

TMAC MEETING NOTES - 6/11/08

Attendance: Jack Cogswell, Meredith Page, Tony DelGaizo, Ivan Sever, Tom Stokes, Bob Wilson, Kate Fitzpatrick, John Kaemer

Guests: Leslie Wilson (29 Brookline St), Bob White (408 Wellesley Ave, Wellesley), Rebecca Turner (13 Utica Road), Matt Tarlin (26 Gould St), Cathy Toran Quinn [REDACTED], Penny & Michael Vaughn (130 Lindbergh Av)

7:00

OAKLAND ST & HIGHLAND AVE

Ms. Wilson noted there are no street lights at the corner of Oakland and Highland. In winter when it gets dark at 4:30 she said she kept missing the left turn from Highland. Bob Wilson reported there were street lights 2 or 3 poles away from the corner. DBW will investigate if some street lights can be relocated closer to the intersection.

BROOKLINE ST. NEAR GREENDALE

Since Brookline St. takes a left turn near her house, Ms. Wilson reported in winter and at night people crash into her neighbor's fence. There were five calls to police concerning this location in the last 11 years. Ms. Wilson would like a sign indicating the turn added. Lt. Kraemer remembered a previous sign which must've been located 300 ft. in front of the curve. The Committee agreed to ask Ms. Wilson to OK the new sign location with the nearest neighbor.

MARY CHILTON RD & GREAT PLAIN AV

Mr. White asked to Committee to consider a crosswalk at Mary Chilton Rd. to allow people walking the Wellesley Trails to safely cross Great Plain Ave. DPW offered to investigate traffic speeds and sight- lines in the area and to report back to the Committee.

HIGHLAND AV AND WEBSTER ST

Ms. Turner asked for a 'no turn on red' sign and was worried about the speed on the cars on the road. Jack advised her Highland Av from Webster towards Newton is state owned. However, there is a town plan for the area once the road is turned over to the town. Also lack of snow removal was a problem in the past, but since the area is now a school walking route, the town will be clearing the sidewalk.

CENTRAL & DWIGHT ROAD

Ms. Toran asked for a signalized crosswalk across Central Ave, but because the road is curvy in the area, the closest safe crossing may be at Forrest St. The town is considering a traffic light there in its new Capital Plan at around \$250,000.

MANNING ST & LINDBERGH

The neighbor's new fence is above the sight-lines reducing the visibility at the intersection. This is a corner clearance violation and the town is already addressing the issue by advising the resident to move the fence back by 25 feet. The town is giving the residents 30 days to comply. Four way stop signs however do not meet the warrants.

GOULD & CENTRAL AVE

Mr. Tarlin asked if a traffic light can be installed on Central.

There have been several accidents due to poor visibility looking left from Gould onto Central. Tony mentioned due to previous complaints, the bushes on the corner have been trimmed by the owner, but now parked cars have been seen on the street. "No parking" policy can be instituted due to poor visibility. The town officials will ask him not to park on the street and will consider asking the corner lot owner to remove the bushes completely.

HELEN RD, HIGHGATE ST & WOODLEDGE RD INTERSECTION The resident was asking for stop signs on Highgate, however only the traffic on Helen and Woodledge qualifies for a stop sign. The neighborhood will be asked for their input.

GOULD & KEARNEY RD

DPW reported the "school zone" sign on Gould Street is not legal. However the residents can choose from the new signs available at the Town Hall. Lt. Kraemer also offered to place the speed board in the area.

CONGESTION IN AREA BETWEEN HIGHLAND AVE/KENDRICK ST If 1st Ave is turned over to Needham after the Add-a-Lane project is completed, a traffic light could be justified for the intersection with Highland. The exit/entrance ramp on Kendrick will also ease the congestion once it's completed in 2014. A light at 4th Ave can also be evaluated then. The town has also approached Hess gas station to resolve traffic issues on Highland. However Highland Av is state- owned and the town's options are limited, until the road is turned over to Needham.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Residents on Grant Street presented a petition and the Committee voted to recommend extending the parking restriction on Grant Street between School and Kimball to a 2 hour restriction.

- Last minutes were approved

NEW BUSINESS:

The 2008/09 TMAC Meeting Calendar was accepted with changes as follows:

July 9 - cancelled

August 13 - tentative

October 8 - changed to October 15

May 14, 2009 - cancelled

All other dates on the draft: unchanged

This meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Ivan Sever