

# Town of Belmont, MA

## Traffic Advisory Committee (T.A.C.)

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### Minutes of Meeting February 9, 2012

**Members present:** Peter Curro, Don Mercier, Dana Miller (Clerk), Linda Nickens (Chair), and Matt Sullivan.

**Ex-Officio Members present:** Glenn Clancy, PE; Sgt. Benjamin Mailhot, BPD.

**Also present,** Among others: Lois Pines, 175 Rutledge Road; Maryanne and Fred Heller, 154 Rutledge Road; John Arrioo, 203 Rutledge Road; Michael and Mary Moscovitz, 257 Prospect Street; Anne Miller, intersection of Clifton Street and Rockmont Road; Chris Thomas, 233 Rutledge Road; Cecil Kagan, Clifton Street; Rosemary Burke, Prospect Street; Elaine Wilde, 222 Clifton Street; Janice Hoffman, intersection of Dalton and Betts Roads.

**Attachments:** Town maps for the neighborhoods around Rutledge and Dalton Roads, letters from residents of the Dalton-Betts neighborhood.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Linda Nickens.

**Minutes:** Matt motioned and Don seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2011 meeting. The Committee voted to accept the minutes as presented.

**Next Meeting:** Scheduled for March 8, 2012

**Rutledge Road:** Sergeant Mailhot reported the results of 24-hour traffic studies conducted with a traffic box mounted on a utility pole in September and December of 2011. While the speed limit for Rutledge Road is 30mph, the average speed of the cars travelling on the road on these two days was 25mph. A few cars on each day exceeded the speed limit—a few cars were travelling in the range of 41-45mph and a few others were travelling in the range of 31-35mph.

Sergeant Mailhot personally observed traffic on Rutledge on February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4-6pm and on February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7-9am. The majority of the traffic was headed west during both time periods. During the evening period, 82 of the 120 cars observed were headed west to Park Avenue. During the morning period, 42 of 82 cars were headed west.

The Committee considered options for an intervention to ameliorate traffic concerns in the area of Rutledge Road. Neighbors pointed out that Clifton Street has a 25mph speed limit and that Rutledge Road's speed limit should be at least that low. Rutledge Road residents expressed an interest in a trial diversion of traffic away from Rutledge Road. In addition, the residents requested follow-up traffic volume and speed

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monitoring to ensure that the levels recorded in September and December were representative.

Residents of Beatrice Circle, Clifton Street and Prospect Street expressed concern that a diversion of traffic would be very inconvenient--necessitating detours for residents heading to Rte. 2--and would result in higher traffic on other neighborhood roads. One neighbor reminded those present that the dog killed on Rutledge Road had been running off leash into the road. Another neighbor commented that she had never observed discourteous driving in the neighborhood. A Prospect Street resident requested that the traffic observation box be installed on Prospect Street to measure the traffic volume and speed on that Street. Sergeant Mailhot indicated that he would look into this and that pop-up enforcement could be scheduled on Prospect Street and Rutledge Road.

In response to resident's inquiries, Glenn, Sergeant Mailhot, Linda, and other committee members explained that the town must adhere to State and Federal guidelines in implementing traffic interventions. The town cannot change a speed limit without conducting a study and submitting data to the State for approval. The town cannot implement a four-way stop unless the intersection meets certain criteria specified in the Federal handbook. Sergeant Mailhot explained that he alone is responsible for traffic enforcement in Belmont and that the town has only two flashing speed signs on wheels, one traffic observation box--which has a battery life of approximately 72 hours--and no unmarked cars or motorcycles available for traffic matters.

Sergeant Mailhot recommended that the town use a trailer with a posted speed limit in conjunction with pop-up enforcement in an attempt to calm traffic of Rutledge Road. After evaluating the effects of this intervention, the town can consider what, if any other, interventions would be helpful. In response to a resident request, Glenn indicated that he would explore the possibility of erecting a sign indicating that Children are present on the road and/or that the area is thickly settled. In addition, Glenn will research the jurisdiction over the traffic light at the intersection of Park Street and Rte. 2 to explore the possibility of modifying the timing on this traffic light. Sergeant Shea will contact the Dexter School about its bus stop on Rutledge.

