

Town of Belmont, MA

Traffic Advisory Committee (T.A.C.)

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Meeting Minutes, March 12, 2015

Members Present: Peter Curo, Joe Griffin, Larry MacDonald (Vice Chair), Don Mercier, Dana Miller (Clerk), Linda Nickens (Chair), Tomi Olsen, Matt Sullivan.

Ex-Officio Members Present: Sargent Benjamin Mailhot (Belmont Police Department), Andres Rojas (Belmont Board of Selectmen)

Also Present: Camille Baghdady, 18 Dante Avenue; Nadim Baghdady, 16 Dante Avenue; John Caputo, 37 Middlecot Street; Claire Crawford, 134 Dalton Road; Ellen O'Brien Cushman, 38 Scott Road; Arline Davis, 18 Blake Street; Florinda Freda, 5 Lewis Road; John Guarnierri, 21 Lewis Road; William Russell Mann, 308 Brighton Street; Mary Nestor, 27 Lewis Road; James G. Pazzanese, 177 Lexington Street; Barbara Skelley, 100 Lexington Street; Jennifer Thomas, 55 Bright Road; Paula Van Horn, 97 Sycamore Street; Joe White, 14 Maple Terrace; Harriet Wong, 70 Livermore Road.

Linda called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Minutes: The minutes of December 11, 2014 meeting were approved.

Lewis Street: Residents are concerned about parking and about the volume and speed of traffic on their street. While one resident would prefer that the road be restricted to one-way traffic from Fairview to Belmont Street, another resident would be inconvenienced by such a traffic restriction and would not support this change.

The police department receives periodic complaints about parking on the street. Ben observed that commuters park on the street all day and occasionally block driveways. Both Ben and a resident observed that the snow has exacerbated problems on the street. Ben is not aware of speeding problems on the street. In response to a resident suggestion that the police department ticket traffic and parking violators on this street as a means of generating town revenue, Ben explained that enforcement is used to change behavior and is unethical when used to generate income. Selectman Rojas indicated that the town is anticipating an increase in traffic and parking on the street because the former Shore Drug is now Jimmy's Food Mart.

The committee passed a resolution that, after the snow is removed from the street, Ben will conduct a traffic study and report back to the Committee. Further action will be deferred until the results of the traffic study are available.

Middlecot Street: Mr. Caputo reported that, when traffic backs up on Brighton Street, drivers detour onto Middlecot Street. While there is a sign that restricts turns onto Middlecot Street between 8 and 9am, Mr. Caputo suggested that extending this restriction from 7 to 9am would be more effective in limiting rush hour incursions into the neighborhood. Joe suggested that we consider restricting right turns from Brighton onto Chilton, Cowdran, and Hurley Streets. The Committee agreed that Glenn will hold a hearing for residents to discuss the possibility of restricting turns from Brighton Street onto these four streets during the morning rush hour.

Maple Street: After hearing that Joe White, Tom Clinton, Camille and Nadim Baghdaddy, Diana Peterson, and Katherine Rodriguez all oppose the proposal to make Maple Street one-way, the Committee passed a resolution that the town would not make Maple a one-way street. Ben observed that the morning drop off is the main problem in the neighborhood and suggested that the town consider ways to address parking problems on the street as a means of addressing the traffic safety concerns for students and their families. Linda suggested that the Committee address parking as a separate issue at a later date. Ms. Rodriguez may contact Glenn to further discuss her parking concerns. In response to Mr. White's suggestion, the TAC will look into the possibility of the town using internationally accepted traffic-control symbols on new signage.

Sycamore and Lexington Streets: Linda read Glenn's proposal:

1. Install a raised intersection at Lexington and Sycamore Streets.
(Pending Capital Budget Approval for \$48,000)
2. Make the electronic "Speed Limit" sign on White Street more visible.
3. Determine the viability of creating a four-way stop approach at the intersection of Lexington and Beech Streets.
(BPD traffic and accident counts for Beech Street and Burnham Street)
4. Relocate the crosswalk on Lexington Street at Beech and Burnham Streets.
5. Remove the "End School Zone" sign on Lexington Street.
6. Add "Crosswalk" signs to the crosswalk on Lexington Street near St. Luke's (the Waldorf School).
7. Evaluate existing "School Zone Ahead" sign on Sycamore Street.
(Possibly relocate)
(Possibly replace with "School Zone" sign)

Barbara Skelly and James Pazzanese asked that this proposal be sent to them via e-mail to: skelleb@aol.com and pazzanj1@gmail.com.

