

Minutes
Traffic Management Advisory Committee
Tuesday, April 13, 2022
7:00 P.M.
Zoom Meeting ID #884-5257-4576
Approved June 8, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Justin McCullen, Chair, Lt. John McGrath, Donna Mullin, Barry McNeilly.

STAFF PRESENT: Robert Wilson, Engineer; Tyler Gabrielski, Financial Analyst; Daphne Collins, Recording Secretary.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Alison Heard, Leanne Ratti

1. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

Lt. John McGrath, Acting Chair, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and Roll Call was taken.

2. MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2022

Vote: Mr. McCullen moved to accept the Minutes of February 9, 2022. Mr. McNeilly seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. STATUS REPORT UPDATE

Mr. Wilson reported the following project updates:

- **Dedham Avenue near Webster Street** – *No Parking* sign was removed.
- **Forrest Street – Speeding and Signage**
Speeding was still a concern after speed remediation options were implemented. A speed study conducted in April-May 2019 indicated speeds at 37mph and 39mph. 25mph speed limit signs were installed and active enforcement was performed. Radar speed signs are available and more affordable and could be a next option. The Highway Department has indicated that a radar speed sign could be made available, but they would like a decision from TMAC prior to purchase and installation. Mr. McCullen would like to see a criteria for radar speed signs installation be established prior to TMAC recommendations. The item to be continued at the next meeting.

4. WEBSTER STREET BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL AND WEST STREET – CROSSWALK

PETITIONER: Leanne Ratti, 35 Morton Street

Ms. Ratti noted that there are no crosswalks between the High School and West Street on Webster Street. Webster Street is very busy, dangerous and difficult to cross, and cars do not stop for pedestrians. She'd like to see a crosswalk installed on Webster Street with flashing lights.

Vote: Mr. McCullen moved for the Highway Department to evaluate a location for a crosswalk to be installed at an intersection on Webster Street between the High School crosswalk and West Street. The most effective location to be determined by the Highway Department. Ms. Mullin seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. ROSEMARY STREET – PARKING

PETITIONER: Allison Heard, 1132 Highland Avenue

Ms. Heard reported that parking and traffic violations were being observe along Rosemary Street next to Christ Episcopal Church and Memorial Park. She noted that high school students have been driving up the wrong side of Rosemary Street to park along the street, up on the sidewalk and on the emergency lane along Memorial Hall. On Thursday the Police Department issued eight tickets. These traffic and parking violations occur from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on school days. This has made it difficult for the parishioners, the handicapped and tenants of the Church. The disregard of traffic rules started happening this year.

She also noted that the handicapped designation had been removed when Rosemary Street was resurfaced.

Lt. McGrath said that the Police Department, the High School Principal and Memorial Park Trustees are working to find a solution to curtail this behavior.

Mr. Wilson noted that Rosemary Street was designated as a two-hour parking restricted area 360' from Highland Avenue in 2003. However, he saw no signs indicating the two-hour parking limit when he conducted a recent site visit. He said the issue could be resolved with the installation of two-hour parking signs. He could not find any reference to the handicapped parking space in Town records. However, repainting a handicapped space and installing a hp sign could be easily done. Ms. Heard will research Church records for any reference of the handicapped parking space.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.