**Dalton and Betts Roads:** Janice Hoffman presented the concerns of residents in the neighborhood of the intersection of Dalton and Betts Roads about the danger of the traffic at the intersection and submitted letters from several residents (these are attached). Janice explained that Betts is the only road without stop signs that extends from Grove to School Streets. Trees at the intersection of Dalton and Betts limit drivers' view of oncoming traffic and stop signs on Dalton are placed in less than fully effective sites.

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On December 10, 2011, a three-car accident occurred at the intersection. While this is the only accident on record at this intersection, Sergeant Mailhot confirmed that the traffic is dangerous at this intersection. Glenn, Sergeant Mailhot, and committee members observed that the conditions on the road seem to warrant a four-way stop at the intersection and that car speed should reflect limited sight lines at the intersection.

Glen will research the four-way stop option and will send a notice alerting residents in the Dalton-Betts Streets neighborhood to a hearing on the topic for the next TAC meeting on March 8, 2012.

At 9:05pm, Dana moved and Matt seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Dana Miller, Clerk



FRONTAGE RD

MALCLIFFE RD

CLANSMONT RD

NEWMORE RD

GARFIELD RD

FELDMONT RD

ROCKMONT RD

CLIFTON ST

PROSPECT ST

BEATRICE DR

RUTLEDGE RD

WYOMING

WYOMING

18 BROWN ST

CONCORD TPK

BRIDGEMAN ST

HERMON ST

WYOMING ST

VILLAGE HILL RD PARK AVE

WYOMING

18 HERMON

EDMONDS WAY

## Clancy, Glenn

**From:** Clancy, Glenn  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 11, 2012 8:22 AM  
**To:** 'Ralph Jones'  
**Subject:** RE: Ralph- I trust you are receipt of Will's note (below). I almost got hit again today!!  
Thanks for the background. I'll get on it asap.

Glenn

**From:** Ralph Jones [mailto:Ralph.Jones@cadmusgroup.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 10, 2012 9:40 PM  
**To:** Clancy, Glenn  
**Subject:** FW: Ralph- I trust you are receipt of Will's note (below). I almost got hit again today!!

Glenn,

Peg Callanan's e-mail (sent to you by Angelo this morning) was in response to a comment I made about the intersection of Dalton and Betts. I asked that the intersection be considered by the Traffic Committee. All of my correspondence with Janice Hoffman (about Dalton and Betts) is below, including intervention by Will Brownsberger. I have no idea what Peg was concerned with.

Ralph T. Jones, Ph.D.  
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617-673-7125 (office)  
617-673-7325 (fax)

**From:** Janice Hoffman :) [mailto:jhishere@att.blackberry.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 09, 2012 5:55 PM  
**To:** Ralph Jones  
**Subject:** Re: Ralph- I trust you are receipt of Will's note (below). I almost got hit again today!!

That sign is IN FRONT OF MY HOUSE!  
No. The danger is coming \*from\* grove, towards school street. Towards my house.  
Cuz ppl coming up dalton -- can't see down betts TO THEIR RIGHT (towards camb). And I come from there, most often, to come home.  
:)  
~JH~

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6/25/2012

**From:** Ralph Jones <[Ralph.Jones@cadmusgroup.com](mailto:Ralph.Jones@cadmusgroup.com)>  
**Date:** Mon, 9 Jan 2012 16:14:09 -0500  
**To:** [jhishere@att.blackberry.net](mailto:jhishere@att.blackberry.net)<[jhishere@att.blackberry.net](mailto:jhishere@att.blackberry.net)>  
**Subject:** RE: Ralph- I trust you are receipt of Will's note (below). I almost got hit again today!!

Janice,

I may not have time to drive over this afternoon before the Selectmen's meeting. As I recall, there is a "dangerous intersection" sign on Betts as it approaches Dalton from the west (heading toward Cambridge). Is that correct? That is the sign that always got me to slow down.

