

Traffic Advisory Committee minutes for Thursday, November 18, 2004

In attendance: M.J. Frisoli, L. Nickens, T. Turner, T. Olsen, P. Curro.

Absent: A. Masciari, T. Riley.

Also attending: K. Hamilton, G. Clancy, over 60 residents.

7:03 p.m. Hearing called to order

(7:05) Turn Restriction Pleasant St. onto Winn St.:

A Public Hearing was held by the TAC to discuss the possibility of introducing a turn restriction; No right turn from Pleasant St onto Winn St. during certain hours. Sgt Hamilton of the BPD explained that the department's policy on such matters is to oppose such restrictions. He also explain the traffic count data collected the week of Nov 1-5, 2004. Glenn Clancy of the OCD expressed his view that the traffic count data indicate that traffic volume on Winn St. is very low.

Mr. T. DiPace, one of the signatories of the petition to place the turn restriction made it clear that neither he nor any of the other petitioners was seeking a One-Way designation for Winn St. The consensus of the residents in attendance was that volume was not the problem, but vehicle speed was. Many residents endorsed the idea of implementing traffic calming measures such as additional stop signs, or the construction of speed bumps. Several residents voiced opposition to signs.

(8:00) Turn Restriction Belmont St. onto Marlboro St./Oxford Ave.:

In response to a request from the Board of Selectmen, the TAC held a public hearing to solicit public input for the purpose of evaluating the desirability of the turn restrictions from Belmont St. onto Marlboro St./Oxford Ave. The overwhelming opinion of those residents in attendance was that the restrictions were too inconvenient and asked that they be removed. Since most of those attending were Oxford Ave. residents, the TAC considered removing the signs from Oxford St. only. A motion was made by TO to leave the sign on Marlboro St. TT amended motion to ask for a vote to remove both signs. Amended motion passed 3-1.

(9:10) Discussion of curbing on Oxford Ave.

Glenn Clancy told residents that installing granite curbing will narrow the road so that parking will be permitted on only one side. R. Cournoyer stated that the BoS pledged in August 2003 to place granite curbing. GC stated that the BoS is committed to installing the granite curbing, in due time. It is unlikely that Oxford Ave. will be made one-way.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:41 p.m.