

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the February 16, 2016 Meeting
Public Services Administration Building
Needham, MA

IN ATTENDANCE

TMAC Members: Jeff MacMann, Donna Mullin, Ford Peckham, Mark Rosen, Tony Del Gaizo, Lt. John Kraemer, Stephen DeLisi

Guests: David Gotthelf

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at approximately 7:05 p.m. by the Chair of the Committee, Jeff MacMann

I. SIGNAGE, STOP SIGNS AT OAK STREET AND MAPLE STREET

David Gotthelf presented their concerns regarding the fact that the intersection at Oak and Maple Streets is a two way stop and that drivers of vehicles think that it is a four way stop like the one that exists at Oak Street and Linden Street. Mr. Gotthelf requested that the intersection be made a four way stop to prevent accidents and slow down traffic, especially on Oak Street.

After a thorough discussion of the issues, including the fact that the volume of traffic at this intersection does not warrant a four way stop under the MUTCD nor are there a sufficient number of accidents to justify installing a four way stop, Mr. Gotthelf suggested that on a psychological basis a four-way stop could be installed. Having no basis to install a four way stop, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to install signage on Maple Street that cross traffic does not stop and to add tabs to the existing stop signs that they are two way stops.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Crosswalk at Great Plain and Hillcrest

Tony Del Gaizo reported that the existing streetlight cannot be re-positioned so as to cast more light on the intersection and pedestrian crosswalk. The best solution to greater illuminate the crosswalk would be to install another street light on the corner in front of the house at the other corner of the intersection. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to install a second street light.

B. Pedestrian Crossing on Chapel Street at Town Hall

Donna Mullin expressed her concern that since the pedestrian cross walk across Chapel Street at Town Hall is not clearly marked that a cross walk stanchion be installed in the middle of the

intersection. After discussing the issue, it was agreed that the width between the two curbs where the crosswalk is too narrow to install a cross walk stanchion and that parking spaces on either side of Chapel Street cannot be removed to provide greater visibility of the crosswalk. However, it was agreed that additional markings on Chapel Street on either side of the crosswalk should be installed to warn drivers of the existence of the crosswalk and accordingly a motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to have white triangles be applied as pavement markings on Chapel Street on either side of the cross walk. Once that is completed the crosswalk situation will be further evaluated to determine if additional signage needs to be installed.

The Committee unanimously passed a Motion to accept the Minutes of the January 13, 2016 TMAC meeting with the correction to the first line of item II, changing “West” to “Webster.”

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m.

Minutes compiled and summarized by Mark Rosen