

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of April 10, 2019 meeting
7pm at the Public Services Administration Building
Needham, MA

IN ATTENDANCE

TMAC Members: Stephen DeLisi - Chair, Seth Bauer, Lt. John Kraemer, Justin McCullen, Suzanne Stein, Tony DelGaizo, Rebecca Tarantino

Guests: Joel Daniels, Mark Presson, C. Shroeder, Roy Lockhart.

Not in Attendance: Rhain Hoyland, Donna Mullin, Bob Wilson

CALL TO ORDER – 7:00pm

I. APPROVE MINUTES FROM March 13, 2019

The minutes of the March 13th, 2019 were approved.

II. OTHER BUSINESS/STATUS REPORT

A replacement representative from NPD has not been named.

A TMAC status report from the DPW has been posted on the website with updated action items and follow up.

III. SIGNAGE ON HUNNEWELL STREET

J. Daniels presented to the committee seeking a “No Right Turn” sign at the intersection of Hunnewell Street and Wellesley Ave. It is a very sharp turn travelling from Wellesley Ave. onto Hunnewell Street. The Needham / Wellesley town line runs through this intersection. Installing such a sign would be restricting Wellesley traffic, which Needham cannot do. It was noted that several years back Needham had an understanding with Wellesley on how to revamp this intersection, but Wellesley changed their mind and the project was never completed. No action was taken on this matter.

IV. SPEED AND SIGNAGE ON MARKED TREE ROAD

M. Presson returned to TMAC along with C. Shroeder requesting:

1. “No Thru Trucks” signage on Marked Tree Rd. (a Heavy Commercial Vehicle Exclusion)
2. 25MPH signage on Marked Tree Rd.

Mr. Presson had attended the June 2018 meeting addressing the 1st issue. A traffic study was completed in December 2018, but Mr. Presson felt the results were “tainted” due to a DPW project that was rerouting traffic. Mr. Presson and Ms. Shroeder, as well as several neighbors who were present, have safety concerns for both pedestrians and motorists. Marked Tree has become a cut through for

motorists, including large trucks, leaving the road in disrepair. Additionally, some sections lack sidewalks, areas are narrow, and there is a sharp curve that cars speed around. It was noted that this is a school walking route. Heavy Commercial Vehicle Exclusions must be granted by the state and Tony recommended conducting a new traffic study as the December 2018 may have been “tainted,” in order to see if such an exclusion is an option. When asking for a Heavy Commercial Vehicle Exclusion, an alternate route must be provided. The next possible right turn off Central Ave. is at West Street, which could possibly create new issues. The discussion of 25MPH signage was put on hold until the results of the Pedestrian Safety Audit come out in the spring.

A motion was made to complete a full traffic study (Time, Count, Speed and Type) at the intersection of Marked Tree and Oak Street. The motion was seconded and **approved unanimously** with no abstentions. The committee will consider recommendations depending on the data from the traffic study.

V. FOLLOW-UP: SIGNAGE AT MANNING STREET/GIBSON STREET/HOLLAND STREET

R. Lockhart and J. Lockhart presented their concerns of an increased number of vehicles parking at the intersection of Gibson Street and Manning Street at the March 2019 TMAC meeting. In addition, the petitioners reported 20-30 cars parked at those intersections during High School drop off leading to “chaotic” and “dangerous” conditions during that timeframe. Mr. Lockhart returned with a petition signed by 7 of the 8 residents on Gibson Street as well as the 2 residences on the corner of Manning and Gibson requesting the town:

1. Install signage indicating “No Parking During School Hours” along both sides for the length of Gibson Street.
2. Install signage indicating “No School Pickup or Drop Off” along both sides for the length of Gibson Street and along the even numbered side of Manning Street at the intersection of Gibson Street.

A motion was made to install “1 hour Parking 8am-4pm on School Days” on both sides of Gibson Street and to install “No School Pick Up / Drop Off” signs on the corner of Manning Street and also on Gibson Street. The motion was seconded and **approved unanimously** with no abstentions.

VI. Adjournment 8:20 pm

Minutes drafted and respectfully submitted by S. Stein

Attached:

4/10/19 TMAC Sign in Sheet