Jennifer Thomas observed that the raised crosswalk on Brighton Street is not as effective as the raised crosswalk on Cross Street. She suggested that the new crosswalk be modeled on the Cross Street crosswalk.

In response to an inquiry, Sargent Mailhot explained that a four-way stop at the intersection of Lexington and Sycamore Streets would exacerbate traffic back-ups.

Gale Road/Sharpe Road – Burbank School: Harriet Wong, Jennifer Thomas, and Clare Crawford presented a proposal from the Burbank Principal and PTA to increase student safety and rolling drop-off efficiency for the Burbank school by:

1. Adding an additional timed (8–9am and 1:30 –3pm on school days) “Do Not Enter” sign at the corner of Gale and Watson Streets;
2. Defining a student drop-off zone in the existing indented curb area next to the school lawn, for morning arrival time only;
3. If possible, altering the curb line to allow space for one more car in the indented area;
4. Installing signs that designate the drop-off zone a “No Parking” area during morning arrival time, 8–9am on school days;
5. Installing signs that restrict Sharpe Street traffic to only LEFT turns onto School Street during arrival time (8–9am on school days);
6. Installing an additional wall or fence sign (that reads “No Parking any time. Use student drop-off,” with arrow pointing left) on each side of the bend in Sharpe Road and alongside the wall and stairs to the school.

The Traffic Advisory Committee passed a resolution to make the changes as proposed in the email communication from the PTA to Glenn. Sargent Mailhot suggested that the town could implement these changes over the summer.

Brighton Street Mr. Mann spoke about the heavy traffic and long lines of backed up traffic on Brighton Street during the morning commute. Ellen Cushman also spoke about the traffic problems at this intersection. In response to Mr. Mann’s request that the town restrict left turns from Pleasant Street onto Brighton Street during the morning commute, Linda explained that if the town were to divert traffic from Brighton Street, it would be required to provide alternative routes for that traffic—and so would only be increasing the traffic on these other town streets. Peter asked if it might be possible to install additional truck-ban signs, like the one we have at Pleasant Street, to help with enforcement. While there used to be a sign, it seems to have been taken down when the road was repaved.

Blake Street: During the tennis season (from May to November), from 8am through 9pm, guests of the Belmont Tennis Club park on both sides of the

street. As membership has been increasing and approximately half of the members are not town residents, parking problems on Blake Street are increasingly causing safety hazards. Club guests trespass on residents' property and, on at least one occasion, parked cars have prevented emergency vehicles from reaching a resident in need of emergency care. In this instance, the resident had to be carried out of her house and down the street to the waiting emergency vehicle.

One resident, with property on the corner, has a tree on the roadside and Mr. Kale's office has recommended that parking be restricted within 35 feet of the tree. After signs were installed indicating a 35-foot barrier, the resident's property was vandalized.

Sargent Mailhot suggests that parking on the street be restricted to only one side so that emergency vehicles can access the street. The TAC agreed that a public hearing would be required before any such change could be made. The TAC will study the problem, consult with the town engineer, consider alternative remedies to the problem, and then be in touch with the neighbors.

Old Business: Sargent Mailhot was unable to conduct his planned traffic studies on Slade Street & Upland/Horace or on Lexington Street because of the amount of snow in the streets. Sargent Mailhot reported that the temporary four-way stop sign on Slade and Upland/Horace has elicited many positive comments. When the snow is cleared and the parking restriction is lifted on the street, Sargent Mailhot will conduct a traffic study.

Matt asked for information about the planned meeting with the Wellington School principal to discuss enforcing the approved school design in which the small parking lot on Orchard Street would not be used for student drop off or parking. The TAC agreed to consult with Glenn on this topic and discussed the possibility of involving the School Committee in efforts to achieve Wellington School compliance with the parking and drop-off plan. The TAC will also review plans and minutes.

Don Mercier is concerned about the intersection of Mill Street and Concord Avenue. The Committee discussed the plan that it had previously developed to remedy traffic safety problems at the intersection and agreed to revisit this plan in discussions with Glenn. The Committee also agreed that, had a neighborhood resident not objected, the Committee would have passed a resolution to make these safety improvements at this intersection.

