

Minutes
Traffic Management Advisory Committee
Wednesday, February 12, 2020
7:00 P.M.
Public Services Administration Building – Charles River Room
500 Dedham Avenue
Needham, MA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephen DeLisi; Justin McCullen; Seth Bauer; Donna Mullin; Rhain Hoyland, Town Traffic Engineer; Lt. John McGrath; Rebecca Tarantino; Anthony DelGaizo, Town Engineer; Robert Wilson, Traffic Liaison Engineer; Daphne M. Collins, Recording staff.

PUBLIC PRESENT: See TMAC Sign-In Form of February 12, 2020 attached

Stephen DeLisi, Chairman, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

1. MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 18, 2019

Vote: Justin McCullen moved to accept the Minutes for December 18, 2019. Seth Bauer seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously **approved**.

2. OTHER BUSINESS/STATUS

Robert Wilson reported the following:

- Falcon Street at Bond Intersection – Highway Division was notified to paint tracking lines on Falcon Street across Bond Street.
- Warren Street at Great Plain Avenue – Highway Division to be notified of **No Parking** Signs on east side of Warren for 150’.
- Forest Street near Brookside Road – Highway Division was notified to install warning curve and speed signs. Lt. John McGrath reported that speed enforcement continued in the area.
- Oak Street between Linden and Chestnut Street – Speed study completed. East bound recorded at 26mph. West bound recorded at 24mph.

3. ARDEN STREET AND BEAUFORT AVENUE – Stop Sign

PETITIONER: Courtney Quinn, 72 Beaufort Avenue

Petitioner did not show. Item was tabled.

4. WEST STREET BETWEEN HIGHLAND AVENUE AND HUNNEWELL STREET – Sign replacement

PETITIONER: Hojjat Salmasian, 924 Central Avenue

Petitioner did not show. Item was tabled.

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5. WEBSTER STREET AT HIGHLAND AVENUE – SIGN LEGIBILITY

PETITIONER: Hojjat Salmasian, 924 Central Avenue

Petitioner did not show. Item was tabled.

6. CENTRAL AVENUE AT HUNNEWELL STREET AND AT LOUART DRIVE AND GLOVER ROAD NEAR SUNITA WILLIAMS ELEMETARY SCHOOL- End of School Zone Sign

PETITIONER: Hojjat Salmasian, 924 Central Avenue

Petitioner did not show. Item was tabled.

7. WEST STREET BETWEEN HIGHLAND AVENUE AND CENTRAL AVENUE – Speed Signage

PETITIONER: Hojjat Salmasian, 924 Central Avenue

Petitioner did not show. Item was tabled.

8. CENTRAL AVENUE BY POND STREET – Signage

PETITIONER: Janet Krawiecki, 1152 Central Avenue

John Krawiecki presented on behalf of his wife Janet, the applicant, who was unable to attend. Mr. Krawiecki informed that diesel trucks use jake brakes along Central Street creating noise and vibration problems. He'd like to see a **No Jake Brakes** sign installed to encourage truckers to use their traditional brakes while driving through Central Street.

Anthony DelGaizo reported that **No Jake Brakes** signs are allowed, and they are effective in curbing the use of jake brakes.

Vote: Mr. DelGaizo moved to install a **No Jake Brakes** sign on Central Avenue at Horsford Road. Mr. Bauer seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

9. CHESTNUT STREET BY LANTERN LANE – Crosswalk

PETITIONER: Keith LaFace, 504 Chestnut Street

Mr. LaFace reported that there is a popular school bus stop serving over nine children, located at Chestnut Street and Lantern Lane where he observes morning traffic in excess of 35mph. This area has no sidewalks and it becomes especially perilous for school children from across the street to safely cross the street. He requested the posting of advisory signs and a crosswalk at Emerson Road and Chestnut Street.

Rebecca Tarantino suggested contacting the school Transportation Department to add a bus stop at Emerson as it is dangerous to cross the street.

Mr. Bauer suggested the installation of a **School Bus Stop** sign.

Rhain Hoyland recommended that the children only cross when the bus stops, taking advantage of the warning and safety bus' lights and signs.

Mr. Wilson reported that a traffic study conducted in 2008 of Chestnut Street showed traffic speeds of 40mph.

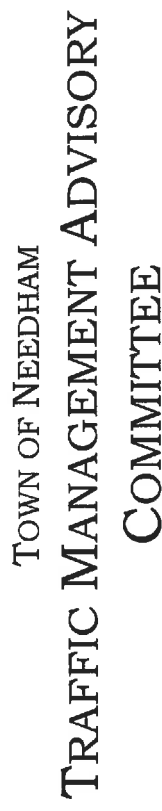
Mr. McCullen suggested that the area be evaluated under the new Safety Crosswalk criteria.

Vote: Mr. McCullen moved that:

- a speed study be conducted at Chestnut Street and Emerson Street;
- a ***School Bus Stop*** sign be installed; and
- a ***30 MPH*** advisory sign be installed at Chestnut Street and Lantern Street to slow the corridor.

Mr. DelGaizo seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



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