

Minutes
Traffic Management Advisory Committee
Tuesday, October 13, 2021
7:00 P.M.
Zoom Meeting ID #863-8102-0737

MEMBERS PRESENT: Justin McCullen, Chair; Seth Bauer, Vice-Chair; Rhain Hoyland, Superintendent of Highways, Rebecca Tarantino, Suzanne Stein, Donna Mullin.

STAFF PRESENT: Robert Wilson, Engineer; Daphne M. Collins, Recording Secretary, Tyler Gabielski, Financial Analyst.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Aidan Riordan

1. INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

Mr. McCullen, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and Roll Call was taken.

2. MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

Vote: Ms. Tarantino moved to accept the Minutes of September 13, 2021. Ms. Stein seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. STATUS REPORT UPDATE

Mr. Wilson reported the following project updates:

- **Nardone Road, Jarvis Circle and Bess Road** – the third traffic study was completed which resulted with a 10% increase in traffic volume. **Nardone Road** - North bound 200 vehicles, 29mph; South bound 180 vehicles, 27mph; 4.7% trucks. **Jarvis Circle** – North bound 175 vehicles, 24 mph; South bound 148 vehicles, 26 mph, 3.9% trucks. **Bess Road** – East bound 36 vehicles, 27 mph; West bound 59 vehicles, 16 mph; 6.5% trucks. The speed, and volume do not meet speed or stop sign requirements.
- **Oakland Avenue at Highland Avenue** – The Select Board approved the installation of the **Stop** sign. Installation by the Highway Department is pending the required publication of public notices.
- **Hunnewell Street at Hillside Avenue** – *Two-way* tabs installed.
- **Charles River Street at Belle Lane** – *Curve ahead* sign with speed tab has been installed.
- **Great Plain Avenue at Warren Street** – crosswalk standards were forwarded to Leslie Kerr, the petitioner. The crosswalk study to be conducted in a few weeks.

4. SOUTH STREET BETWEEN STONECREST DRIVE AND SOUTHWOOD LANE– SPEED & SIGN

PETITIONER: Aidan Riordan, 857 South Street

Mr. Riordan reported that the curve, speed, and overgrown vegetation made it difficult to exit safely from his driveway. He thought that there was a yellow diamond *Blind Drive* that had been removed. He requested that the bushes be pruned, and a *Blind Drive* sign be installed. Mr. Riordan thought that one of the overgrown bushes was on his property and the other was on 10 Stonecrest Drive.

Mr. Wilson said that if the bushes were in the Town's right-of-way the Town may be able to prune. However, if the overgrown bush was on private property it is the homeowner's responsibility. In addition, he noted that if a sign were to be installed, the property owner where the sign would be located would have to agree to it. Mr. Riordan said he spoke to the property owner about the meeting and the shrubs.

Mr. Wilson reported that there was no history of a *Blind Drive* sign in the area.

Ms. Tarantino said that *Curve Ahead* sign could be considered. She did not think a *Blind Drive* sign would be effective on South Street. Mr. Hoyland concurred. He suggested that DPW determine the ownership of the bushes to determine the responsibility of the pruning.

Mr. Hoyland moved to install a *Curve Ahead* sign at an appropriate location determined by the DPW. Ms. Tarantino seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

There were no comments from the public.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. McCullen would like for the TMAC to discuss high priority areas for future agendas.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.