Other Business: Tomi: Bay State Road was repaved and it has sunk. Tomi suspects that the road substrate is inadequate.

Matt observed that there is inconsistent signage for the crosswalks in Belmont Center. At one crosswalk, a sign reads "Yield to Pedestrians," while at the other two crosswalks there is no such sign. The pedestrian cross from Irresistibles to Assai is particularly dangerous and should be signed. Ben suggested that these signs be installed as part of the Belmont Center project, at the end, when the other new features are installed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Miller, Clerk

Traffic Advisory Committee
Office of the Board of Selectmen
455 Concord Avenue, Belmont, Mass., 02478

Sirs:

Last spring prior to the opening of the Belmont Tennis Club season, traffic signs were posted at the intersection of Kilburn & Blake Streets, due to safety concerns caused by the dense parking of large vehicles of club members with limited space on narrow streets.

The 20' restriction was not sufficient for safety access needs of
fire and medical emergency vehicles
trash collection trucks
school buses
utility and service vehicles

In addition a large Town shade tree on Blake St., close to the intersection, compounds the limited tight space for passing of large vehicles. The tree is often struck by trucks; and continued tree damage could result in a threat to nearby homes & buildings from valued neighborhood asset.

Some club members are not fully aware of town laws, the safety issues, or the club's own rules regarding the needs of residents for safety and to prevent interference of homeowners' ability to get in and out of driveways and walks.

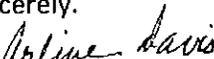
My house at the corner of Kilburn & Blake is at the main entrance to the intersection, so I am most affected by the dense parking. This is where most of the problems occur.

I am requesting that the TAC assess the condition relating to club parking for safety; and see what improvement could alleviate daily difficulties. The club opens sometime in May and closes in November. It's open daily from 8:00 a.m. -9:00 p.m.

Perhaps a trial basis could provide a way to reassess what could provide better security access and lead to better relations between club members and neighbors.

I am grateful for the Town's help I've been given, and hope a review can bring about better awareness and necessary safety measures.

Sincerely,


Arline Davis
18 Blake Street

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Traffic Advisory Committee

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Date: March 5, 2015

To: Members – Traffic Advisory Committee

From: Linda Nickens, Chair

Subject: Agenda for Meeting on **Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 6:30 PM** in **Town Hall Conference Room 2**. If you cannot attend the meeting, please contact Linda via e-mail.

- 6:30 – 6:45** - Lewis Road (Lewis Road Residents)
- Neighborhood Traffic Concerns
- 6:45 – 6:55** Middlecot Street (Middlecot Street Resident)
- Cut-Thru Traffic – Request to adjust existing signage
- 6:55 – 7:00** Minutes (December 11, 2014)
- 7:00 – 7:30** Maple Terrace - Public Hearing (Butler School PTA Members)
- Proposed One-Way
- 7:30 – 7:45** Lexington Street at Sycamore Street (Chair)
- Update on traffic speed mitigation efforts
- 7:45 – 8:00** Gale Road/Sharpe Road - Burbank School (Burbank School PTA Members)
- Request for limited Do Not Enter signage - Gale Road
 - Request for drop-off related signage – Sharpe Road
- 8:00 – 8:15** Brighton Street (Brighton Street Resident)
- Request for No Left Turn for Pleasant Street to Brighton Street 7-9am
- 8:15 – 8:30** Blake Street (Blake Street Resident)
- Request for parking restrictions at Kilburn Road
- 8:30 – 8:45** Old Business
- BPD Update on Traffic Studies (Sgt Mailhot)
 - Slade Street & Upland/Horace
 - Lexington Street
 - Mill Street / Concord Avenue Intersection (Don Mercier)
 - Other (No Known Items)
- 8:45 – 8:50** New Business
- Other (No Known Items)
- 8:50** Adjourn

Cc: Board of Selectmen – Andy Rojas
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

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Town of Belmont
Office of Community Development
Homer Municipal Building
Belmont, Ma. 02478-0900

ATTENTION: Glenn R. Clancy
SUBJECT: Cut-Thru Traffic Middlecot St.

Dear Mr. Clancy:

Pleasure meeting with you last Thursday. I've been a resident of Belmont for 66 years growing up on Bacon Rd., married living on Alma Ave. and for 30 years presiding at Middlecot St. I have 5 children all attended Belmont Schools, but now all living on their own.

