

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of April 11, 2018 Meeting, 7pm
Public Services Administration Building
Needham, MA

IN ATTENDANCE

TMAC Members: Donna Mullin, Kara Holmquist, Stephen DeLisi, Lt. John Kraemer, Tony Del Gaizo, Justin McCullen, Suzanne Stein, Rhain Hoyland

Technical Advisor: Bob Wilson

Guests: Nancy Engelhardt, Elizabeth Ward, Sarah Grossman, George Hasiotis

CALL TO ORDER

Stephen gave an introduction to the guests about how the TMAC works. Town employees introduced themselves.

I. SPEED ON DEDHAM AVENUE BETWEEN WEBSTER STREET & SOUTH STREET

Removed from agenda prior to meeting.

II. SIGNAGE AND STREET LIGHT ON OAK KNOLL TERRACE

No one present.

III. SIGNAGE ON HOLLAND TERRACE

Removed from agenda prior to meeting.

IV. SPEED, SIGNAGE ON ROSEMARY STREET NEAR HIGHLAND AVENUE

Nancy Engelhardt presented a concern about Rosemary Street relating to picking up children at Expressions aftercare. People drive fast down Rosemary Street (a one-way at that point) to try to make the light and that makes it dangerous to cross Rosemary Street. Nancy said that there is also more traffic from the high school during construction.

Nancy was asked about crossing at the Rosemary Street/Highland Street light. She said people can do this, but no one does. She suggested that she could work with the administration at Expressions and that maybe they could put a notice in their newsletter.

The speed limit is 30 mph.

Tony made a motion and it was unanimously approved to install traffic tubes uphill of Expressions to measure the speed going down the street for one week. Once this is done, other options can include a speed tab sign and this might be a spot where we want to make it a statutory speed limit 25 mph.

V. INTERSECTION/CROSSWALK AT CHESTNUT STREET BETWEEN SOUTH ST AND DOVER LINE

Sarah Grossman appeared. She lives on the street with a long stretch with no sidewalk. There is a wide bike lane that could potentially be made smaller. There is a lot of frontage between houses and the street. There are more young families moving in. George Hasiotis also appeared before TMAC to support a sidewalk.

Tony said this section was reconstructed as part of turnback program – was owned by MassDOT – they wanted the town to take over street. The town came up with a plan and had proposed a sidewalk, but the state didn't

want to pay for it. This was 10-15 years ago. Some people didn't want the sidewalk and wanted to continue the country feel into Dover. Town abutters were making that argument to the state.

It would cost \$150/foot to put granite in to match (usually use granite to get a clear separation). Rhain said that there are 80 miles of sidewalk that need repair town-wide and it would take 40 years to get to the end of that list. The town is also responsible and liable for the existing network of sidewalks. Consultants are working on priorities and will have some results/data this summer. We can suggest that sidewalk be included in this process.

Tony suggested that we attempt to make the shoulder walkable. The town may need permission to get to the trees that prohibit it from being walkable now. The town may be able to harden it/make it flat too. DPW staff would do it.

Rhain is going to go walk it with Engineering.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS/STATUS REPORT

STEVENS ROAD

The issue of Stevens Road was missing from the agenda but had been confirmed through Nikki with the residents, so we heard the issue.

Elizabeth Ward appeared for Dana O'Brien to express concern about speeding on this street. It is one of the "ladder streets" between Great Plain and Harris. Because it is a cut-through, people drive down the street very fast. There are 24 children under the age of 10 on the street.

The idea of a sign placed right as cars enter from Great Plain and Harris was suggested. Elizabeth said the worst offenses come from Great Plain.

This would need to be done by a petition, as the signs impact the neighborhood and she needs a majority of the residents to want to do this. The petition should also indicate where the residents want to place the sign – the owner of the house where the sign would go needs to approve.

Elizabeth will do such a petition.

OTHER

Lt. Kramer waiting to hear back from postmaster.

The TMAC meeting is cancelled next month because of town meeting. The next meeting is June 13.

Kara asked about revisiting an issue with Highland Avenue that was discussed last June. She will send around the notes from June. Bob said they did do a study on the volume of the approaches. There is more volume in afternoon due to construction. Left turning cars should yield.

Tony said the town is going to be starting the design of phase II of the downtown improvements. The design should be started around the end of April and will start looking at it.

Tony said the town started the design for the traffic signal at West and Highland Avenue. There are mini street-scape elements. Please review and send suggestions.

VII. APPROVE MINUTES FROM MARCH 14, 2018

The minutes of the March 14, 2018 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

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

Minutes compiled by Kara Holmquist.