

MINUTES
TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 13, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT: ~MaryJo Frisoli, Acting Chair, Tim Turner, Mary Gavin, Joel Douglas, Linda Nickens, Peter Curro, Dan Healey, Tomi Olson, Janet Geggis, Sgt. Ken Hamilton, BPD Liaison, Tom Gatzunis and Regina Ota

MEMBERS ABSENT; ~Sal Lentini

- Meeting called to order at 7:07pm
- Review of agenda for the evening
- Next meeting, elections will be held, date January 8,2002 ~7:00pm Conference Room 1
- Previous Minutes revised by ~Janet Geggis, name change #18 bicyclists #31 shared among the roads

MINUTES APPROVED: by Tomi Olson

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- Review of document submitted to selectmen December 10th 2001
- Special thanks to Joel Douglas for his report from 1987, this document will be submitted as Addendum 1. ~1988 report also to be submitted as Addendum 2
- Mary Jo asked for any suggestions to the letter submitted to the selectman
- Tomi Olson had a suggestion for the second page to explain the purpose of resolution Should be changed to which prescribes sets there in. .the vision of the selectman including overall traffic policy, comprehensive planning, citizen participation, enforcement and intergovernmental coordination.
- Question was raised regarding hereinafter in the first page, is it spelt correctly?
- The following items were agreed upon to be taken out of the letter:

- ~Institute an education campaign to inform the public about various traffic issues throughout the town using all possible modes of communication.
- ~~Post speed limit signs discussion around speed limit signs. ~Sgt. Hamilton explained about the 85% rule about speed limit. ~Posting new signs will increase the speed limit; this goes according to the state regulations regarding the 85% rule.
- ~~Enforce all traffic laws
- ~Improve the infrastructure of the roads.
- ~~Enhance parking
- ~Seek new ways to cross the railroad tracks that divide our town.

Changes made to the document were:

- Reduce vehicular speed using traffic claming techniques.
- Provide recommendations on how to inform the public about various traffic issues throughout the town using all possible modes of communication.
- Protect trees, plantings, and historic character including usage of islands and green space, which beautify and preserves the unique character of Belmont.
- Add: ~Investigate the effects of future development in and around Belmont as they pertain to traffic issues.
- Tom Gatzunis agreed that the main points had been addressed in the letter
- Discussion of the Vision 21 Committee's role to the Traffic Advisory Committee
Vision 21 is a consultant.
- Discussion around the hiring of the traffic consultant his/her role and how they are selected.
- Discussion around a parking consultant being hired by the Selectmen.
- Regional Truck Study presented. ~It was offered to everyone to read.
- Motion to approve revised document: ~Mary Gavin

Second: ~Joel Douglas
No discussion
Vote unanimous

· Tim Turner presented data on Lexington Street speed limit. ~The data included a picture and a histogram of vehicular speed. ~Tim explained that the average speed on Lexington St. From 6-7:30 in the evening is 32mph.
~The median speed was 36.5mph and 10 vehicles went over 45mph. This data was recorded on June 26, 2001.
There was a suggestion of speed tables, elevated crosswalks with flashing lights, in order to slow traffic on Lexington Street. ~Sgt. Hamilton explained the difficulty in doing so.

· Pleasant Street Lodge Carriage House:
Tom Gatzunis presented the new proposal. ~The gate will be open to the cars in the parking lot. ~They will exit the parking lot and take a right turn only. ~They will also enter the parking lot with a right turn from Pleasant Street. ~Tom feels this is the best compromise available. ~The Committee voted to approve this intersection with the stipulation that traffic-exiting McLean is controlled to ensure pedestrian safety.

Move to approve plan with stipulation: Mary Gavin
Second: Linda Nickens
Discussion None
VOTE: Unanimous
Abstention Tim Turner
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· No new business  
· Adjourn Meeting 8:57pm  
Motion: Mary Gavin  
Second: Joel Douglas  
Vote: ~Unanimous