I fully realize the traffic issues in Belmont as well as most communities in around Boston. No easy fix. But recently, and not because of these crazy snow storms, there is developing traffic pattern that I believe could easily be remedied. The Town should always do their best to keep cars and truck on main roads and not on neighborhood streets.

As you know on school days there is a "DO NOT ENTER" sign at the end of Middlecot between 8:00 and 9:00 AM. This stop, I believe, was created to protect the morning kids going to the Winnbrook School- works quite well.

Over the last 6 months or so, drivers between 7:00 and 8:00 AM, when traffic jams from the light on Cross and Brighton back to Chilton, some drivers have circumvented Brighton by exiting right off Brighton on to Chilton, then left on to Middlecot, over to Waterhouse all the way down to and then left on Statler Rd. back on to Brighton. Sounds like a lot of driving, but you will get well ahead of the traffic by driving on these streets to get off the main road of Brighton. These roads are not set-up to handle drivers whom are in such a rush to get where they're going they end up putting residents at risk.

The simple solution would be to change the sign on Middlecot to no entry 7 to 9 AM. By doing so, traffic must stay on Brighton or remain on Route 2.

In a more complicated decision a no entry on Waterhouse off Cross between 7 and 9 AM could also solve this issue. I'm sure the residents of Chilton, Monroe, Middlecot, Waterhouse and Statler would welcome this change.

If either suggestion is implemented it would protect the homeowners from this side street danger of autos exiting a main road and entering a neighborhood.

I greatly appreciated your time to consider this change.

