

Town of Belmont, MA

Traffic Advisory Committee (T.A.C.)

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Meeting Minutes, May 14, 2015

Members Present: Peter Curro, Joe Griffin, Larry MacDonald (Vice Chair), Don Mercier, Dana Miller (Clerk), Tomi Olsen, Matt Sullivan.

Ex-Officio Members Present: Glenn Clancy (Town Engineer), Sargent Benjamin Mailhot (Belmont Police Department), Jim Williams (Board of Selectmen)

Also Present: Bruce Bell, 71 Bay State Road; Mary Bradley, 12 Leslie Road; Arline Davis, 18 Blake Street; Nancy Eagen, 135 Slade Street; Michel Griffin, 171 Slade Street; James Hencke, 55 Drew Road; Martha and Mike Jacovides, 127 Slade Street; Lydia Kogler, 177 Slade Street; Robert and Nancy McKie, 76 Drew Road; John O'Connor, 35 Upland Road; John Schanzle, 82 Horace Road; Katherine Sigel, 181 Slade Street; Roger Wrubel, 165 Slade Street.

Ms. Nickens called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

TAC Agendas and Minutes (7:01pm): Ms. Nickens requested that all future meeting agendas indicate that the timing listed on an agenda is provisional and that, to ensure that they are present for discussions of interest, residents should arrive at the 7:00pm start of the TAC meeting. In addition, she asked that all future meeting minutes show the times at which discussions began for items listed on the agenda.

Minutes from the March 12, 2015 meeting were approved (7:02pm).

The Intersection of Slade Street and Upland Road (7:03pm): Residents described the approach to the intersection from both Slade Street and Horace Road as dangerous because of curves in the road and high hedges that obstruct the driver's view. One resident presented a petition with 30 signatures supporting the installation of a permanent stop sign at the intersection of Slade Street and Horace Road. Another resident reported that this intersection is on the "Safe Routes To School" route and that she has seen three serious accidents at the intersection. A resident who lives three doors down from the intersection reported that when the road is icy, cars sometimes slide into the intersection. Another resident reported that children bike and skateboard down the road and that drivers can't see the children because of the obstructions.

Sargent Mailhot reported that a review of his traffic survey for the intersection indicates that most cars travel at no more than 30 mph. Sargent Mailhot recommended that a four-way stop be installed with

advance warning signs on the approach. He also recommended that the town remove the "Dangerous Intersection" sign at that location. The TAC passed a motion to implement Sargent Mailhot's recommendations.

Blake Street (7:30pm): The TAC moved to recommend that a "No Parking" sign be installed on Blake Street, opposite the tree that leans into the street, 35 feet from the intersection with Kilburn Road. Glenn will notify the tennis club of the TAC decision.

Hastings Road (7:40pm): In an email message, a resident requested that a stop sign be installed on Hastings Road at the intersection of Brettwood Road and that "Thickly Settled, Speed Limit 30 mph" signs be installed on both sides of Common Street between the intersection with School Street and the intersection with Palfrey Road/Payson Road. No residents were present to discuss this request. Sargent Mailhot has no traffic or speed reports for the intersection of Hastings and Brettwood Roads. There have been no accidents at the intersection. Sargent Mailhot explained that stop signs are not used at "T" intersections like that of Hastings and Brettwood Roads. The TAC voted to deny the request for a stop sign at the intersection of Hastings and Brettwood Roads. The TAC voted to recommend that "Thickly Settled, Speed Limit 30mph" signs be installed on either side of Common Street at the intersection with Hastings Road.

Old Business: Sargent Mailhot will complete traffic and speed studies for Lewis Road and Lexington Street by July, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Miller, Clerk