

***Traffic Advisory Committee minutes for Thursday, May 13, 2004***

In attendance: M.J. Frisoli, L. Nickens, A. Masciari, T. Riley, and T. Turner, T. Olsen, P. Curro., M. Gavin

Also attending: Glenn Clancy, Ken Hamilton; D. Pursley

7:05 p.m. Meeting called to order

Administrative matters:

Minutes for April 8, 2004. MF makes minor edits. TR moves that TAC approve as corrected.

(7:11) Ms. Pursley, Vice-Chair of the Transportation Advisory Committee of the Town of Lexington participated in a Q & A session with Belmont TAC. The subject was the proposed development at Avalon Bay on Concord Ave in Lexington/Waltham. Ms. Pursley is an advocate of Transportation Demand Management, which is a planning approach to traffic concerns. As part of the initial conversation, Ms. Pursley answered a number of questions raised by the TAC in regards to Avalon Bay and its traffic implications for Belmont. Ms. Pursley suggested that Lexington could lend its experience from this (and other) projects to assist Belmont in gaining concessions from developers in traffic mitigation efforts.

(7:57) TAC discussed the M.I.T. urban planning study organized by the Belmont Citizens Frum.

(8:23) The turn restriction (no right turn, 4-6 pm) from Belmont St. onto Marlboro and Oxfords Sts. Will be discussed at the Selectmen's meeting scheduled for 05-24. At issue is the recommendations of both Tom Gatzunis and Ken Hamilton that the restrictions not be instituted.

(8:45) Tim Higgins has requested that all relevant town committees submit comments on the proposed changes to development at the Belmont Uplands site. Comments are due May 19. TAC was asked to limit comments to suitability of the site. The consensus of the TAC was that insufficient information on the developmental plans was available to make an informed opinion.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 p.m.