



TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT

TRAFFIC STUDY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ELIHU THOMSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
22 MONUMENT AVENUE, SWAMPSCOTT, MA 01907

MEMBERS

GINO CRESTA, DPW
MARZIE GALAZKA, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
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RONALD MENDES, ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE
JAMES POTTS, FIRE
LT. THOMAS STEPHENS, POLICE

JUNE 20, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

Time: 11:05am – 2:00pm
Location: Swampscott Town Hall, Selectmen's Meeting Room, 22 Monument Avenue
Members Present: J. Potts (Fire), G. Cresta (DPW), T. Stephens (Police), R. Mendes (Admin & Finance), M. Kasper (Building Dept.), M. Galazka (Community Development)
Members Absent: None
Others Present: Audree Norrett (Resident), Debbie Maclean (Resident), Kevin Shields (Resident), Sarah Hesch (Resident), Sheryl Levenson (Resident), Frank Shorr (Resident), Margaret Somer (Resident), Jessica Newman (Resident), Thomas Gelun (Resident), Dawn Blair (Resident), Deb Newman (Resident), Jennifer Picariello (Resident), Marlene Burger (Resident), Thomas Perrella (Resident), Gerard Perry (Resident), Tony Dragani (Resident), Catherine Own (Resident), Dianne Jenkins (Resident), Anne Sears (Resident), George Allen (Resident)

Meeting called to order at 11:05AM by Mr. Mendes. He opened the meeting by providing background on the Committee's purpose: This Committee provides a technical review of any resident, business, or staff request to evaluate traffic or parking issues within the town. The Committee may then make a recommendation to a governing body, such as the Board of Selectmen, School Dept, or MassDOT depending on the particular request.

MEETING MINUTES

There were no meeting minutes approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Mendes asked the audience for public comments not otherwise listed on the agenda:

-Audree Norrett: Request for overnight parking restriction on Nason Road.

-George Allen: Shrub obstructs view of intersection on Cedar Hill/Humphrey St.

-Sheryl Levenson: People park in resident only area on Shepard with Beach Parking sticker. Request for no parking restriction on Shepard from driveway of 63 Shepard to tree.

-Debbie MacLean: Consider changing light sequence on Humphrey St. in front of Fish House with DPW and Police doing further study.

-J.S.: Request for a 15-minute space and to mark all the parking spaces in front of library.

-Deb Newman: Request for Humphrey St. parking and two 15-minute parking spaces in front of Newman's Bakery.

-Potentially reduce speed from Redington to Newmans down to 20 mph.

-Consultant recommended additional signage and also recommended calming traffic with the creation of an island in front of St. John's.

-Recommendations for parking in Humphrey St. area.

Greenwood Avenue/Cedar Hill Terrace Traffic Study

Gino Cresta (DPW) and Lt. Thomas Stephens (Police) presented on data; Ron Mendes (Administration/Finance) presented written comments. There were many comments opposed to potential change. There were no comments in favor of the changes. There was a complaint regarding the lack of communication about the traffic study to the public. Bill (Planning Board Member) spoke in favor of change and pointed out that the traffic issue stems from the lights on Nahant St. in Lynn. Resident of Bay View Avenue presented concerns about construction vehicles on Bay View Avenue and the speeding when used as a cut-through. Request for either enhanced enforcement or stop/yield sign at Bay View Avenue and Greenwood Avenue. Motion by Lt. Thomas Stephens (Police) and Max Kasper (Building Dept.) to not change traffic patterns.

TRAFFIC & PARKING REGULATORY REQUESTS

#A – REQUEST FOR RESIDENT ONLY PARKING ZONE ON FRANKLIN AVENUE

This request came from a resident of Franklin Avenue for resident-only parking on Franklin Avenue to address parking issues related to local businesses in the area. Deferred to next meeting.

#B – REQUEST FOR A TRAFFIC STUDY REGARDING THE HAZARDOUS TRAFFIC PATTERN AT CLARKE SCHOOL DURING MORNING DROP-OFF AND AFTERNOON PICK-UP ON THE STREETS SURROUNDING THE SCHOOL

This request came from a parent of a Clarke school student because the traffic around Clarke school has proven to be dangerous during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. The request is specifically to place a "right turn only" sign on Middlesex at the intersection with Berkshire going in the direction of Clarke School. No action taken at this time.

