

# Town of Belmont, MA

## Traffic Advisory Committee (T.A.C.)

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Minutes of Meeting June 9, 2011

**Members present:** Peter Curro, Dana Miller (Clerk), Larry Macdonald (Vice Chair), Linda Nickens (Chair), and Tommasina Olson.

**Ex-Officio members present:** Glenn Clancy, PE; Sgt. Kevin Shea, BPD.

**Also present:** Alex and Victoria Kruglov (50 Oakley Road) and Mark Adams (145 Oakley Road)

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Linda Nickens.

**Minutes:** Tommasina moved and Peter seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2011 meeting. The Committee voted to accept the minutes as presented.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting date of the T.A.C. will be determined by the Chair, in consultation with the Town Engineer, and notice will be given when that meeting date is set. July and August meetings will be called only if new business arises.

**Oakley Street Neighborhood:** Oakley Street residents are concerned because the soon-to-be re-surfaced road will support heavier and faster traffic. The neighbors urge the T.A.C. to consider the implementation of stop signs and elevated cross walks as a means of increasing pedestrian safety.

The T.A.C. agreed that, after the road work is completed and school reconvenes in September, Sergeant Shea will gather information about the number and speed of cars travelling in the neighborhood. In addition, Sergeant Shea will develop a report on the history of automobile accidents in the neighborhood. When that information has been collected, Glenn will contact the concerned residents.

The neighbors asked the T.A.C. to also look into the possibility of parking restrictions at the intersection of Selwyn and Oakley. Because the T.A.C. does not have purview over parking issues, the T.A.C. recommended that this proposal be raised with the town selectmen. A town Ad-Hoc Parking Committee may be established and, if it is, this might be an appropriate forum in which to raise the possibility of parking restrictions in the neighborhood.

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**The Standardization of Conditions under which the Town of Belmont Will Consider the Implementation of Raised Pedestrian Crosswalks:** Because elevated pedestrian crosswalks are a frequently sought remedy to traffic concerns and because such elevated crosswalks are more successful in increasing pedestrian safety under some circumstances than others, the T.A.C. has begun to standardize the conditions under which the town of Belmont will consider the implementation of such crosswalks.

U.S. Federal Highway Administration regulations describe various categories of public thoroughfares (arterial roads, major and minor collector roads, and local roads). according to traffic statistics: arterial roads carry 10,000 vehicles or more daily; major collector roads carry between 6,000 and 10,000 cars daily; minor collector 1 category roads carry between 4,000 and 6,000 cars daily; minor collector 2 category roads carry between 1,000 and 4,000 cars daily; and local roads carry below 1,000 cars daily.

In general, raised crosswalks are not useful on local roads. Elevated crosswalks can improve pedestrian safety on thoroughfares such as Concord Avenue (where one has been implemented by the cemetery) and on School Street, where one is planned as part of the new Wellington School development.

**Public Awareness for Traffic Safety:** Tommasina Olson suggested that Belmont media and the Walk Boston website might be used to advocate for pedestrian-safety and driving conduct that would be likely to increase pedestrian safety.

### **No New Business.**

**Old Business:** The town selectmen approved the Belmont Center concept plan. Funding options for the plan will be explored next. The selectmen also approved the plan for the Butler School neighborhood.

At 8:35pm, Tommasina moved and Larry seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Dana Miller, Clerk

## Clancy, Glenn

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**From:** lcnickens@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 08, 2011 6:31 PM  
**To:** Clancy, Glenn  
**Subject:** Re: Re: RE: RE: Oakley Rd Traffic Calming Measures

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On 06/08/11, lcnickens@verizon.net wrote:

Hi Alex,  
I'm sorry that I don't have that info yet. I'll be seeing Glenn tonight at the BOS meeting and will ask him to send you an agenda.  
Linda

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On 06/08/11, Kruglov, Alex<[Alex.Kruglov@grace.com](mailto:Alex.Kruglov@grace.com)> wrote:

Linda, for tomorrow's meeting what is the time and venue ? thank you

Alex

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**From:** [lcnickens@verizon.net](mailto:lcnickens@verizon.net) [<mailto:lcnickens@verizon.net>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 01, 2011 6:09 PM  
**To:** Kruglov, Alex  
**Subject:** Re: RE: Oakley Rd Traffic Calming Measures

Hi Alex,  
All of the above. You are scheduled for the next meeting, June 9. I don't have a time yet but the meeting begins at 7  
Linda

On 06/01/11, Kruglov, Alex<[Alex.Kruglov@grace.com](mailto:Alex.Kruglov@grace.com)> wrote:Linda,  
I wanted to make sure we are on the agenda for next Thursday. Can you please confirm it along with time and venue for the meeting. Can you also clarify the purpose of going in front of the Committee next week: formal submission, or present the petition and answer questions, demonstrate neighborhood support/bring supporters, all of the above?  
Thank you  
Alex Kruglov

-----Original Message-----

From: Kruglov, Alex  
Sent: Sunday, May 29, 2011 9:09 AM  
To: '[lcnickens@verizon.net](mailto:lcnickens@verizon.net)'  
Cc: '[rorv@phimister.com](mailto:rorv@phimister.com)'  
Subject: Oakley Rd Traffic Calming Measures

Linda,

6/22/2012

Thank you for your time on the phone the other day. Please add the above subject to the agenda of the upcoming Belmont Traffic Advisory Committee meeting.

We will send you supporting documents sometime before the meeting once we collect all the signatures.

Can you please confirm date, time and place for the meeting (Thursday, 6/9 at 7 pm)

Thank you

Rory Phimister  
Alex Kruglov  
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**Date:** June 3, 2011  
**To:** Members – Traffic Advisory Committee  
**From:** Linda Nickens, Chair  
**Subject:** Agenda for Meeting on **Thursday, June 9, 2011 at 7:00 PM** in the **Town Hall Conference Room 2**. If you cannot attend the meeting, please contact Linda via e-mail.

### Agenda

**7:00** Call to Order  
**7:00 – 7:05** Minutes  
**7:05 – 7:30** Oakley Road Traffic Discussion – Resident Request  
**7:30 – 7:45** Selwyn Road at Oakley Road – Parking Restriction

- Clarification of TAC Role in Parking Matters

**7:45 – 7:50** New Business

- No Known Items

**7:50 – 8:00** Old Business

- Butler School Parking Plan – Update on Selectmen Action
- Belmont Center - Update on Selectmen Action

**8:00** Adjourn

**Cc:** Board of Selectmen  
Tom Younger, Town Administrator  
Glenn R. Clancy, Town Engineer  
Sgt Kevin Shea, Belmont Police Department  
Richard McLaughlin, Belmont Police Chief  
Peter Castanino, Director, Department of Public Works  
Karl Haglund, Planning Board