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**From:** Janice Hoffman :) [<mailto:jhishere@att.blackberry.net>]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 09, 2012 3:29 PM  
**To:** Ralph Jones  
**Subject:** Re: Ralph- I trust you are receipt of Will's note (below). I almost got hit again today!!

Wow. Thx.

Frankly, the stress I experience from "almost getting killed" half the time I am trying to come home - is so much- that I have considered selling, because of it :(

Ps- the bad accident that happened last month - where a car was hit so hard it ended up on my neighbors front yard, at that corner -- was \*exactly\* the same as my almost-accident was today. Same northbound on dalton. Same westbound on betts. Same collision spot. Fyi. Good luck!

I took down the lic plate # of today's near miss. He can be a witness if you need one. He was freakin' out, that he almost crashed into me. He would speak on behalf of the stop sign being in wrong place, as well as zero viewing ability if looking from dalton toward grove, on betts. One CANNOT see a thing.

Thx again for your efforts. Let's avoid a death in 2012!

~JH~

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**From:** Ralph Jones <[Ralph.Jones@cadmusgroup.com](mailto:Ralph.Jones@cadmusgroup.com)>  
**Date:** Mon, 9 Jan 2012 15:18:46 -0500  
**To:** [jhishere@att.blackberry.net](mailto:jhishere@att.blackberry.net)<[jhishere@att.blackberry.net](mailto:jhishere@att.blackberry.net)>  
**Subject:** RE: Ralph- I trust you are receipt of Will's note (below). I almost got hit again today!!

Janice,

Thanks. I intend to bring this up to the Selectmen.

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**From:** Janice Hoffman :) [<mailto:jhishere@att.blackberry.net>]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 09, 2012 3:16 PM  
**To:** Ralph Jones; Ralph Jones  
**Subject:** Ralph- I trust you are receipt of Will's note (below). I almost got hit again today!!

Hi. I took down the license of the kid who nearly crashed into my driver's side today-- at the intersection named below. Like so many others, he "stopped" at the stop sign heading north on dalton. Then proceeded. He was a foot from my car, as I approached my home heading westbound on betts-- when I stopped short to avoid getting hit. I got out to talk to him.

He sed what others have sed. I stopped, didn't see you, and went.

I sed you can't see anyone coming down betts cuz the stop sign is about 15 ft back from where it should be, and there is a wall of 20ft tall hedge trees, blocking any would-be view.

I sed you should know this so you don't get hurt in the future: you must stop in the \*middle\* of the rd, to see down the road. ./

Now-- what should I do next?? :)

Thx, in advance of any help you might provide.

~JH~

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**From:** Will Brownsberger <[willbrownsberger@gmail.com](mailto:willbrownsberger@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Sat, 7 Jan 2012 11:02:19 -0500  
**To:** Ralph Jones<[Ralph.Jones@cadmusgroup.com](mailto:Ralph.Jones@cadmusgroup.com)>; Ralph Jones<[ralph.t.jones9@gmail.com](mailto:ralph.t.jones9@gmail.com)>  
**Cc:** <[jhishere@att.blackberry.net](mailto:jhishere@att.blackberry.net)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Happy Holidays -- Last Email from Will in 2011. HEY, WILL, HELP!? ONE LAST THING...

Hi Ralph,

6/25/2012

I just spoke by phone with Janice Hoffman (cc'd on this email) about the situation referred to in her email below.

Basically, she feels that there should be increased signage at the intersection of Dalton and Betts -- go from a 2-way to a 4-way stop. Alternatively, there might be an improvement in safety by switching the 2 existing signs from Dalton to Betts.

I explained to her the process for getting increased stop signage at an intersection -- that it requires a showing that it meets standards under the Uniform Manual of Traffic Control Devices. The town has discretion as to whether to order a study of the traffic condition to determine what the UMTCD requires but little discretion to override the UMTCD.

It sounds like she has spoken to the police a few times and that they have referred her to the Selectmen. I encouraged her to be in touch directly with you as a next step, and, then, if necessary, demonstrate that she is not alone in her concerns by gathering some signatures.