Sincerely,

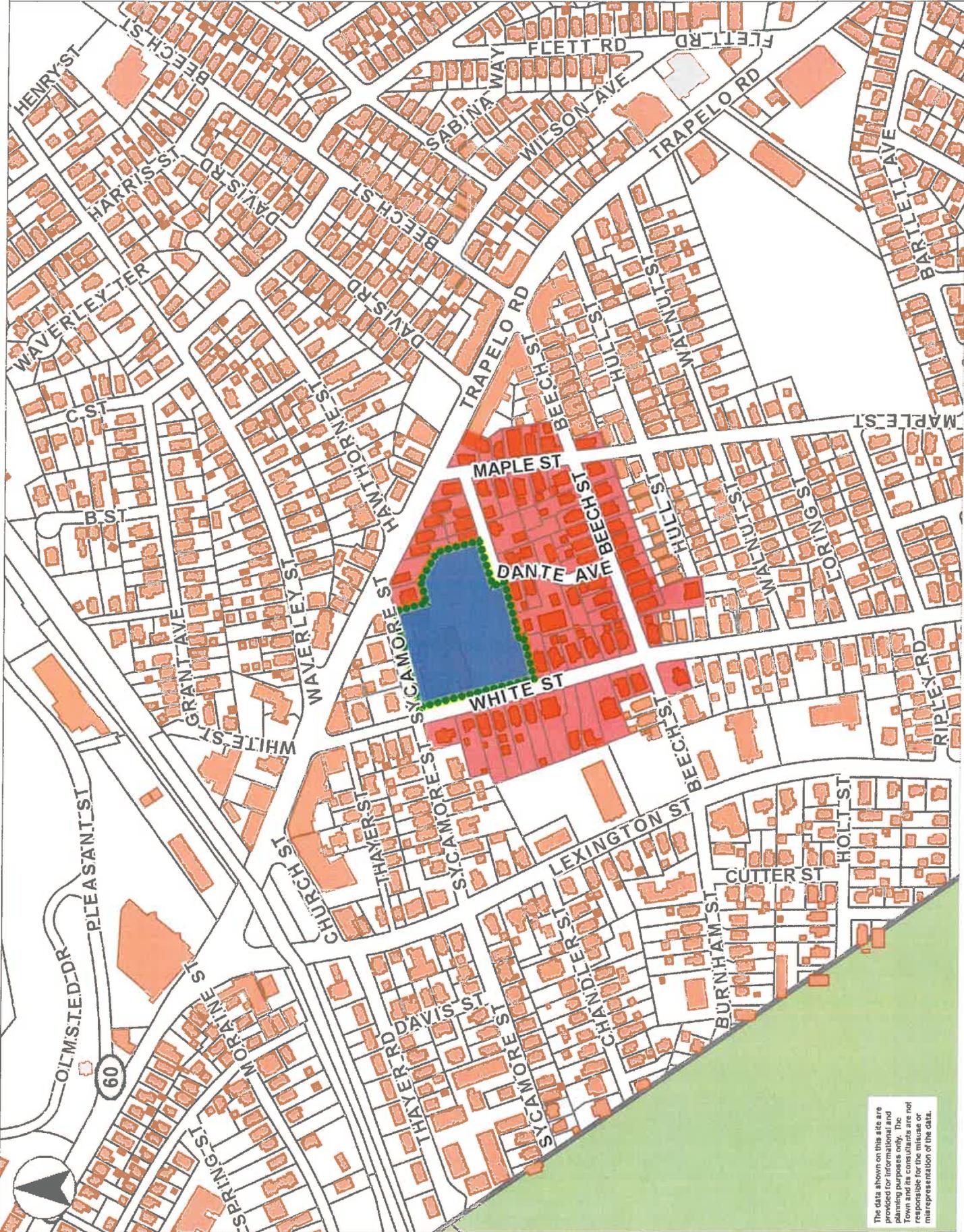
John M. Caputo

37 Middlecot St.
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- McClean Buildings
- Buildings
- Parcels
- MA Highways
- Interstate
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- Charles_etc
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- Minor Road, Arterial



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The Belmont Traffic Advisory Committee will be holding a Public Meeting to discuss proposed Traffic Restrictions on Maple Terrace / Dante Avenue.

- Permanent One Way traffic flow from Maple Street to Beech Street

Date: Thursday March 12, 2015

Time 7:00 PM

Place: Town Hall – Conference Room 2

We look forward to you attending. For additional information please contact the Office of Community Development 617-993-2650.

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RE:113 WHITE ST

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RE:17 MAPLE ST

LEE TE JIMBO
10 ORCHARD CROSSING
ANDOVER, MA 01810
RE:79-81 BEECH ST

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RE:116-118 WHITE ST

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63-65 BEECH ST
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YANG TE YONG JIA
20-22 DANTE AVENUE
BELMONT, MA 02478
RE:20-22 DANTE AVE

SHAH TE MANISH
13 MAPLE TERR U1
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RE:13 MAPLE TERR, UNIT 1

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92 BARTLETT AVE
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RE:67-69 BEECH ST

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RE:82-84 BEECH ST

RIZZUTO TE GUY
117 WHITE ST
BELMONT, MA 02478
RE:117 WHITE ST

NICOSIA LE MARY C
136 WHITE ST
BELMONT, MA 02478
RE:136 WHITE ST, UNIT 1

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138 WHITE ST
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BELMONT, MA 02478
RE:93 BEECH ST, UNIT 2

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RE:82R BEECH ST

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RE:9 MAPLE ST

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RE:133-135 WHITE ST

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RE:99-101 WHITE ST

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RE:11 MAPLE ST

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RE:95-97 WHITE ST

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RE:114 WHITE ST

HUANG TE LIPING
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RE:9-11 MAPLE TERR

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RE:70-72 BEECH ST

FRASSICA JT EUGENIA M
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RE:78-80 BEECH ST

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RE:17R MAPLE ST

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426 TRAPELO RD U2
BELMONT, MA 02478
RE:426 TRAPELO RD, UNIT 2

CAYETANO KENROY
426 TRAPELO RD U3
BELMONT, MA 02478
RE:426 TRAPELO RD, UNIT 3

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RE:4 SYCAMORE ST, UNIT 2

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BELMONT, MA 02478
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RE:62-64 BEECH ST

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RE:408 TRAPELO RD

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RE:20-22 MAPLE ST

BURGESS TE JOHN M
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RE:101 HULL ST

SPELMAN ELIZABETH G
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RE:95 BEECH ST, UNIT 1

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95 BEECH ST U2
BELMONT, MA 02478
RE:95 BEECH ST, UNIT 2

ZHANG TE LEI
14 NICHOLS RD
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RE:132 WHITE ST

BEECH STREET FAMILY LIMITED
LIABILITY CO
46 ROBIN WOOD RD
BELMONT, MA 02478
RE:66-68 BEECH ST

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Lexington Street Sycamore Street / Butler School Proposed Traffic Mitigation Improvements

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- Pending Capital Budget Approval for \$48,000

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Add Crosswalk Signs to crosswalk on Lexington Street near St. Luke's (Waldorf School)

