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Members present: Nickens, Olsen, Mercier, Sullivan & Griffin  
Staff: Clancy & Mailhot

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM.

Update on School Street (St. Josephs) first item as Sara Griffith and Ray LeMeux of Common Street were in attendance. Glenn Clancy reported that the signs have been ordered and would be installed by the end of next week (4/18). Ms. Griffith asked about the location and was informed that they would be placed on what would be the bound between St. Joseph's property and the Town's right of way (sidewalk).

Scot Landry of 7 Garrison Rd., appeared before the committee to request a stop sign on Oliver Road at the intersection of Garrison Rd. He told the committee that many people traveling on Oliver down toward Lake St., look to the left when entering the intersection but seldom look right. His is to the right and has had some very close calls backing out of his driveway. Motion by Griffin, seconded by Sullivan to recommend a stop sign be installed at this location.

Maria Curran and Elizabeth Simonetti then spoke about the frequent illegal parkers that block all or part of their driveways on Beech in the area of the Senior Center. Both explained that there is space in front of their homes for one vehicle but not two, but frequently someone will squeeze in blocking part of their respective drives. They were asking that triangles be painted on the street to forbid parking at the mouth of their drives. Mr. Clancy explained that due to budget and manpower issues the committee did not recommend paint for the many traffic and parking issues in the town. Ms. Olsen will have Ms. Curran speak at the next COA meeting and Mr. Griffin will contact Belmont Second Soccer to appeal to both organizations for voluntary compliance.

As an offshoot of the above the Committee were made aware that the fines for illegal parking have not been changed in many years. The feeling, without a vote, was that the committee may want to look at the fine schedule in the months to come.

Mr. Clancy gave an update on the Trapelo Road project and reported further that the sign for Glenn Rd. had been ordered and would be installed by 4/18. (meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM – J. Griffin).



# Traffic Advisory Committee

## TOWN OF BELMONT

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**Date:** April 8, 2014  
**To:** Members – Traffic Advisory Committee  
**From:** Linda Nickens, Chair  
**Subject:** Agenda for Meeting on **Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 7:00 PM in Town Hall Conference Room 4**. If you cannot attend the meeting, please contact Linda via e-mail.

**7:00** Call to Order  
**7:00 – 7:05** Minutes (March 13, 2014) —  
**7:05 – 7:20** ✓ Resident Request for Stop Sign  
• Oliver Road / Garrison Road  
**7:20 – 7:30** ✓ Resident Requests for Parking Restriction  
• 239, 237, 235 Beech Street  
**7:30 – 7:35** ✓ New Business  
• No Known Items  
**7:35 – 7:45** Old Business  
• Trapelo Road Project Update —  
• ✓ Glenn Road Signage Update  
• ✓ School Street / St. Joseph's Signage Update  
• Other  
**7:45** Adjourn

**Cc:** Board of Selectmen – Andy Rojas  
David Kale, Town Administrator  
Glenn R. Clancy, Town Engineer  
Sgt Ben Mailhot, Belmont Police Department  
Richard McLaughlin, Belmont Police Chief  
Peter Castanino, Director, Department of Public Works  
Karl Haglund, Planning Board

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March 25, 2014

Town of Belmont Traffic Advisory Committee  
c/o Mr. Glenn R. Clancy  
via email to Mr. Clancy

Dear Members of the Traffic Advisory Committee –

I am writing to request that a stop sign be installed at the end of Oliver Road as it intersects with Garrison Road.

This intersection is immediately in front of our home at 7 Garrison Road and adjacent to the home Ximena's mother just bought at 244 Lake Street. Since my mother-in-law purchased 244 Lake Street one month ago, we have parked one of our cars in the driveway of 244 Lake. Several times, as we have backed out of the driveway, we have almost been hit by cars traveling on Oliver Road preparing to take a right onto Garrison Road and then a quick right turn onto Lake Street. We began to observe the driving patterns there more closely and have found that many traveling on Oliver approaching the intersection look left onto Garrison (toward Gilmore) to see if anyone is heading toward them and only look to the right at the last minute (twice it has been my horn that has saved everyone from a collision). There is such a small stretch of road on Garrison to the right of Oliver (the width of the side of my mother-in-law's house) that drivers simply don't expect a car to be there on the right side of the street (or pulling out of the driveway).

With 3 younger children who also will be traveling more frequently across the street to visit their grandmother when she moves in in April, we are concerned about their safety too as they more frequently cross the street.

Naturally, because Oliver Road ends, one would hope drivers would naturally stop. Unfortunately, Oliver and Garrison both become "short-cuts" for commuters trying to save a couple of minutes on their commute. The cars aren't even doing a rolling stop at a couple of mph – it seems some are going 20+ mph as they make the turn.

We appreciate your consideration of this request. We would be happy to provide additional information if you need it.