For what it's worth, my gut feeling is that because of the volume of cut through traffic on Betts, some kind of change is probably warranted. During my time on the board, I went through years of accidents and increasing community concern at a couple of intersections -- White and Beech and School and Fairview -- before we escalated to flashers at those locations. My sense is that the high speeds of commuters on Betts probably will eventually lead to accidents that, in themselves, will allow the town to meet the UMTCD criteria, but it may be worth trying to get ahead of that process.

/w.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Janice Hoffman** :) <jhishere@att.blackberry.net>

Date: Wed, Dec 21, 2011 at 5:12 PM

Subject: Re: Happy Holidays -- Last Email from Will in 2011. HEY, WILL, HELP!? ONE LAST THING...

To: "Mr. William N. Brownsberger" <willbrownsberger@gmail.com>

Hey- Will - it's Janice Hoffman. I was standing in front of you while you gave your acceptance speech at campaign headquarters :)

Congrats, again. :)

I need to talk w/ you about a life-threatening situation -- right on my corner...while you are still in your current position...

I live on Betts rd. By the corner of Dalton. I have lived here in this house for 5 yrs. And two weeks. I have talked to and asked the police every year for \*either\* a

- speed bump or

- electronic speed sign or

- most importantly, a 4-way stop.

My neighbors have been asking for a flashing red light, and a 4way.

Here is why: betts is the only cut thru street from school street to grove street. Livermore goes thru but has a stop sign on it. (Which is necessary!)

On betts, the only (now) fast street, ppl go way, way too fast. And, what's much worse, is that folks DO NOT STOP at Dalton.

I, myself, have been nearly killed more than half a dozen times, necessitating me to

-- swerve hard

-- slam on my brakes

-- sit on my horn

-- and then get over the totally shaken up feeling - from the experience!

And this is all just to come home!!

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The stop sign south of betts, on dalton, is about 15 ft too far back from the intersection. So even if someone stopped, they couldn't see down the road. If they stop again at the actual corner (which some do, some don't!), they can't see to the right (towards grove) cuz of huge hedges there. One cannot actually see down betts towards grove unless you are in the middle of the street. Cuz it's not a 90 degree angle.

Once or twice-- after my complaints-- a police car did sit near there -- but those rare and brief occasions do not give them a full picture of the gravity of the situation.

Finally, just as I told them would happen, there was a bad accident there about two weeks ago. It involved one car who admitted to blowing thru the stop sign at dalton (as is often done), and a car coming down betts. And the one who hit it, also caused a parked car to be hit. The first car who was slammed into while travelling on betts, flew up into the air, did a 180, and landed in my neighbor's front yard. There were many ppl involved, and it's a miracle no one was killed.

I then put another (about my 5th or 6th) call into officer shea/shay (sp?), who I was told is the traffic officer. On his voicemail I asked him to read "last nite's report about the accident", and added,

Does someone actually hafta get killed before you will put a 4way here? Do I not only need to pay 8K\$ in taxes (I am single w/no kids!) And \*also\* go door to door to get a petition signed, to save lives, for REAL?! I left my tel #.

He didn't call back.

I have been told by the police

It's up to the selectmen.

I have been told

They can't afford to do a study -in order to put in a 4way.

I have been told

It takes a lot of time and it's all too expensive.

SERIOUSLY?! We need death first? Or maming? Or what?

I jst don't get it.

Will-- is there anything you can do??

I mean, if anyone can, you can.

But, c'mon.

This is just ridiculous.

I'm not acting inappropriately, or too demanding, am I??

I'm trying to save lives. Including my own! My dogs!. My neighbors!. Their kids!. Is that wrong or selfish??

Frankly, I am so upset by this, that I have even thought about giving up on belmont altogether. I cannot move now, and should not need to uproot my whole life -- but it's on the verge of negligence. So do we wait for the next accident and then sue the town of belmont? Or what...

I think it is so sad to be in a wealthy town, and safety not be made first and foremost in priorities and budgeting.

The 4way at school at the first block off belmont street has helped!

Can you help us here??

Think on it. Think of what's the best next move. I appreciate you giving this some consideration. It's been too long as it is. And I don't know where to turn. I know it's the holidays. I wish you and yours a joyous time. Perhaps you can address this issue -- before it's too late.

