

TMAC Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2019, 7pm- 8:47pm (adjourned)

Charles River Room, 500 Dedham Ave

TMAC Attendees:

Stephen DeLisi, Rhain Hoyland, Seth Bauer, Rebecca Tarantino, Justin McCullen, Donna Mullin, Suzanne Stein, Lt. Belinda Carroll (temp replacement for John Kraemer), Bob Wilson and Tom Ryder.

Absent: Anthony Del Gaizo

Community Attendees:

Name	Address
Elizabeth Korngold	131 Locust Lane
Jay Fialkov	216 Warren St.
Rosanne Timmerman	1382 Highland Ave.
Laura Doyle	230 Forest St.
Carol Hamilton (?)	28 David Road
Alan Kosow	28 David Road
Cristina Muntallo	127 Arch St.
Andrea Wizer	7 Emerson Road
Chris Wojcik (?)	128 Arch St.
Rob Vecchi	7 Emerson Road
Mindy Merow Rubin	27 Cynthia Road
Amy Chan	98 Highgate St.
Katie Dittmer (?)	66 Highgate St.
Liz Prusse	97 Highgate St.
Lisa Prout	52 Rybury Hillway
George Mihov	86 Gay Street

Call to order: 7pm

Agenda:

1. Approve minutes from April 10, 2019
 - Minutes approved
2. Other business/status report- deferred due to full agenda
3. Signage on Warren St.- C. Fialkov
 - Residents seeking 2 hour parking signs on both sides of Warren St. by School St. consistent with rest of Warren near Junction and in keeping with 1989 law on record
 - To address train, hospital, construction parking
 - Petition signed by most residents
 - Also need to add sign “no parking here to corner” on Warren at School at appropriate point
 - Motion to recommend 2 hour parking signs per law on books with the understanding residents are aware the 2 hour parking restriction will be 24x7 and apply to residents as well. Mr. Fialkov has until Monday 6/17 to communicate to Bob Wilson if otherwise.
 - Approved by board.
4. Intersection, signage at Oak Street and Chestnut Street- A. Wizer
 - Request to remove no right on red when turning right from Oak on to Chestnut st., particularly now that traffic is lighter with light at Chestnut and School and traffic exiting hospital limited to just the one parking lot (vs. cut through as was in the past)
 - Engineering concerns noted: 1. need to confirm if right turn radius is too tight if traffic is at the light; if so, painting a stop line further back may alleviate the issue; 2. Need to check timing with School St. traffic light. Timing should be synchronized
 - Request to post sign at traffic light on Chestnut at Oak (northbound side) “left turn yield to oncoming traffic”
 - Motion approved to recommend as follows:
 - Post left turn yield to oncoming traffic sign on Chestnut at Oak traffic light (Northbound)
 - Look at signal timing w/School St. signal as relates to Oak/Chestnut light
 - Look at painting stop line on Chestnut Northbound at Oak traffic light and then evaluate whether turning conditions are safe. If so, determine whether no turn on red sign can come down
5. Intersection of Highgate Street, Rybury Hillway, and Arch Street- K. Dittmer
 - Request to convert 2 way stop to 4 way stop
 - TMAC considerations: certain conditions have to be met in order to have a 4 way stop; need a traffic study

- Operationally, current stop signs are not in a good place. Town will move to better locations with proper installation and reflectors as normal course of business.
 - Motion approved to do traffic study in September (right after Labor Day) for time, volume and speed to determine if 4 way stop is warranted or if two way should switch to Highgate
6. Signage on Highland/May Street- R. Timmerman
- Request signage and conversion of two parking spots on May at Highland next to St. Joseph's Parish to Handicapped parking to make it easier for handicapped visitors to access the new elevator and, in turn, the church
 - Engineering/Highway considerations:
 - Need 12-14 ft. area to make route from car to elevator
 - Would need curb cut
 - Evaluate for safety (May is narrow, traffic heavy)
 - Next steps: Engineering and highway to evaluate feasibility, safety and cost
7. Sidewalk on Charles River Street between Locust Lane and Winding River Rd.- E. Korngold
- Request to add sidewalk between Locust and Winding River
 - Town: Denied. Common request in more remote neighborhoods but too costly and not a priority.
8. Crosswalk at David Road/Hunting Road/Hazel Lane- C. Hamilton
- Request to add crosswalk at Hunting/David/Hazel
 - TMAC explained issue with placing a crosswalk in an unsafe spot creating an illusion of safety and putting pedestrians at potentially greater risk
 - TMAC denied request
9. Crosswalk on Central Ave at Newman Elementary- A. Levingston, M. Vanhorn, E. Kramer, L. Schwartz, M. Mihova
- This request already approved and should be in process
 - Action items:
 - Add to TMAC status sheet
 - Traffic/Engineering to confirm agreed changes are in the engineering queue and exact timing and report back to requestors; expected to be in place by first day of school in September
10. Signage at Intersection of Glover Road and Central Ave.- H. Haff
- Request for specific Do Not Enter sign at entrance to Glover restricting access to public roads during Williams school drop off and pick up hours (sign submitted with meeting minutes)
 - Resident asserts verbal commitments were made in neighborhood meetings that such a sign would be allowed. TMAC has no knowledge or record of such a commitment.

- TMAC feels any action at this time is premature and recommends that no action take place at this time and all parties wait until one month after the school opens.