

Traffic Advisory Committee - February 12, 2009

In Attendance:

TAC Members: Linda Nickens, Andrea Masciari, Laurence MacDonald, Peter Curro, Ronald Sacca

Others: Glenn Clancy, Director of Community Development; Sergeant Kevin Shea, Belmont Police Department

Meeting called to order: 7:05pm

Committee unanimously approved minutes from January 18, 2009

Harvard Lawn Traffic Mitigation

Glenn Clancy (GC) presented suggestions for mitigation of cut-through traffic throughout the Harvard Lawn neighborhood between Belmont Street, Grove Street and Fairview Avenue. See GC's Plan Showing Proposed Traffic Signs dated February 6, 2009. By the time these minutes are distributed to TAC members and others, GC's Plan will have been updated on March 5, 2009. This amended Plan incorporates the suggestions discussed and agreed upon at the February 12, 2009 TAC meeting.

The highlights of this Plan are:

Unity Avenue at Grove Street -	Left Turn Only – 4pm to 6pm
Out of Park Road at Grove Street -	No Left Turn – 7am to 9am
Fairview Avenue at Grove Street -	Left Turn Only – 4pm to 6pm
Crescent Street at Grove Street -	No Left Turn – 7am to 9am

The Committee discussed its previous attempt to restrict traffic in this neighborhood back in 2004 for reasons of speeding cars. Some residents liked the restrictions, while others did not. Several Oxford Avenue residents were not happy with the restrictions. The TAC will hold another public hearing in March to gather all residents for another discussion about limited traffic restrictions in this neighborhood.

Sergeant Shea (KS) put together a Crash Data report that shows the number and location of Harvard Lawn crashes between 1998 and 2009. KS's report also includes a Petition to Increase Safety By Slowing Traffic in Harvard Lawn that was signed by residents of the neighborhood.

All agreed that there is no easy solution to this problem. Residents will have to hash it out to try to solve the problem.

Linda Nickens (LN) suggested using parking as a deterrent to speeding.

A Public Hearing will be held on April 12, 2009.

Winn Brook School

Traffic is still an issue at the Winn Brook School. The TAC implemented many safety and traffic calming measures around the school.

LN recalled many Sherman Road residents were not receptive to restrictions on Sherman Road.

KS mentioned that parents dropping off their children at school will double park in order to get closer to the school entrances. He will try to figure out some ways to alleviate traffic congestion.

GC will talk to Lt. Chris Donahue about his proposals for one-ways. GC also suggested that we meet if someone from the School Department meets with us because otherwise we are wasting everyone's time. All TAC members agreed. GC will notify the Board of Selectmen.

Cushing Street

GC may put stop sign on island on Cushing Street.

Elections postponed until next month.

Motion to Adjourn by Andrea Masciari
Seconded by Laurence Macdonald
Meeting Adjourned at 8:16pm