Sincerely,

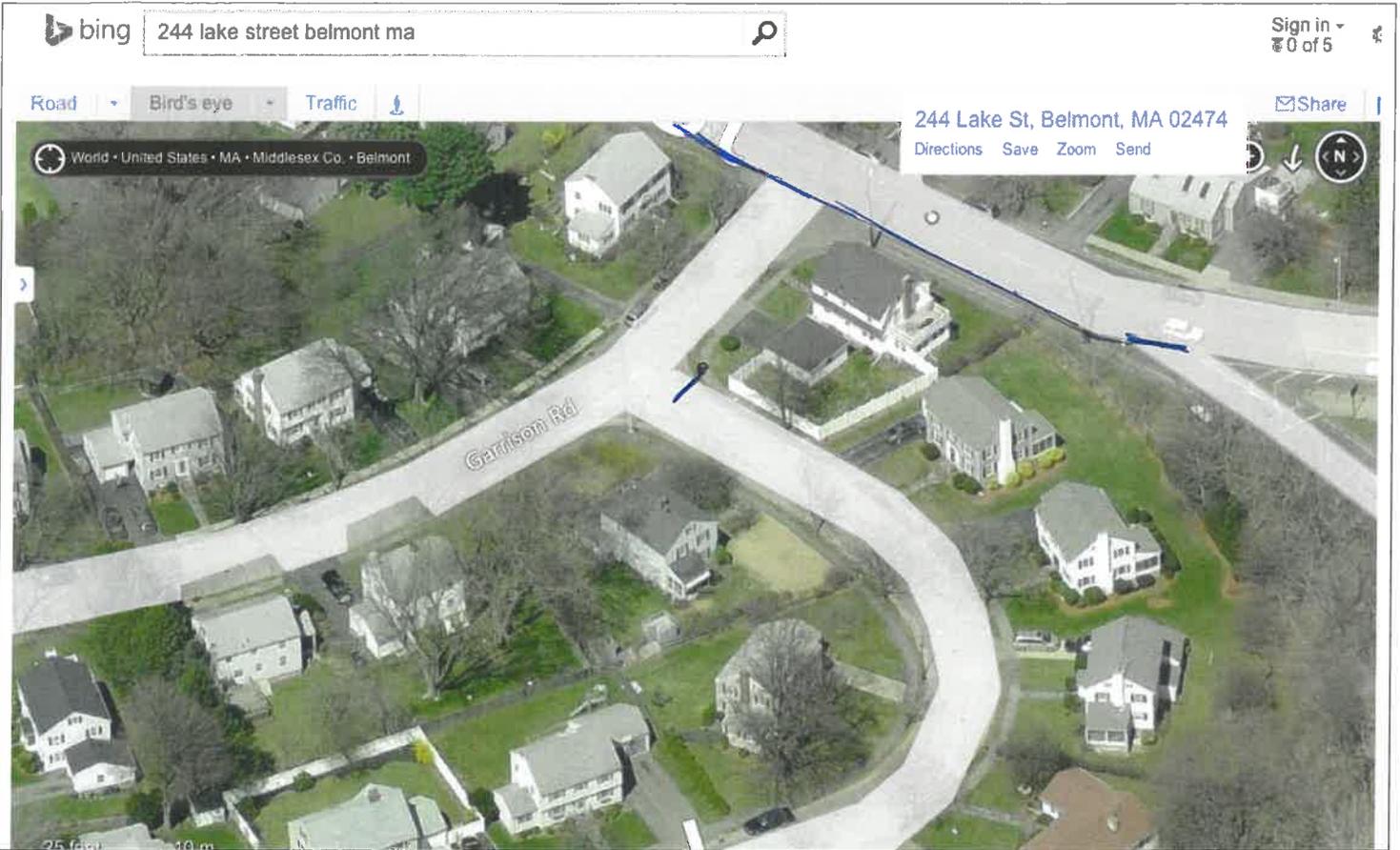


Enclosed Screenshots/Photos:

