNING ST.

No one appeared at the meeting to discuss this matter.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS/STATUS REPORT

None.

VII. APPROVE MINUTES FROM September 13, 2017

The Minutes of the September 13, 2017 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15p.m.

Minutes compiled by Kara Holmquist