

Town of Belmont, MA

Traffic Advisory Committee (T.A.C.)

2015 NOV 10 AM 9:07

Meeting Minutes, August 13, 2015

Members Present: Joe Griffin, Larry Macdonald (Vice Chair), Dana Miller (Clerk), Linda Nickens (Chair), Tomi Olson (from 7:48pm).

Ex-Officio Members Present: Glenn Clancy (Town Engineer), Sargent Benjamin Mailhot (Belmont Police Department).

Also Present: Myron Kassaraba, 43 Hastings Road; Anne Paulsen, 90 School Street, Belmont, MA.

Ms. Nickens called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

The minutes of the June 11, 2015 meeting were approved (7:02pm).

The Wellington School (7:03pm): The Committee recommended no changes to Glendale Road, which will be reconstructed in the near term. The Committee recommended that crosswalk signs be installed on either side of the School Street crosswalk between Common and Cottage Streets.

Hastings Road (7:17pm): Mr. Kassaraba made a presentation in support of his request that a stop sign be installed on Hastings Road at the T-intersection with Brettwood Road. Mr. Kassaraba explained his concern about the speed of car traffic on Brettwood and Hastings Roads, which are on the Safe Routes to School path. Mr. Kassaraba believes that the absence of sidewalk on some parts of the path and the tendency for Chenery students to cross Brettwood mid-block contribute to increased pedestrian risk. The Committee will reconsider ways to address pedestrian-safety concerns—including stop signs, cross walks and sidewalks—after Hastings Road is repaved, in the spring of 2016. In addition, Glenn will reach out to the Safe Routes to School group regarding the walking routes for the Chenery School.

New Business:

Common and Washington Streets (7:43pm): Sarah Dillon sent Glenn an email in which she requested that a flashing yellow “pedestrian” light be installed at the intersection of Common and Washington Streets.

Baker Street (7:49pm): residents have complained about speeding in the neighborhood.

Brighton Street Hearing (7:59pm): Glenn will send out a hearing notice to neighbors. Glenn and Ben will check to see if the truck ban certificate for Brighton Street can be enforced.

Four-Way Stops (8:08pm): In response to a request from Selectman Jim Williams, the Committee will consider which town intersections would benefit from the installation of 4-way stop signs.

Old Business:

Lexington and Sycamore Streets (7:53pm): \$48,000 has been allocated to install a raised crosswalk at the intersection.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Miller, Clerk