#C – REQUEST FOR A STOP SIGN/SPEED BOARD AT BURPEE ROAD AND BUENA VISTA

This request came from a resident of Burpee Road because of concerns over speeding at the corner of Burpee Road and Buena Vista. The request was for a stop sign at the intersection of Burpee Road and Buena Vista.

Gino Cesta (DPW) made a motion, with a second from Tom Stephens (Police) to recommend installing a permanent stop sign on Burpee Road at intersection with Buena Vista and a permanent speed warning sign. Motion voted unanimously.

#D – REQUEST TO PUT BACK ELECTRONIC SPEED METER ON NASON ROAD THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY REMOVED

This request came from Ms. Norett to control speeding on and around Nason Road. This is a repeat request that was not moved forward due to neighborhood opposition. Ms. Norret reiterated her request to install a restriction on overnight parking on Nason Road. No action taken at this time.

#E – REQUEST TO ENHANCE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY BY PARADISE ROAD

This request came from a resident of Paradise Road who was concerned with the safety of pedestrians at the crosswalks by Paradise Road. In order to act upon this request, more specificity is required from Selectwoman Laura Spathanas, who

#F – REQUEST TO MAKE MORE 2-HOUR PARKING SPOTS ON SOUTH SIDE OF BURILL STREET FROM BOYNTON STREET

This request came from a business owner on New Ocean Street so people attending said business would have easier access to the business. The request is for additional 2-hour parking spots so that customers could get to the business with more ease. Upon the meeting, the request was settled down to 1-hour parking spots on Burrill Street to Boynton Street while preserving the already existent 15-minute space parking. Furthermore, 1-hour parking on the south side of Burrill Street between New Ocean Street and Rock Avenue. No action taken at this time.

#G – REQUEST TO MAKE SHAW ROAD PART OF THE RESIDENT-ONLY PARKING ZONE

This request came from a resident of Shaw Road who wants to see the parking on Shaw Road made only for residents. Deferred to the next meeting

#H – REQUEST TO PLACE ADDITIONAL SIGNAGE/WALK SIGNAL FOR THE CROSSWALK ON CHERRY STREET

This request came from a resident of Cherry Street who was concerned about the quality of pedestrian safety at the crosswalk on Cherry Street. The request is to implement additional signage or a walk signal for pedestrians to keep them and the drivers safe. After discussion, the committee moved to have the police and DPW go to the location for a site visit and report back with a recommended solution.

#I – REQUEST FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF STREET TAGS FOR CROSSWALKS AROUND ATLANTIC AND HUMPHREY

This request came from a resident of Swampscott to ensure safety for pedestrians using the crosswalks around Atlantic Avenue and Humphrey Street. The committee addressed the same issue brought up during the committee meeting regarding painting "stop look wave" signage on crosswalks. After some discussion it was decided that the TSAC will defer the request to DPW since there is no regulatory action needed to implement these signs.

#J – REQUEST FOR HANDICAP PARKING SPACE ON HUMPHREY STREET

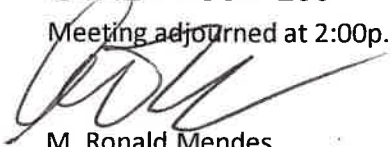
This request came from a resident of 225 Humphrey Street asking for an additional handicap parking space in front of 225 Humphrey Street to accommodate the handicap resident of 225 Humphrey Street. The request was withdrawn during the meeting pending other solutions.

#K – REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC STUDY REGARDING BANKS ROAD

This request came from a resident of Banks Road with concerns about speeding on the street. The study would be to find options and solutions to minimize speeding in the Banks Road area. Upon research from resident, it was presented that the 20 MPH sign that was on the street had disappeared. The request is to have Swampscott Police or DPW look to see if the speed limit on this street is 20 MPH and if it is to replace the absent sign.

OTHER BUSINESS

Meeting adjourned at 2:00p.m.



M. Ronald Mendes

Traffic Study Advisory Committee, Chair