Thx

:)

Sincerely,

~JH~

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**From:** "Will Brownsberger" <[willbrownsberger@gmail.com](mailto:willbrownsberger@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Wed, 21 Dec 2011 16:29:09 -0500  
**To:** JANICE HOFFMAN<[jhishere@att.blackberry.net](mailto:jhishere@att.blackberry.net)>  
**ReplyTo:** "Will Brownsberger" <[willbrownsberger@gmail.com](mailto:willbrownsberger@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Happy Holidays -- Last Email from Will in 2011

Thank you again for all of your generous volunteer and financial support over the past two years. Together we have achieved success in two competitive campaigns -- reelection in 2010 and more recently the Democratic primary for state senate.

Please know that I am deeply grateful for all that you have already done, so it is with real discomfort that I make one last financial request in 2011.

At this point, the campaign account is substantially depleted. We need to prepare materials for the January 10 general election for state senate. Although it does not appear that we have opposition in the general election, it would be foolish not to do the basics necessary to get out our vote -- we've come much too far to leave the general election to chance. If we were to be inactive through January 10, the turnout would be close to zero, and in a very low turnout election, a late sticker campaign would have some possibility of prevailing. Also, we still have a couple of remaining bills from the primary effort. Finally, we do need to begin rebuilding for the 2012 re-election effort which will be upon us very shortly.

If you are able to contribute now, [please click here to visit our online contribution page](#). According to our records, you have already generously contributed \$100 in calendar year 2011 -- thank you. The maximum additional amount that you can legally contribute before the end of 2011 is \$400.

*Have wonderful holidays and please mark your calendar to vote in the general election on January 10, 2012.*

All best,

Will Brownsberger  
Cell: [617-771-8274](tel:617-771-8274)

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Thursday February 9<sup>th</sup> 2012

Belmont Selectmen,

My husband and I live at 82 Betts Road. Our house is a corner lot with only one house to the left of our house towards School Street, which leaves us with a direct and very visible view of cars coming down Betts Rd. Throughout the day, there are cars zipping down Betts Road at increased speeds becoming tremendously more increased during rush hour traffic.

Several of the residents on Betts Rd have made numerous attempts to get a four-way stop at the intersection of Betts Rd and Dalton Rd but nothing has been done. There are stop signs on Dalton Rd, but the problem still exists. The stop sign on Dalton Rd coming from the Grove Street Park is placed horribly – about 5 ft back from the intersection and is covered by trees, so when a vehicle does stop they then have to pull out into the intersection in order to see any oncoming traffic and proceed – which, in my opinion is a useless stop sign.

Recently, my next door neighbor came home from work driving up Betts Rd from Grove Street, and was almost sideswiped by a vehicle – forcing him to jam on his brakes and narrowly avoiding a collision. Sadly, this vehicle blowing through the one stop sign on Dalton Rd was a Belmont Police officer who merely looked back in his rear view mirror and proceeded to drive off without even checking on the other vehicle. A few months ago there was an accident where a vehicle again blew through that same stop sign. There was another vehicle driving the opposite way and was hit and sent into a bush on the property of another neighbor on the corner of Betts Rd and Dalton Rd, crushing their property. Fortunately, there were not any pedestrians walking for this accident could have been much more detrimental.

There have been several instances where the Police Department has come out and sat near the intersection to see the level of traffic flow, but, unfortunately the police officers come during the early afternoon where the amount of traffic is minimal. Many neighbors have been told by the proper police officials that we cannot get a 4-way stop on Betts Rd because of traffic control. There are 4-way stops on Shaw Rd, Livermore Rd, Elm Street, and Fairview Street. Because there are stop signs on all of these roads, vehicles use Betts Rd for a cut through and it is just a fatal accident waiting to happen in our opinions.

My husband and I, along with a few neighbors will actually park our cars on Betts Rd on either side in an attempt to protect our children from cars zipping down Betts Rd so they can play basketball or even just walk around the corner to their friend's house. We have taken license plates numbers of vehicles driving at ridiculous speeds and reported them to the police department and have gone as far as being out on the sidewalk and actually flagging cars down and screaming "Please slow down"!

