

TMAC MEETING NOTES – 10/15/2008

Attendance: Meredith Page, Paul Gordon, Tony DelGaizo, Tom Stokes, John Kraemer, Thomas Ryder

Guests: Susan Beranger (Valley Road), Steven Lekouski (1236 GPA), Louis Sostilio (Curtis Road), Henry Delgado, James Waters (Peacedale Rd/Valley Rd), Sean Ryan, Chris Lout, Michael Hughes (Peacedale Rd/Valley Rd), Robin Clifford (Tudor Rd/Broad Meadow Rd)

7:00

NO RIGHT ON RED INTERSECTIONS

S. Lekouski asked the Committee to consider allowing right turn on red signal during non-peak traffic hours. There are 29 intersections in town with “no turn on red”; the Committee will check into which intersections will qualify in accordance with the Manual of Traffic Control Devices, the Police Department will check into the accident data at these intersections as well.

CURTIS ROAD AND MACKINTOSH AVENUE

A stop sign is requested at the intersection of Curtis and Mackintosh; as presented vehicles are not stopping at Mackintosh Avenue. The Engineering Division will conduct a traffic study for the next TMAC meeting to determine if traffic volumes warrant a stop sign.

TOWER AVENUE AND GREENDALE STREET

The Committee received a letter from Emily Salaun regarding a visual impediment due to fence constructed at the above reference intersection. A. DelGaizo informed the Committee that the site corner clearance was investigated and the corner does not violate the clearance bylaw, he will check to see if a stop sign qualifies at the intersection. J. Kraemer submitted accident data showing that the intersection is not a high accident incident area. M. Page will contact Emily Salaun regarding her request.

VALLEY ROAD AND PEACEDALE

Susan Beranger asked the Committee for traffic management signs in the Valley Road neighborhood. There currently is too much cross over traffic and speeding to avoid traffic lights including neighborhood traffic. J. Kraemer indicated that the area does not have traffic complaints and asked the residents in attendance to forward traffic complaints to dispatch so that data can be used in determining placement of mobile speed detectors. A. DelGaizo will have the Engineering Division conduct traffic studies for the four way intersection of Intervale/Norwich Road, the three way intersection of Intervale/Peacedale, and a third intersection to be determined.

TUDOR ROAD AND BROADMEADOW ROAD

Robin Clifford asked the Committee for no parking signs on Tudor Road. Currently people are parking vehicles on both sides of the road during school drop off and pickup times and it leaves only enough room for one vehicle to pass; emergency vehicles will have difficulty during times of drop off, pickup, or during school functions. The Committee explained to Robin Clifford that “No Parking” signs will mean no parking even for the residents. Robin Clifford will contact the Engineering Division after conferring with her neighbors on having a sign placed limiting “No Parking” to certain hours of the day. The Committee requested that she have a letter with what she is requesting and have her neighbor co-sign the letter.

ARDMORE AND TAYLOR STREET

A request was forwarded to the Committee from Christopher Maxwell requesting signs be placed not allowing school drop off or pickup at this dead end road. The Committee voted all in favor to have signs placed.

MT. VERNON AVENUE, WACHUSETT ROAD AND BIRDS HILL AVENUE

Suzanne Lissy requested that the committee place traffic management signs at these intersections. A. DelGaizo will have the Engineering Division conduct a traffic study in this area to determine predominate traffic flow. Suzanne Lissy will be invited when the completed study will be reviewed at a TMAC meeting.

LINCOLN STREET

A request was forwarded to the Committee that the residents at 143 Lincoln Street would like another "no parking" sign at their property. A. DelGaizo will ask if the owner is willing to put up the sign.

HIGHLAND AVENUE AND HUNNEWELL STREET

The Committee received a request from Bruce Dean of 366 Hunnewell Street to consider signalization at the intersection of Highland Ave and Hunnewell Street. A. DelGaizo said he asked the postmaster to have the bushes trimmed at the intersection even though they are not in violation with the corner clearance bylaw (this was thought to help with visibility). A lot of the visibility issues with the intersection have to do with the angle the roads intersect and when trucks park near the intersection. J. Kraemer reported that accident data indicates that accidents span throughout the day, 40 accidents over the past 8-years have been recorded. Consensus among the Committee members is that there are other driving options to avoid this intersection.

MINUTES:

J. Kraemer motioned to accept the minutes of September 10, 2008. T. Stokes seconded. All in favor. Motion passes unanimously 5-0.

T. Stokes motioned to accept the minutes of August 13, 2008 as amended. A DelGaizo seconded. All in favor. Motion passes unanimously 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jack Cogswell has been put on another committee that meets on Wednesdays and therefore cannot make the TMAC's current schedule. M. Page will check into available days that the TMAC can meet.

Motion by M. Page to adjourn meeting second by A. DelGaizo. All in favor. Motion passes unanimously 5-0.

This meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM