

## TMAC MEETING NOTES - 8/13/08

Attendance: Jack Cogswell, Meredith Page, Tony DelGaizo, Ivan Sever, Bob Wilson, Paul Gordon, John Kaemer

Guests: Mr. & Mrs. Peter Benfield (84 Paul Revere Rd), Michael Moskowitz (1208 VFW Partners, #301, Boston), Heather Chamberlain (11 Bond Street), John T. Daley (49 Paul Revere Rd ), Emily Pick (12 Milld Rd), Joyce McSweeney (150 Country Way), Suzy and Dan Kajunski (179 Manning St)

7:00

### WESTERLY SIDE OF HIGHLAND TERRACE

Mr. Moskowitz conveyed the concerns of some Highland Terrace residents over possible parking by Needham Gateway shoppers. Since there are no immediate abutters, the Committee voted to forgo the usual neighborhood petition requirement and recommend approval of 'No parking' regulation for the Needham Gateway Highland terrace frontage.

### FALCON & BOND STREETS

Ms. Chamberlain inquired about making a 2-way stop intersection into a 4-way stop. Jack explained the warrants needed for the regulation. She then expressed concern over the speed of cars and Tony mentioned the children-designed warning signs available for viewing at the Town Hall. The placement of the signs should be between 150' and 300' ahead of the intersection and Ms. Chamberlain will contact the residency nearest the possible placement location for approval. Lt. Kraemer also offered to place the speed board in the area.

### MILLS ROAD NEIGHBORHOOD

Ms. Pick was concerned with cars cutting through "her" street. She'd like signs on Highland prohibiting turns. Tony pointed out such prohibitions would apply to the residents as well and that such prohibitions tend to push the traffic into different streets. Accommodating traffic is a better solution than impeding it. At any rate, since at that point Highland Ave is state owned, the town cannot place any signs on it. State ownership of the road also applies to snow plowing responsibilities. Ms. Pick then pointed out the location of a mail box on Highland Ave that makes it difficult for her to cross the street. The Committee recommended utilizing the crosswalks at Hunting Rd. or Webster St. intersections for safety, and contacting the US Postal Service for relocation of the mail box. Ms. Pick's next concern was with handicapped ramps. Tony mentioned the area reconstruction project that's now in it's 25% phase already includes complete handicap accessibility. Pedestrian accommodations have also been made for access across I-95 on Highland Ave with a separate bike path access, however it does not include a crosswalk at Sachem, because it would be a unsafe location for pedestrian crossing. Finally Ms. Pick expressed interest in the children- designed signs, and she offered to contact her neighborhood regarding a potential placement location, since traffic calming measures on major thoroughfares such as Hunting Rd and Highland Ave are not advised.

#### MANNING ST & LINDBERGH

The neighbor's new fence is above the sight-lines reducing the visibility at the intersection. Since this is a corner clearance violation the town already addressed the issue by advising the resident to move the fence back by 25 feet. Unfortunately there have been delays due to an ownership-on-record mix-up. Mr. Benfield insisted even this new fence set-back will not be sufficient to improve sight lines. However, there will be less traffic on Manning Street once the reconstruction of Webster Street in connection with the High School redesign project is completed within the next 4 - 5 years.

#### COUNTRY WAY

Ms. McSweeney brought up the issue of placement of a 'yield' sign on Country Way. Since recently the ownership of the property nearest the possible sign location changed, the town agreed to follow up with the new owners regarding the proper sign placement.

#### WEBSTER BETWEEN WEST & GREAT PLAIN

As far as traffic regulations is concerned, according to the law a high school cannot be a designated 'school zone.' However to enforce and educate the public about the speed limit, the police department will place the speed board on Webster by Rosemary Street the week school starts.

#### CENTRAL AVE AT HAMILTON PLACE

There is no safe place for the speed board, but the DPW offered to place a yellow "slow" sign in the area and check the 25 mph speed regulation.

#### CENTRAL AVE AT MEETINGHOUSE CIRCLE

The Committee recommends the resident circulates a petition requesting a 'no parking' regulation for the area.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Last minutes were approved

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Due to personal reasons Ivan resigns from the TMAC. He thanks the Committee and all of its past and present members for giving him an insight into a small town politics.

This meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Ivan Sever