The schools in Belmont promote *heavily* – that children should walk to and from school. We live 3 blocks from our Elementary school and I do not trust that my children are safe walking.

I would really love for the Town of Belmont to put another stop sign on Betts Rd and move the existing stop sign on Dalton Rd out so that the rules of the road are adhered to.

Thank you,

Shelagh and David Meier

February 9, 2012

Re: Stop sign at intersection of Dalton and Betts Roads

To whom it may concern:

I am unable to attend the meeting tonight regarding the installation of a stop sign at the intersection of Dalton and Betts Roads but would like to submit my letter in support of this initiative for two reasons: 1. the speed at which cars travel down Betts Road and 2. the number of near crashes at the intersection.

First, is the speed at which people drive down Betts Road. I have resided at 79 Betts Road for almost 8 years now. We have three active boys who play both in the driveway and on the street. The lack of a stop sign at this intersection allows cars to speed up and down the street at dangerous speeds. The cars are going so fast that it is actually safer for the boys to place their hockey nets in the middle of the road so cars see them more easily and it forces the cars to slow down/stop. Traffic studies have been done in years past with police officers, however, they were not conducted during rush hour. It is also counter productive to conduct a traffic study with a police cruiser as drivers automatically slow down upon sighting the cruiser. Driver use Betts Road as a cut through street as it is the only street that runs between School and Grove without a stop sign.

The other reason is the intersection is dangerous. There are trees on Dalton Road that obscure the view of Betts Road and the stop sign is misplaced. By stopping at the existing stop sign heading North on ~~Grove Street~~ <sup>Dalton Rd</sup> a driver cannot see the left side of Betts Road and is therefore entering the intersection without knowing if a car is coming. The corner house ended up with a car in their front yard due to difficulty at this intersection. There are far more near accidents that occur at this intersection than seem necessary to require a stop sign.

Being a somewhat long term resident of Betts Road, it is obvious to me that a stop sign is needed at this intersection. There is not a need to conduct a traffic study to justify the stop sign if you just consider the fact that this is the only street that does not have a stop sign between School and Grove. It would be far more cost effective to install the stop sign instead of conducting the study.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to the straightforward issue.

Karen Finn  
79 Betts Road

THURSDAY- FEBRUARY 9th, 2012

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN;---

Disclaimer:-

*Sorry I am unable to be present to support this important TRAFFIC PROBLEM HEARING;*

*I was out of Town and just learned of it. Sorry!*

**>Please do something to improve the SAFETY of the children and drivers in our Neighborhood at the INTERSECTION of BETTS Rd & DALTON Road.**

**>BETTS Rd. is used by "Out -of- towners" as well as Locals as a short-cut from School St. to Grove St. too many SPEED while using it.**

**>This is a very busy, active area, and the Neighborhood including my BETTS Rd.; ANIS Rd.; SARGENT Rd. and DALTON Rd., have Households of School children and younger ones; I see them everyday, as well as the SPEEDING CARS!!**

**(I motion them to slow down)**

**>In the 50 years I have lived at 39 Betts Rd. near the Dalton Rd. Intersection, I have seen accidents (one a School boy on a bike), and close calls, as well as hearing the screeching of tires.**

**>Dalton Rd drivers coming through the Intersection heading toward Washington St., DO NOT always STOP at the Stop Sign. Please---please--**

**>WE ALSO NEED a STOP SIGN on BETTS RD. @ DALTON RD. WHICH WOULD SLOW DOWN the SPEEDERS COMING FROM SCHOOL ST.--A REAL SAFETY FACTOR for ALL.**

**THANK YOU,**

**Sincerely, Helena Burns (Mrs. Ralph J. Burns)-39 Betts Rd.**

**quirkbc@comcast.net**

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**From:** <Brian\_Quirk@mksinst.com>  
**Date:** Thursday, February 09, 2012 5:11 PM  
**To:** "Brian Quirk" <quirkbc@comcast.net>  
**Subject:** Dalton/Betts intersection  
To Whom it may concern,

I have been very concerned about the intersection at Betts and Dalton Road for sometime, having lived in the neighborhood for over 17 years. I want to relate a recent experience I had driving through that intersection.

