

TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 4, 2003

Present: MaryJo Frisoli
Linda Nickens
Andrea Masciari
Tim Turner
Tom Gatzunis, Town Engineer
Sgt. Ken Hamilton, Belmont PD

Also Present: Arthur Wolfson
Tim Higgins, Town Planner
Gerry Missal, School Department
Melanie Carlson, Winnbrook teacher
Janet Carey, Winnbrook Principle

NO QUOREM:

- Tim Higgins addressed the committee relative to the work that the Planning Board has been doing on Trapelo Road.
 - o The residents are very implicit in that they want traffic calming benches, etc, at the old VW location.
 - o Public hearing will be held on May 28th
- Mr. Wolfson addressed the TAC – he was concerned about traffic buildup if the 2-way at island on Pleasant/Concord intersection removed
 - o Would like the TAC to reconsider keeping it 2 ways.
 - o Tom Gatzunis says we can't change it because it's been approved already by the state
 - o The design project is at over 75% complete
 - o Project to go out to bid in September and a change would endanger the project's future of possibly losing funding
 - o Tomi Olsen – thinks it make sense and maybe TAC should look at it.
 - o Tom Gatzunis explains it is bad idea because the state will drop the project or the funding will go to another project that is waiting for funding and at 100% completion.
- Stephen and Stephanie Kelly of Marlboro Street addressed the TAC relative to the traffic problems on Marlboro St.
 - o Issues include high speed
 - o Would like a stop sign at Marlboro and Fairview
 - o Would like a 4-way stop midway down Marlboro Street
 - o Would like a no turn restriction from Trapelo Road onto Marlboro Street
- Tom Gatzunis and Ken Hamilton explained why the 4-way stop wouldn't be approved. It would not meet the warrants

- A line down the middle of the street would all likely increase speed of traffic
 - A stop sign would probably not be effective at end of Marlboro Street
- The topic was discussed and the stop sign at Unity and Marlboro deemed sufficient
- Discussion of turn restriction from Trapelo from 4-6 pm and the impact to Grove and Trapelo was considered
- Plan of Action was agreed upon to invite neighbors in to gain input on a turn restriction. Hearing to be held and then the Kellys will be invited back for final resolution and vote of the committee.

- Gerry Missal of the School Department and the principle Janet Carey addressed the committee relative to the traffic issues surrounding the Winnbrook School neighborhood.
- Sgt. Hamilton presented to the TAC and to the people present what the proposed plan was. He wants to create a safe dropoff at the Winnbrook School on Sherman Street.
 - At the present time the danger is in the winter when there are snow piles. Children will get hurt because no sidewalk
 - Curbing and sidewalk along Sherman estimated at \$36,000.
- Discussions of moving the fence – the Rec Department owns the fence and it is hard to move because park land would need act of legislature to reduce the area.
- Cost of project discussed and possibility of school department and rec department, and Belmont Highway Department share the cost.
- Many suggestions were discussed
- Plan of Action was formulated; the TAC will conduct a public hearing to gain public input as to how a one-way would impact the residents of Sherman and surrounding neighborhoods
- The issue would come back to the committee and a final resolution will be discussed.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m

Respectfully submitted by MaryJo Frisoli and Linda Nickens