Evaluate existing School Zone Ahead sign on Sycamore Street

- Possibly relocate
- Possibly replace with School Zone Sign

Request for: **Signage Addition at Corner of Gale and Watson**
To: Glenn Clancy, Office of Community Development
From: Burbank Principal and PTA (represented by Harriet Wong, Jennifer Thomas, Clare Crawford)
Date: February 6, 2015

The Burbank School has recently established a rolling drop-off area on Gale Road directly behind the school. We have also significantly increased the number of children opting to walk to school. These developments have eased congestion, made arrival safer for students arriving in cars and reduced parking in the neighborhood. However, it has highlighted the significant travel problem at the corner of Richardson and Gale. We would like to request the addition of a time sensitive Do Not Enter sign at the corner of Gale and Watson. We have discussed this proposal with Glenn Clancy and he asked us to request TAC approval for signage.

Need:

Many families approach the Burbank school from behind to drop children on Gale Rd. With rising student enrollment it is increasingly congested, particularly in the mornings and in winter when roads are narrowed. By encouraging walking and adding a rolling drop-off area we are attempting to reduce neighborhood congestion. However, parents still park on both sides of Gale below Richardson, narrowing the street such that two way traffic is impossible.

The corner of Richardson and Gale is also the designated crosswalk for all children walking from homes behind the school, (they are funnelled there by the crossing guard on Bright Rd.) but because cars are turning both left and right into the crosswalk, there have been several near accidents with pedestrians. Before crossing the street, children currently need to watch for cars **turning from three directions**, while surrounded by parked cars. Additionally, many drivers who would ideally exit the area by driving directly down Gale, instead turn right onto Richardson because Gale is blocked. This adds to the number of cars children must deal with before crossing. There is a clear need for a system to improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety.

During afternoon pick up the congestion from parked cars is again a problem. While there are fewer students, there is no rolling pick-up, so many parents park in the area.

Proposed change:

- Add an additional timed DO NOT ENTER sign at the corner of Gale and Watson. This would be effective during school hours from 8:00am-9:00am and 1:30pm-3:00pm
- This would funnel rolling dropoff traffic around Douglas and onto Gale, encouraging parents to use the drop-off and limiting parking in the neighborhood.
- Extending the no entry zone keeps traffic moving in one direction around the Gale Road loop and helps direct all traffic away from the school and pedestrians.
- Traffic would effectively become one way on Gale during school hours, so children at the Richardson crosswalk would only have to watch for traffic turning right on to Richardson and right on to Gale. No traffic would be coming from their right off of Gale turning left on to Richardson.

These changes will have minimal impact on residents of Gale Rd, (there are only three driveways in this zone) and are expected to reduce congestion and parking violations.

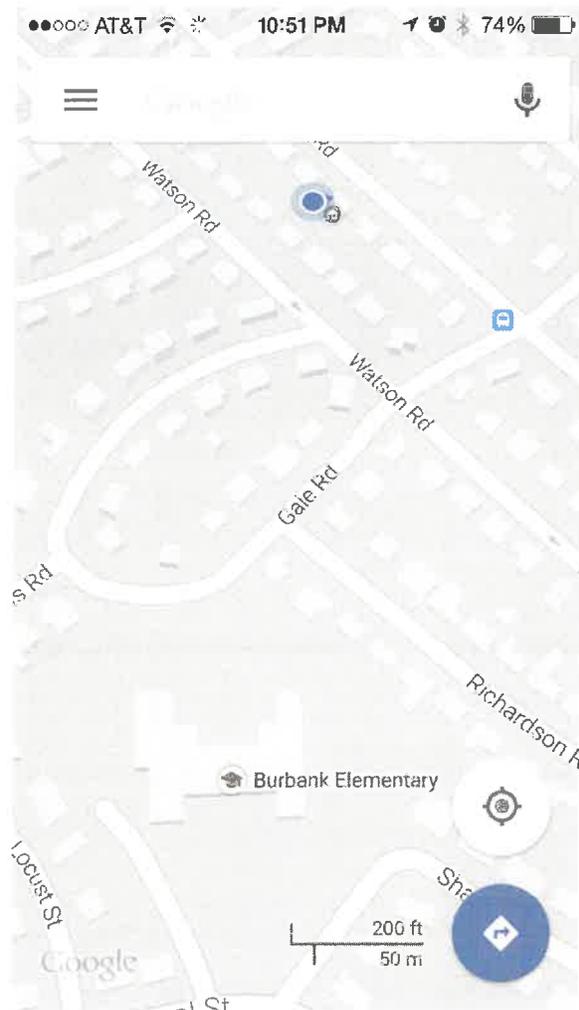
Requested signage:

1. Appropriate signage to clearly designate the limited entry to Gale at the corner of Gale and Watson. These signs would mimic those currently at the corner of Gale and Richardson. One on either side of the street.