I was traveling westbound on Betts Road, approaching the Dalton Road intersection on Friday, January 27th, at about 6:30pm. It was dark. My speed was around 25 mph, I would estimate.

I had the right of way, as the existing stop signs are positioned for traffic traveling on Dalton Road. I entered the intersection to find a car (which happened to be a Belmont Police car) traveling southbound on Dalton, appearing to be traveling at what I would consider a high rate of speed for that residential area and intersection. The car ran the stop sign, causing me to jam on my breaks and skid to a stop, barely missing the other car.

I ended up diagonal in the intersection, wondering how lucky I was to have our cars miss each other.

This is not the first time I have had a near miss at this intersection, but clearly it was the closest call I have had. I think a 4 way stop sign configuration would be in order to make this intersection much safer for those that drive through it and live near it.

Sincerely,



Brian C. Quirk  
48 Audrey Road

To Whom It May Concern.

I feel the present stop sign on Dalton is ineffectual. Recently I sustained property damage & extensive damage to a friend's car parked in front of my house. A young man ran the stop sign & hit a passing vehicle causing me to hit the car & my property. Fortunately she sustained no major injuries.

I suggest putting a four way stop sign or if not a stop sign on Betts to prevent speed. Also flashing lights would be most helpful.

Theresa A. Williams  
58 Betts Rd,

FEB 9, 12.

Dear To the Advisory Board,

I am writing in support of  
installing a four way stop  
at the intersection of Dalton  
and Bell. Our family has  
passed through this intersection  
on numerous occasions for  
baseball games and feel the  
strong need for the mitigation.

Best regards  
Joe C. Hill  
Darlene (Husband)  
20 Beatrice Circle  
617.429.4783

My name is  
Mary Ann Barry  
I live at 38 Betts Rd  
Since a number of  
years. (20 yrs)  
I have to stop  
at Betts because they  
fly down Dalton  
and don't stop.

This intersection  
is not safe

Mary Ann Barry

To whom it may concern <sup>2/9/12</sup>

I understand you will be discussing  
the minimum stop you can make with  
88 mph and concerned about the  
speed of the traffic on both roads,  
and the range of cameras.

All have people don't stop at  
the stop sign. Possibly, a 4 way  
stop or a stop sign on its  
own might be a problem.

