

2018 MAY -2 PM 2:26



Traffic Advisory Committee

December 14, 2017

Minutes

Committee Members Present: Peter Curro, Michael Lanza (Clerk), Laurence MacDonald (Chair), Donald Mercier, Dana Miller (Vice Chair), Sue Pew, Matthew Sullivan

Ex Officio Committee Members Present: Glenn Clancy (Town Engineer), Sgt. Ben Mailhot (Belmont Police representative to the committee)

7:00pm Meeting was commenced.

7:04pm Previous meeting minutes were approved (November 9, 2017).

7:05pm Cross Street Traffic Issues

Glenn Clancy (town engineer) opened by mentioning that volume issues are not likely to be resolved but the speeding issue will be addressed. The proposal is to slow vehicles down on Cross St.

First proposal is a raised crosswalk at Broad and Cross. Another proposal is to have a raised table on Cross St. in between Dean St. and Winn St. Another proposal is to add a raised table at Alexander and Cross St. While this is currently where most accidents happen, overall Cross St. has low accident numbers. Police department speed study revealed speeds were in excess of 30mph on Cross St. Glenn mentioned that the police dept. doesn't have the personnel to run speed enforcement regularly and these tables are going to help with speed reduction.

Glenn stated that cost of drainage would be lower with raised tables. Raised crosswalks can cost more due to drainage. The estimated cost for all of Cross St. is \$15,000.

Resident Janelle DeFelice, at 91 Cross St, wanted clarification of crosswalk width and was concerned about drainage problems. Ian Bullen, Cross St. resident, wanted to know if the committee thinks that raised crosswalks by Winn Brook Elementary School will be enough to stop traffic. Mentioned that cars parking with kids playing nearby is dangerous. Glenn explained that a raised element will slow the traffic and that, as a car slows for the raised table, the driver is in a better position to stop because he is already on his brakes slowing down. Sgt. Ben mentioned that having tables at either end of Cross St. will slow people down as they approach Cross St. from both sides. Steve Marlin, at 38 Channing Rd., thinks the suggestions presented

were positive. Has questions for Glenn – Could the proposed table at Alexander and the table and Channing be pushed closer to Cross? Glenn replied that pulling it closer down to Channing eliminates the effectiveness. Glenn mentioned he would consider changing the Yield sign to Stop sign at the end of Cross and Channing.

Paul Roberts, at 54 Cross St., said he was happy with initial plan. He asked the committee to look again at the pedestrian island at the Channing and Cross St. intersection. He was concerned with speed at the intersection. Glenn said he would look at it again. Paul also asked about the signage plan for around Winn Brook School. Glenn mentioned that, in January, he would bring forward suggestions for speed signs near the school. Sgt. Ben mentioned the positive feedback from those speed school packages being added at the Burbank School.

107 Winn St. resident wondered if, in addition to raised tables and crosswalks, a crosswalk stop light could be considered. Glenn mentioned the cost associated and said he will go to capital budget committee for funding. Glenn pointed out that if we put those signs in, away from the school, that it would create a precedent for people requesting them all over town and they are costly. Mentioned limiting those elements to be only near the schools.

107 Winn St. Resident stated that she is concerned cars will move to the side streets around Winn Brook school where there are no sidewalks. Wanted Sherman St. addressed at same time as Waterhouse Rd. Glenn said he is working at that as well. Sgt. Ben mentioned that there are already cars flooding the side streets. Stated that it is a volume problem and that the school zone package will reduce Sherman St. and Munroe St. speeders. 72 Cross St. resident stated that they were concerned about table on Cross St. and the streets downhill angle, mentioned that people may not be fully seen due to that street angle and table height. Charles Ye, Cross St. resident, mentioned that the plows pushing snow makes it even harder to see the people at Alexander Ave. and Cross St intersection. Janelle DeFelice, Cross St. resident stated that she was worried about the noise from cars going over speed bumps and stopping and starting. She mentioned the parking problems regarding Belmont Center businesses employees parking near there. She wanted a speed trap put on Cross St. Glenn mentioned that all the current raised intersections and crosswalks in Belmont have never led to a complaint from anyone regarding emergency response. Also pointed out that there have been no complaints on noise-related issues regarding the tables. Glenn mentioned that these tables are becoming more common for motorists and for most Massachusetts towns.

Sharon Orison, Cross St. resident, stated that she was concerned about the raised intersections --thinks it won't slow the traffic, thinks we need more police enforcement to prevent speeding. Don, committee member, suggested putting marked, non-occupied police cars around town to slow down speeders.

8:02pm Larry suggested that we table this topic for a further discussion at a later meeting date due to residents mixed opinions and concerns.

8:08pm: Concord Avenue-Mill Street-Winter Street Intersection

Consultant presented on Concord Ave. and Mill St. intersection, and Winter St. and Concord Ave. intersection suggested redesigns.