Thank you for assisting with this request in the interest of student safety.

Once approved, the Burbank Principal and PTA will again encourage families to use the new drop off zone and system. We can also provide parent volunteers to supervise the drop off area, and remind parents not to enter Gale Rd at Watson during the first weeks until the new system is well established.

Map showing proposed area of change on Gale Road:



View of corner where we are requesting placement of the sign:



View of Gale descending toward Watson. We would like to block traffic from approaching the school from this direction:



View of Richardson Crosswalk (all children approaching the school on foot from the Northeast, cross here):



Request for: **Signage for Rolling Drop-off Zone on Sharpe Road**
To: Glenn Clancy, Office of Community Development
From: Burbank Principal and PTA (represented by Harriet Wong, Jennifer Thomas, Clare Crawford)
Date: January 29, 2015

The Burbank School proposes to establish a rolling drop-off area on Sharpe Road to ease congestion and make arrival safer for students. We have discussed this proposal with Sgt. Ben Mailhot and Gerry Boyle. We were advised to work with Glenn Clancy to request TAC approval for signage.

Need: Many families approach the Burbank school via Sharpe Road. With rising student enrollment it is increasingly congested, particularly in the mornings and in winter (fewer walking families, snow banks). Cars park on both sides of the street (access to Sharpe is only from the Washington St direction during school hours 8am – 3pm M-F). Cars often idle or double-park in no parking areas, obstructing the sidewalk and stairs to the school grounds. Currently there is no designated space for cars to pull over to drop off students. Students often exit cars on the opposite side of Sharpe and then cross between parked or idling cars to reach the stairs. Students walking to school are also endangered by the chaotic conditions around the school entrance. There is a clear need for a system to improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety.

Burbank has an existing drop off area at the rear of the school on Gale Road that works quite well. An additional drop off area on Sharpe Road will reduce congestion on both approaches to the school. During afternoon pick up the congestion is less acute and a rolling pick-up system is not needed at this time. Both drop off areas on Gale and Sharpe can be available for parking in the afternoons.

Proposed change:

- Define a student drop-off zone in the existing indented curb area next to the school lawn, for morning arrival time only.
- If possible, alter the curb line to allow space for one more car in the indented area.
- Designate the drop off zone a No Parking area during morning arrival time, 8-9 am, Monday-Friday, with new signage.
- Allow traffic to only turn *left* onto School St during arrival time (8-9 am M-F). This will direct traffic away from the school and address the safety issue of cars turning right into the crosswalk and METCO bus stop on School St. Traffic flow on Sharpe is already one-way during school hours, with “No entry 8 am-3 pm M-F” signs at Sharpe/School St.

These changes will have minimal impact on residents of Sharpe Rd, and are expected to reduce congestion and parking violations.

Requested signage:

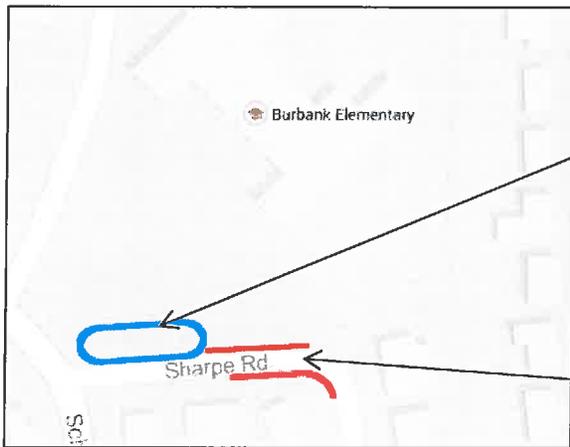
1. Appropriate signage to clearly designate the drop off zone. We suggest two or three signs that read “**No Parking during student drop off, 8-9 am M-F**”. There are two existing posts that could be used to install new signs, although their placement may not be ideal (see pictures below).
2. Signs posted at top of Sharpe to alert drivers to “**No right turn, 8-9 am M-F**”.
3. Additional signage to highlight existing no parking areas on each side of the bend in Sharpe Road and alongside the wall and stairs up to the school. The existing no parking

signs are very often ignored, even with traffic cones placed to remind parents not to park there. We suggest a large sign on the wall/fence that reads **“No Parking any time. Use student drop-off”** , with arrow pointing left.

