

***Traffic Advisory Committee Public Hearing--Minutes for Thursday, April 6, 2006.***

In attendance: M.J. Frisoli, A. Masciari, T. Turner, T. Olson, P. Curro L. Nickens, T. Riley.

Also attending: G. Clancy, Sgt. MacIssac, ca. twenty-five Belmont residents.

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Administrative matters.

Det. Hamilton, having been reassigned, has been replaced by Sgt. MacIssac as the BPD liaison.

Belmont Center Charette

Wellington School traffic management.

Tricommunity (Belmont, Lexington, Waltham) committee report. The Tricommunity committee reported that planned and on-going residential development on the Trapelo Rd. corridor is projected to double the volume of traffic along the Belmont-Trapelo corridor. The views communicated by the MPO indicated that the state is in favor of improvements along BTC in order to accommodate the projected traffic volumes. GC suggested that this may result in MassHighway pushing the design to accommodate an increased level of service.

Due to a conflict with the Planning Board meeting (which will discuss traffic), the TAC meeting scheduled for May 4, 2006 will be postponed to May 11, 2006.

Blanchard/Bright/Grove reconstruction will go out to bid April 7, 2006. Bids are due April 21, and work should commence two weeks afterward.

(7:59) Sgt. MacIssac was introduced as the BPD liaison to the TAC

(8:02) Lauren Monovich presented her concerns regarding traffic along Clark/Thomas St. encompassing the stretch between Royal Rd. and Waverley St. A number of issues were illustrated with an extensive photo hand-out. Ms. Monovich and several citizens in attendance discussed a number of ideas to mitigate the perceived traffic impact on their neighborhood. MF suggested that the TAC identify those concerns that can be addressed. GC will report on these issues at the May 11 meeting.

(8:52) Sgt. MacIssac reported that he researched all pedestrian fatalities in Belmont going back to the 1960's. With one exception, all fatalities occurred at uncontrolled crosswalks when visibility was a major factor.

(8:57) Tim McIntosh of VHB reported on traffic calming possibilities at Washington/Goeden/Oakley, Washington/School, and along Cross St. Near Winnbrook School. A number of designs were reviewed, and it was decided that a public hearing will be scheduled for the Washington/School intersection during the May 11 meeting. GC believes that this intersection will be reconstructed during the 2006 paving season.

(9:32) \*\* of Sycamore St. is asking the town to restrict parking on their street. The TAC will review the issues during the June meeting.

(9:48) Elections. MF stated that this will be her last year as chairman. TR nominated TT for chair, LN nominated MF. MF was elected 4-3. LN and TT were re-elected as vice-chair and secretary, respectively.

Meeting Adjourned 8:31 p.m.