

Town of Belmont, MA

Traffic Advisory Committee (T.A.C.)

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Meeting Minutes, January 14, 2016

Members Present: Peter Curo, Joe Griffin (Chair), Don Mercier, Dana Miller (Clerk), Linda Nickens, Sue Pew.

Ex-Officio Members Present: Sergeant Benjamin Mailhot (Belmont Police Department).

Also Present: Tony Barnes, 36 Winter Street; Pierre Brosens, 34 Dundonald Road; John Chang, 16 Rayburn Road; Jennifer Hynes, 72 Partridge Lane; Eileen Petersen, 414 Marsh Street; Ahmad Rafi, 20 Dundonald Road; Bruce Rosenblum, 965 Concord Avenue; Ted Speros, 981 Concord Avenue; Bernie Zulalian, 70 Winter Street.

Mr. Griffin called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

The TAC will approve the minutes of the November meeting when the TAC next convenes.

7:05 pm / Rayburn Road and Partridge Lane:

John Chang and other residents presented their concerns about traffic on Rayburn Road and Partridge Lane. The neighbors see an increase in traffic in the neighborhood and their impression is that most is morning rush-hour, cut-through traffic from Marsh to Winter Street. Jennifer Hynes believes that some cars are travelling between 35 to 40 mph. during rush hour. Ms. Hynes and others expressed their concern that the traffic is unsafe for pedestrians.

Mr. Chang and other residents asked that a "Do Not Enter M-F, 7-9am" sign be posted on Marsh Street at the intersection of Rayburn Road. Mr. Speros asked that, in addition, Partridge Lane be made a dead-end where it currently connects to Concord Avenue.

In response to Mr Griffin's inquiry, Mr. Chang reported that he believes that 20 - 45 cars pass through the neighborhood over a 45-minute period during the morning rush hour.

Sergeant Mailhot presented the data from his traffic study on December 8th between 7 and 9am: in that two-hour time period, 6 cars travelled from Winter Street to Marsh Street and 35 cars travelled in the opposite direction.

Sergeant Mailhot explained that, during the golf tournament this summer, traffic was detoured through the Rayburn Road/Partridge Lane neighborhood and that

the traffic in the neighborhood was probably the heaviest during the time period of that detour.

Sergeant Mailhot reported that excessive car speed is not an issue in the neighborhood. According to Sergeant Mailhot's study, most cars travelled at between 15 and 18 mph and the maximum car speed was 34 mph. On another occasion, when Sergeant Mailhot assigned an officer to monitor traffic in the neighborhood, the average car speed was around 20 mph.

Mr. Griffin explained that the TAC had received communications from neighborhood residents—one on Dundonald Road and one on Partridge Lane—that objected to the proposed traffic changes in their neighborhood.

Mr. Griffin further explained that the traffic problems on Rayburn Road and Partridge Lane are part of the bigger traffic challenge posed by the Winter Street/Concord Avenue/Mill Street intersection and that concerns about traffic on Rayburn Road and Partridge Lane will be considered when the TAC addresses the three-way intersection. Sergeant Mailhot reminded those at the meeting that the TAC had developed a plan to improve this intersection and that the town had arranged funding for the traffic improvements, but that residents fought against the project and, as a result, the town lost the funding for the project.

Mr. Griffin reported that the Winter Street/Concord Avenue/Mill Street intersection is the next major intersection on the Committee's agenda—but that the intersection requires a substantial redesign and signalization—and that the redesign project will take a while to complete. Ms. Nickens suggested that, when the TAC does address the traffic in this neighborhood, it should explore the advisability of restricting left turns from Partridge Lane onto Winter Street.

Ms. Hynes expressed frustration that the neighbors would have to wait, potentially years, before the three-way intersection was redesigned. She explained that she had understood that the neighborhood traffic problems were part of the three-way intersection problem and that the neighbors had asked for the morning rush-hour restriction on cars entering the neighborhood because they didn't want to wait for the larger project to be undertaken.

Mr. Griffin explained that the traffic volume and speed data did not support the proposal to restrict traffic entering the Rayburn Road/Partridge Lane neighborhood and that the opposition of some neighborhood residents to the plan was a serious concern. Sergeant Mailhot and Mr. Griffin both urged the neighbors to write to the Belmont Board of Selectmen asking that the traffic problems in the area of the three-way intersection be addressed. Sergeant Mailhot offered to write a letter from the Police Department to the Traffic Advisory Committee in support of a re-design of this intersection.

The TAC voted to take no action.