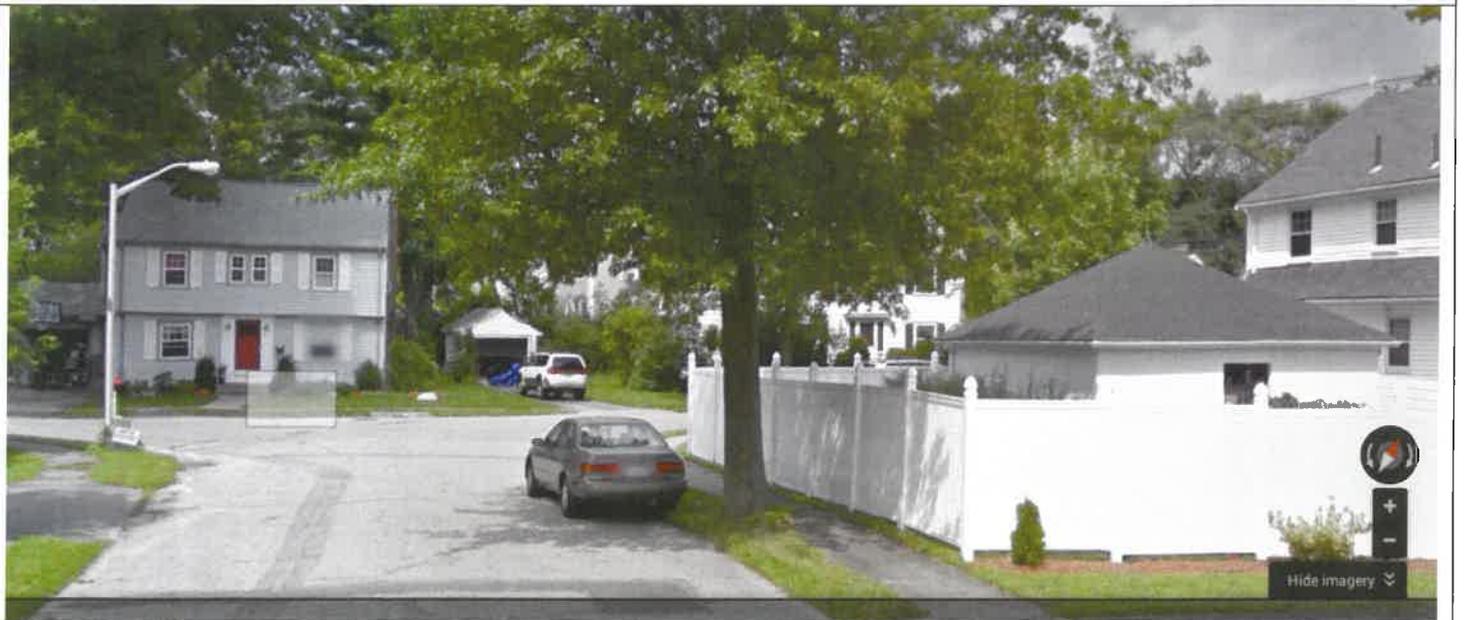
Bing Map of the intersection

Google Street View of the Intersection.

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Note: Cars often travel on Oliver around the curve and continue to move through the intersection at Garrison Rd, looking left to see if cars are coming from Gilmore Rd and only looking to the right at the last minute. The driveway for 244 Lake Street can be seen at the red dot.



Note: Our home 7 Garrison Road faces the intersection. My mother-in-law's home is on the right with the white fence. We would request a stop sign on the right at the end of the street (in front of where the sedan is parked). If a sign is not possible, alternatively, we would request that a stop line and the word "Stop" be painted on the street. Thank you for your consideration.

2014 FEB 28 AM 10:08

February 27, 2014

Re: Parking on Beech Street

To: Belmont Traffic Advisory Committee

Residents' Complaint: Drivers frequently park on Beech Street limiting access and blocking driveways which makes it very dangerous for us to pull into and out of our driveways. This is a major safety issue for residents.

Residents' Locations: 239 Beech Street; 237 Beech Street and 235 Beech Street

Residents' Requests for Action:

- The residents are requesting that the street be marked on both sides of our driveways with No Parking triangles to show no more than one (1) car can park in front of our residences. We **do not** want signs placed in front of our homes.
- We would also request that there be a maximum of 2 hour parking per car per day so that cars are not parked in front of our homes all day.

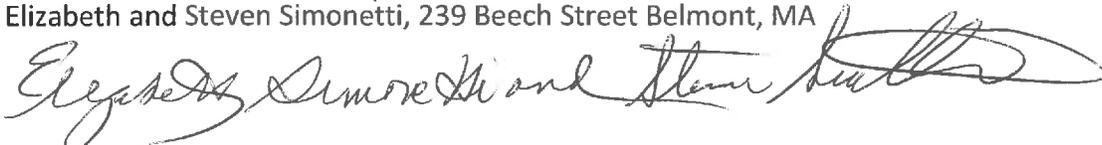
Numerous calls to the Police Department have been necessary when multiple drivers try to park their cars in front of our homes. The latest calls were made on February 12, 2014 when the second car parked in front of 239 Beech Street blocked nearly half of the driveway preventing me from getting out of my driveway. This situation is not only a frequent major inconvenience to the residents that limits our access to pull into and out of our driveways, but it also causes increased danger of not seeing cars coming up or down Beech Street. This parking issue is not just a weekday issue with the Senior Center. It is also a major weekend problem with cars being parked for weekend soccer practices/games and other playground events. Your assistance in getting the street markings done as soon as possible to resolve these major parking issues is greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

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