

Town of Belmont, MA

Traffic Advisory Committee (T.A.C.)

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Meeting Minutes, October 13, 2016

Members Present: Larry Macdonald (Vice Chair), Dana Miller (Clerk), Peter Curo, Tomi Olson, Don Mercier, and Sue Pew

Ex-Officio Members Present: Glenn Clancy (Town Engineer)

Others Present: Heide and Michael Baram, 29 Ernest Road; David Bernbeck, 21 Stella Road; Leslie-Anne Copes-Finke and Andy Finke, 20 Ernest Road; Michael Hasselmo and Chantal Stern, 45 Stella Road; Bill Herrick, 11 Barbara Road; Michael Keyes, 56 Stella Road; Stan Leven and Mary Richardson, 11 Ernest Road; Rose Ann Miller and Thomas Weatland, 17 Ernest Road; Linda Teller, 23 Ernest Road; Jess Wagner, 7 Barbara Road;

Mr. Macdonald called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

The minutes for the June 9, 2016 meeting were approved.

The Intersection of Stella and Ernest Roads

After a discussion that involved a large majority of the neighborhood residents, the TAC unanimously passed a resolution to recommend that the Board of Selectmen 1. Install a stop sign on Stella Road at the intersection with Ernest Road and 2. Install a sign that restricts entrance to Ernest Road from its intersection with Prospect Street and Clairemont Road from 7 to 9am on weekdays. It was agreed that the neighbors would report back to the TAC after some experience with these traffic interventions to discuss whether additional interventions might be constructive.

TAC Officer Elections

By unanimous decision, it was agreed that Mr. Macdonald would become the new committee chair, Ms. Miller would become the new committee vice chair, and Ms. Olson would become the new committee clerk.

Old Business

Trapelo Road: A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on September 28th to mark the completion of the Trapelo Road project. Committee members Linda Nickens, Dana Miller, and Tomi Olson were present for that event, with Glenn Clancy, DOT officials, Sen. Brownsberger, Representative Dave Rogers, and Town officials. Ms. Nickens was among those invited to help cut the ribbon.

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Belmont Center: The Belmont Center project is mostly completed. Parking meters have been installed on Leonard Street and will soon be unveiled.

Traffic and on Brighton Street/Blanchard Road continues to be problematic. Commuters still cut through the nearby neighborhoods in an attempt to avoid the traffic backlog on the main road and to avoid the Brighton Street/Cross Street traffic light.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Miller, Clerk



Traffic Advisory Committee

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Laurence Macdonald, Vice Chair
Dana Miller, Clerk

Peter Curro
Donald Mercier
Linda Nickens
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Elizabeth "Sue" Pew
Matt Sullivan

Date: October 7, 2016

To: Members – Traffic Advisory Committee

From: Glenn R. Clancy, Committee Liaison

Subject: Agenda for Meeting on **Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 7:00 PM** in Town Hall Conference Room 2. If you cannot attend the meeting, please contact me via e-mail.

7:00 – 7:05 Minutes (June 9, 2016)

7:05 – 7:10 Committee Organization

- Vote for Chair, Vice-Chair and Clerk

7:10 – 7:40 Public Meeting – Proposed Turn Restrictions

- Stella Road and Ernest Road

7:40 – 7:50 Old Business

- Other (No Known Items)

7:50 – 7:55 New Business

- Other (No Known Items)

7:55 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
David Kale, Town Administrator
Glenn R. Clancy, Town Engineer
Sgt Ben Mailhot, Belmont Police Department
Richard McLaughlin, Belmont Police Chief
Jay Marcotte, Director, Department of Public Works
Karl Haglund, Planning Board



Clancy, Glenn

Subject:

FW: Ernest Rd.

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

From: Mary Richardson [mailto:levenfamily@comcast.net]