3 redesigns were suggested:

- T intersection
- Two rotaries
- Combination of T intersection and rotary

8:30pm Opened to questions

Resident Dan Noland, at 1015 Concord Ave., stated he was concerned about the traffic queue that would be created with the proposed idea. Sam Batea, Mill St. resident, pointed out that the suggested preferred design would allow for better flow. 319 Mill St. resident stated their concern that it will turn Mill St. into a "speedway". Tagg Romney, Country Club Lane resident, said he supported the preferred solution and suggested a raised table. Charles Harmon, resident at 6 Meadows Lane, stated his concern for the traffic coming down concord Ave. with the preferred solution. Liz Hazon, resident at 4 Candleberry Lane, stated that she likes the preferred suggestion. Gary Simon, Woodlands Rd. resident, stated his concern about the price of T vs intersection. Suggested a phased approach. John Chang, 16 Rayburn St. resident, stated his concern about the suggested a roundabout. Glenn commented on Trapelo Rd. and Mill St. and explained it's the most efficient it can be and that was why it was redone in the way it is. David Kershaw, resident at 1021 Concord Ave., stated his concern about traffic cueing and speed being an issue. Jim Barrets, Rayburn Rd. resident, stated he was concerned about conservation land being able to be used to widen the roundabout.

Glenn stated that he will look into Rock meadow deed. Asked if audience liked the suggested double roundabout idea to which they agreed with a second rotary lane caveat being included. Glenn suggested that we convene again later to discuss this issue. Explains this is a costly, long term issue. Committee consensus was for the dual roundabout option. The committee is making this recommendation to the Belmont Selectman board who will have the final decision.

9:35pm Old Business

Peter Curro asked about signage expected timeline for Brighton St. Glenn mentioned they are on order and will be installed when they arrive.

9:40pm New Business

Charles Ye, resident of 43 Cross St., had concerns about traffic lights at the Pleasant-Trapelo Rd. intersection and at the Concord Ave.-Pleasant St. intersection--he mentioned that the traffic light is not turning green. Also stated his concern with Pleasant-Concord Ave. stop light sequence. Sgt. Ben mentioned that it is a known issue and is being addressed.

9:45pm Meeting Adjourned.



Traffic Advisory Committee TOWN OF BELMONT

19 Moore Street
Homer Municipal Building
Belmont, Massachusetts 02478-0900
Telephone: (617) 993-2650 Fax: (617) 993-2651

Laurence Macdonald, Chair
Dana Miller, Vice Chair

Peter Curro
Michael Lanza
Donald Mercier
Tommasina Olson
Elizabeth "Sue" Pew
Matt Sullivan

Date: December 8, 2017

To: Members – Traffic Advisory Committee

From: Glenn R. Clancy, Committee Liaison

Subject: Agenda for Meeting on **Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in **Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall**. If you cannot attend the meeting, please contact me via e-mail.

7:00 – 7:05 Minutes (November 9, 2017)

7:05 – 7:30 Cross Street Traffic Issues 1 hr

- Presentation of Traffic Mitigation Proposals

7:30 – 8:30 Intersections Discussion – Concord Avenue at Mill Street and Winter Street 1.5 hr

- Presentation of Concept Plan

8:30 – 8:35 Old Business

- No Known Items

8:35 – 8:40 New Business

- No Known Items

8:40 Adjourn

Note: Times are tentative depending on the flow of the meeting, the time of any particular item may deviate ten to fifteen minutes from the schedule.

Cc: Board of Selectmen – Jim Williams
Phyllis Marshall, Interim Town Administrator
Sgt Ben Mailhot, Belmont Police Department
Richard McLaughlin, Belmont Police Chief
Jay Marcotte, Director, Department of Public Works

TAC mtg.

12/14/17

name

address

Sharon Larsen

115 Cross St, Bel.

Jonelle DeFelice

91 Cross St Belmont

KENT BOWEN

178 Cross St

Candace Damos

93 Birch Hill Rd

Gi Yoon-Hwang

107 Winn St.

Charles Yee

43 Cross St

Audrey Healy

115 Mill St

STEVE MARLIN

38 CHANNING

David Roberts

54 Cross St.

Eraine Murphy

1 South Cottage Rd.

Victoria Bank

63 South Cottage Rd.

Jennifer Page + Joe Mayer

15 Stanley Rd.

David Kershaw

1021 Concord Ave

Dan Nolan

1015 Concord Ave

EDWARD WOOD

5 AUDUBON LANE

JOHN ORFANOS

10 AUDUBON LN

Charles Hamann

6 Meadows Ln

Ethel Hamann

6 Meadows Lane

Gary Simon

1 Meadow Lane

Bruce Rosenblum

965 Concord Ave.

Linda Pike

7 South Cottage Rd

James Berets

44 Rayburn Road

John Chang

16 Rayburn Road

Liz Hazen	4 Candleberry Lane
Ned Hazen	" " " "
Pam Duffy	2 Summit Rd.
Lillian Chiavetta	10 Winter St
Nelida Treviso	21 Winter St
Jaggy Romney	19 Greensbrook Way
Robert Glynn	319 Mill St
Mr & Mrs McNamara	888 Concord Ave
Imran Eba	45 Winter St.