Thank you for assisting with this request in the interest of student safety.

Once approved, the Burbank Principal and PTA will inform staff and families of the new drop off zone and system. We can also provide parent volunteers to supervise the drop off area during the first weeks until the new system is well established.

Map showing proposed drop off area on Sharpe Road:



Rolling drop-off zone
(no parking 8am-9am M-F)
Only rolling drop-offs will be permitted
in this area during morning arrival.

Current no parking areas
in need of more visible
signage.

Existing curb cutout and sign poles:



Additional signage needed on wall/fence: "No Parking any time. Use student drop-off" with arrow pointing left towards drop off area.



Clancy, Glenn

From: Russell Mann <wrmann@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 3:12 PM
To: Clancy, Glenn
Subject: [Belmont MA] morning traffic in Winn Brook area

gclancy,

Someone has sent you a message using your contact form on the Belmont MA site.

If you don't want to receive such e-mails, you can change your settings at <http://www.belmont-ma.gov/users/gclancy>.

Message:

Hi Glenn,

I'm wondering whether there are measures that Belmont can take to limit the amount of thru traffic we get in the AM. As I'm sure you know, hundreds upon hundreds of cars, primarily between 7:30 and 9, pull off of Route 2 at Exit

59 or otherwise come south on Rte 60 from Arlington to turn left on Brighton St. and travel it all the way to the Blanchard and Concord intersection. Most of this traffic appears to be traveling eastbound into Cambridge and presumably follows this route to avoid the Alewife interchange of Rte 2 and Rte 16. The traffic often backs up the entirety of Brighton St all the way back to Pleasant, and seriously erodes the quality of life of literally hundreds of Belmont households who take their kids to Winn Brook School or who otherwise can't avoid Brighton Street in the morning.

It seems to me that banning left turns between 7 and 9 AM from Pleasant St onto Brighton St (excepting the 78 bus) would greatly relieve this issue. Yes, Rte 2 would likely back up worse, but Belmont does not have a responsibility to provide for these out-of-town guests. I don't think that traffic through the center or on local roads would worsen, mostly because I'm not sure that's possible - and in any case, a much higher fraction of the traffic through the center is either from Belmont residents, or from traffic that naturally must flow through Belmont en route south to Watertown or beyond.

At a minimum, I hope that this serious issue can be studied and all possible solutions considered carefully. I look forward to your reply.

Russell Mann
308 Brighton St
wrmann@gmail.com

Traffic Advisory Committee
Office of the Board of Selectmen
455 Concord Avenue, Belmont, Mass., 02478

Sirs:

Last spring prior to the opening of the Belmont Tennis Club season, traffic signs were posted at the intersection of Kilburn & Blake Streets, due to safety concerns caused by the dense parking of large vehicles of club members with limited space on narrow streets.

The 20' restriction was not sufficient for safety access needs of
fire and medical emergency vehicles
trash collection trucks
school buses
utility and service vehicles

In addition a large Town shade tree on Blake St., close to the intersection, compounded the limited tight space for passing of large vehicles. The tree is often struck by trucks; and continued tree damage could result in a threat to nearby homes & buildings from valued neighborhood asset.

Some club members are not fully aware of town laws, the safety issues, or the club's own rules regarding the needs of residents for safety and to prevent interference of homeowners' ability to get in and out of driveways and walks.

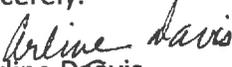
My house at the corner of Kilburn & Blake is at the main entrance to the intersection, so I am most affected by the dense parking. This is where most of the problems occur.

I am requesting that the TAC assess the condition relating to club parking for safety; and see what improvement could alleviate daily difficulties. The club opens sometime in May and closes in November. It's open daily from 8:00 a.m. -9:00 p.m.

Perhaps a trial basis could provide a way to reassess what could provide better security access and lead to better relations between club members and neighbors.

I am grateful for the Town's help I've been given, and hope a review can bring about better awareness and necessary safety measures.

Sincerely,


Arline Davis
18 Blake Street

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