Old Business: none

New Business: Don Mercier asked that the TAC address the town's decision to prevent a Dunkin' Doughnuts from opening on Concord Avenue, at the intersection of Bright Street.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Miller, Clerk



Traffic Advisory Committee

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Date: January 8, 2016

To: Members – Traffic Advisory Committee

From: Joseph Griffin, Chair

Subject: Agenda for Meeting on **Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 7:00 PM** in **Town Hall Conference Room 4**. If you cannot attend the meeting, please contact Joe via e-mail.

7:00 – 7:05 Minutes (November 12, 2015)

7:05 – 7:45 Public Hearing – Proposed Turn Restriction (Resident Request)

- From Marsh Street to Rayburn Road

7:45 – 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

November 8, 2015

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Dear Traffic Advisory Committee and Board of Selectmen

We the undersigned write to bring your attention to a serious public safety issue on Rayburn Road and Partridge Lane. Since the spring of 2015 this neighborhood has experienced a significant and continuing increase in the number of vehicles using Rayburn Road and Partridge Lane as a cut through in an attempt to by-pass the usual south bound traffic build up on Winter Street particularly during the morning commute hours between 7am and 9am. An initial complaint was brought to the Belmont Police Department's attention in May 2015 which deployed a patrol car and also an electronic speed sign to monitor traffic patterns over the course of about two weeks. I spoke with Sergeant Brian Mailhot personally during that initial monitoring period about the traffic concerns when he came to monitor the situation during one of the mornings in May. In June during the Senior PGA golf tournament, we raised concerns around residential public safety as traffic was diverted onto Rayburn Road from Marsh for a few days which made it very obvious that a small residential street like Rayburn is not designed to handle significant traffic loads which backed up a dozen or more vehicles at a time from the intersection of Partridge Road and Winter Street.

Since the start of school this September, traffic volume and intensity has increased even more than what we had experienced when initial concerns were raised in May 2015. **Many drivers speed down Rayburn Road from Marsh looking at their Smartphone's, not paying attention to children waiting for the school bus, neighbors walking their dogs in the morning, or other traffic turning onto Rayburn from Partridge.** It is not uncommon for vehicles of all types (cars, box trucks, transportation vans, etc.) hoping to use Rayburn as a cut through to by-pass traffic on Winter to be backed up at the intersection of Partridge and Winter as they try and squeeze into a very dangerous intersection due to the speed and limited visibility of vehicles turning onto Winter Street from Concord Avenue heading toward Route 2.

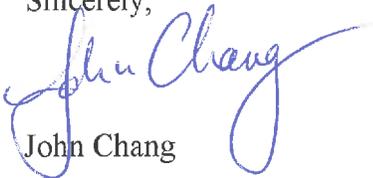
While the neighborhood understands that our roads are public thoroughfares, the increase and intensity of cut through traffic on Rayburn during morning commuting hours is no longer just a nuisance but has become a **serious public safety concern for residents in this neighborhood** and surrounding who have always viewed it as a safe place to walk, especially in the morning. The number of school age children who wait for their respective school buses each weekday morning has increased substantially over the past few years. While many long time residents are now well into their senior years, they still enjoy being able to walk in their quiet neighborhood. The volume of traffic and speed at which it is traveling presents a serious risk to our children and residents who must now walk with extreme caution and wait in their driveways. We fear that the traffic risks, especially to our children, will continue to escalate in the coming weeks with the arrival of winter weather driving conditions.

The use of quiet residential streets as a thoroughfare for morning commuters is unacceptable to the residents of Partridge Lane, Dundonald Road, and Rayburn Road, many of whom were attracted to this area of Belmont due in large part to its relative tranquility. **As such, we the undersign respectfully request traffic be restricted from turning onto Rayburn Road from Marsh Street Mondays thru Fridays between the hours 7:00am to 9:00am through the use of a "Do Not Enter" sign clearly posted around the entrance of Rayburn Road from Marsh Street.** This request is consistent with traffic restrictions that have been implemented between the morning commuting hours of 7am and 10am by the town of Belmont for our neighbors living on Robinwood Road, Marsh Street, and Hough Road who have also experienced significant increases in commuter cut through traffic turning in from Winter Street.

With the winter weather fast approaching, we respectfully ask that this request be added to the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting agenda on November 12, 2015 to expedite the review and discussion as quickly as possible. We hope that a decision and action on this request can be completed within the next month.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter. Should you have any questions regarding our request please contact our neighborhood representatives Mr. John Chang of 16 Rayburn Road at 617-548-6359, email: zithroman@aol.com or Mr. Ken Hynes of 72 Partridge Lane at 617-312-3213, email: kenhynes87@gmail.com

Sincerely,



John Chang



Ken Hynes

Representing the residents of Dundonald Road, Partridge Lane, and Rayburn Road

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