

Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting
March 11, 2004

Members present: M.J. Frisoli, L. Nickens, A. Masciari, T. Riley, T. Olson, M. Gavin
T. Turner

Mary Jo called the meeting together at 7:05.

Tim Riley moved the minutes of January and February.

Seconded by Andrea. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Mary Jo took care of some secretarial business.

Public Hearing on Unity Avenue

It was noted by a resident of Unity and Dartmouth that it is like a parade between seven and nine and again between four and seven,

Another neighbor does not see a morning traffic need.

A Hoitt Road resident is concerned with access to the church and daycare center.

It was asked if you block off Unity what is going to happen on Marlboro?

Tim Turner referenced the traffic counts.

Concerning notification of residents, Mary Jo noted that over 100 cards were sent.

Tomi seems to have the impression that traffic speed is also a concern.

Discussion went on to a variety of points; the focus seemed to be on a Unity Avenue restriction in the morning.

MaryJo noted that restriction on Marlboro and Oxford might make a change.

Tom Riley's observation – there is no need.

The question of whether or not the volume met a warrant was raised.

The p.m. numbers were high enough.

Tim Turner noted that the neighbors present were requesting the change.

Mary Jo explained the process to the residents and reiterated that the numbers and residents present warranted the action by the TAC.

Tomi moved that the TAC table discussion on this issue until six months after the signs go up on Marlboro and Oxford.

Tim Riley seconded..

The vote was unanimous in favor.

Tim Turner asked if there would be another time tube count after the signs go up.

Trapello Road update.

There will be a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce with the Board of Selectmen on 4/14 and a *Citizens Forum* meeting on 3/24.

The Planning Board is going to lead the TIP process.

Letters have been sent to Watertown.

Tomi asked for the purpose of the *Belmont Citizen Forum* meeting.
MaryJo reported that she could speak only to process.
Andrea noted that it would be a slide show, Andy McClure and Mary Jo.
It was noted that Trapello Road is dead in the water until we are on the TIP.
A ten-year timeline is an optimistic view.

Mary Jo noted that W. Brownsberger asked that we look at intersections and decide what needs to be done.

Tom Getzunis noted that until the Board of Selectmen takes action, the Capital Budge Committee would not address the issue. General discussion followed.

Intersections noted were Mill/Winter; Common/Leonard.

Discussion was lively. Tim Turner asked about excise tax money. Marc D'Andrea noted the Rizzo report might be a useful source.
MaryJo noted that she thinks that we are outside our charge.
MaryJo is going to write a letter to the Board of Selectmen for approval of the process.

Elections were postponed.

Tomi moved to adjourn.
M. Gavin seconded.

Respectfully submitted as amended,


Mary T. W. Gavin