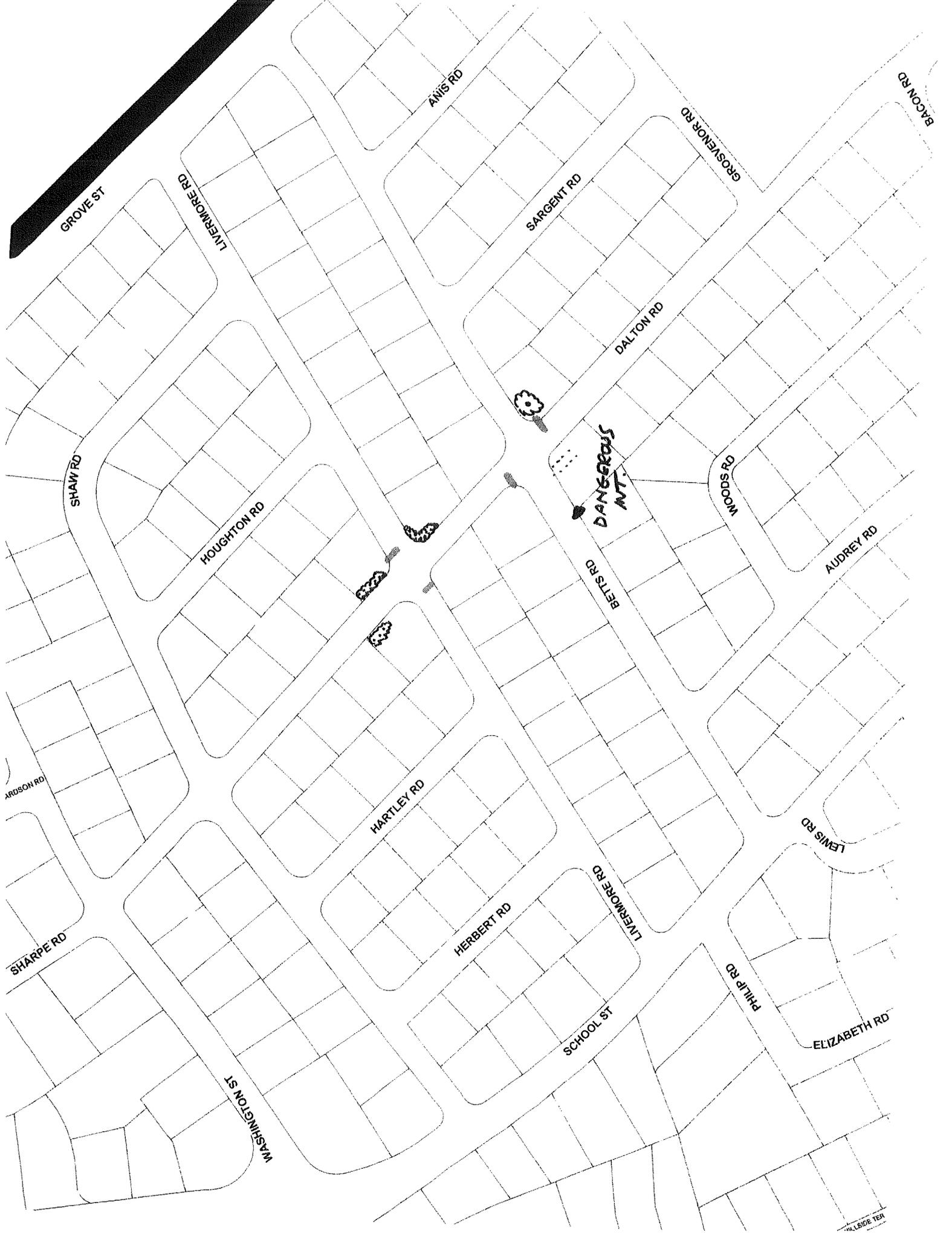
Sincerely,

Kelly Grace  
73 E 16th St  
Easton, MA

The intersection of Dallow & Little  
is very dangerous. People don't stop  
at stop sign.

We need a 4 way stop

Nancy Colacore  
22 Axis Rd  
Belmont



GROVE ST

ANIS RD

SARGENT RD

GROSVENOR RD

BACON RD

LVERMORE RD

SHAW RD

HOUGHTON RD

DALTON RD

WOODS RD

AUDREY RD

ARDSON RD

HARTLEY RD

BETTS RD

LEMIS RD

SHARPE RD

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# Traffic Advisory Committee

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**Date:** February 6, 2012

**To:** Members – Traffic Advisory Committee

**From:** Linda Nickens, Chair

**Subject:** Agenda for Meeting on **Thursday, February 9, 2012 at 7:00 PM** in the **Town Hall Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room**. If you cannot attend the meeting, please contact Linda via e-mail.

### Agenda

**7:00** Call to Order

**7:00 – 7:05** Minutes (12/08/11)

**7:05 – 7:45** Rutledge Road (Clifton Street to Park Avenue)

- Public Meeting

**7:45 – 8:00** Intersection of Dalton Road and Betts Road – Resident Request

- Request for Safety Improvements

**8:00 – 8:30** Continued Discussion – Developing Guidelines for Implementation of Raised Traffic Elements

**8:30 – 8:35** New Business

- No Known Items

**8:35 – 8:40** Old Business

- Warning Sign Request – Payson Road at Cushing Avenue – Still Evaluating

**8:40** Adjourn

Cc: Board of Selectmen – Mark Paolillo  
Kellie Hebert, Interim Town Administrator  
Glenn R. Clancy, Town Engineer  
Sgt Kevin Shea, Belmont Police Department  
Richard McLaughlin, Belmont Police Chief  
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