Sent: Monday, September 12, 2016 6:06 PM

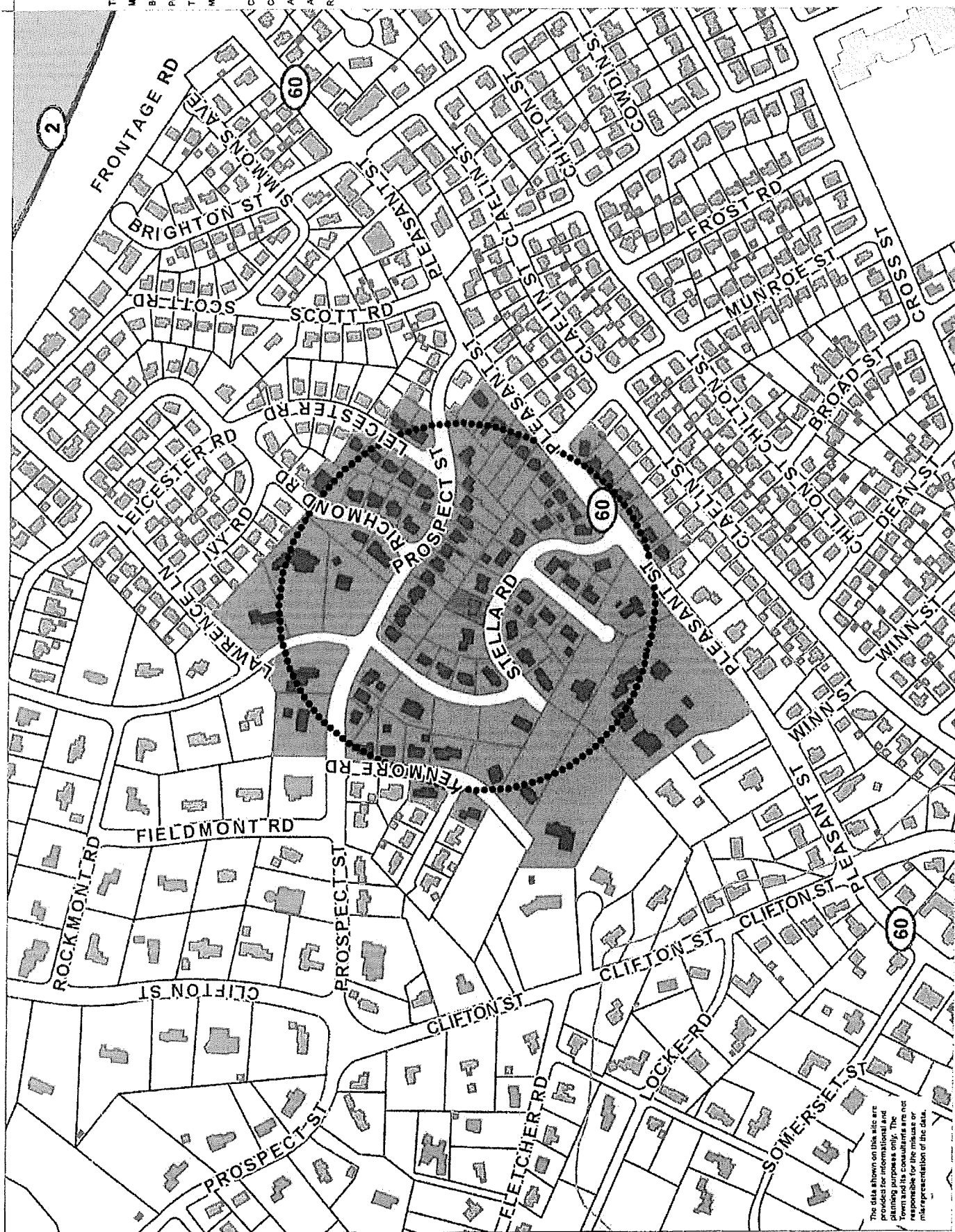
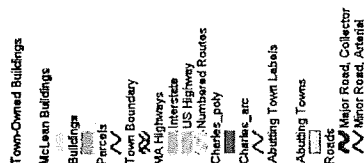
To: Clancy, Glenn

Subject: Ernest Rd.

Hi Glenn,

I am writing to you to see how we might go about getting a morning traffic restriction sign at the Prospect St. end of Ernest Road. Even after the street construction has ended in Belmont Center, we are getting an incredible morning flow of cars on Ernest cutting through our private dirt road. One day last week, from 8-8:30am I counted more than 40. The speeds are quite fast, some come flying over the crest in front of 17 Ernest at upwards of 30 miles and hour. With school in session, I and other residents are worried that a child on the way to the bus could be hit or a car backing out of their driveway will get clobbered. Plus, the road is taking more punishment day after day. What about posting one of those Restricted 7-9am signs? I welcome your thoughts. Or if you are not the right person to address this to can you steer us in the right direction. Many thanks,

Stan Leven and Mary Richardson
11 Ernest Rd.
617 529-3739



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Clancy, Glenn

From: Benjamin Mailhot <bmailhot@belmontpd.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 13, 2016 12:39 PM
To: Clancy, Glenn
Subject: October TAC Meeting
Attachments: Crash Stats for TAC 10.13.2016.pdf

Glenn,

I apologize for not being at the meeting tonight, I tried to get coverage but Sgt. Pugliese is also not available tonight. Below are my notes regarding the restricted turn sign request.

In regards to the No Right Turn restriction proposed at Prospect and Ernest I have attached the crash data at Prospect & Ernest as well as Ernest & Stella. Both have very low levels of crash data. If TAC wants a speed survey done on the road I can try to set that up and have results before the next meeting in November. The sign would likely be a 7-9 AM or 7-10 AM time frame. I am not opposed to putting in the sign as a deterrent; however, it will be low on our priority for enforcement as that is prime time for school zone enforcement as well as major roads and intersections with commuting traffic, in addition to the numerous other similar turn signs with the same hours. We will have a presence for a few days after installation to try and help curb the traffic to start off as we did with the signs installed along Brighton Street. Please remind residents that once the sign is installed it applies to all motor vehicle traffic, including residents who live on the street.

If you need any other information feel free to call me.

Thanks,

Ben

Benjamin J. Mailhot
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Emergency Call 911

Phone: 617-993-2538

Email: bmailhot@belmontpd.org

PROSPECT ST. AT
Ernest Rd. & Clairemont St.

DATE	ACC. NO.	FATALS		INJURED		AUTO vs.					HOUR		TIME		CONDITIONS		TYPE OF COLLISION
		CHILD	ADULT	CHILD	ADULT	PEDES.	AUTO	BICYCLE	FIXED OBJECT	MISC.	A. M.	P. M.	DAY	NIGHT	WEATHER	STREET	
8-26-60	✓194				2		1					4.35	x		clear	dry	sidewip
10-10-66	2981				1		1					4.30	x		rain	wet	sideswp.
10-23-70	70-365A			1		x					11:10		x		rain	wet	backing
3-18-78	Misc.						1					12:25	x		clear	dry	angle
12-30-83	83-504A						1					3:25	x		clear	dry	angle
9-4-88	Misc.								x			6:02	x		?	?	rolled- bushes
10-05-99	Misc.						1				8:00		x		clear	dry	pkd-H&R
10-1-03	Misc						1					2:30	x		clear	dry	angle

STELLA Rd @ ERNEST Rd.

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BPD - SPEED TRAILER

ON STELLA.

