

Traffic Advisory Committee

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Date:

April 5, 2018

To:

Members - Traffic Advisory Committee

From:

Glenn R. Clancy, Committee Liaison

Subject:

Agenda for Meeting on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 7:00 PM in Homer Municipal

Building, Third Floor Gallery. If you cannot attend the meeting, please contact me via e-

mail.

7:00-7:10

Minutes (October 12, 2017, December 14, 2017, January 11, 2018, February 8, 2018,

March 3, 2018)

7:10 - 7:20

Town Wide Traffic Study

• Public Input (For those who were unable to attend the February 8, 2018 meeting)

7:20 - 7:45

Waverley Street - Proposed No Parking One Side (Mason Peltz - Resident)

Between Trapelo Road and Irving Street

7:45 - 7:50

Old Business

No Known Items

7:50 - 8:00

**New Business** 

Beech Street at Upland Road – No Parking Here to Corner (BPD)

No Parking at 145 Beech Street (Matt Sullivan)

8:00

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:

Patrice Garvin, Town Administrator

Sgt Ben Mailhot, Belmont Police Department Richard McLaughlin, Belmont Police Chief

Jay Marcotte, Director, Department of Public Works

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MASON T. PELTZ 174 Beech St. Belmont, Ma 02478 January 15, 2018

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## Gentlemen:

I have two suggestions I would like you to consider implementing that I believe would increase safety and traffic flow at little to no expense to the town.

Waverly Street, between Trapelo Rd and Irving St. currently allows parking on both sides of the street (actually the entire stretch to the Beech St light permits two sided parking, but I am only focusing on this small stretch of road from Trapelo to Irving). When cars are parked on both sides of Waverly, moving traffic must swerve to go around the parked cars, often into the line of oncoming traffic. The problem becomes exacerbated when there are moving trucks because of their size or when snow is piled on the sides of the road as was the case last week. My suggestion is to place several signs making that small stretch of road one sided parking, as is the case now for much of Beech Street.

My other suggestion involves a tweak to the stop light at the intersection of Trapelo and Mill Streets. Currently both lanes of west bound traffic on Trapelo get a red light and must come to a full stop. When that occurs, the east bound Trapelo traffic get a green arrow permitting vehicles in the left lane to make an unimpeded turn onto Mill St. while the right lane may continue straight until both east bound lanes must stop when the light turns fully red. Most of the time this works just fine. But at rush hour, particularly the afternoon rush, the sequencing of the lights a bit further east (Pleasant and beyond) causes a back-up at the Mill Street intersection making it difficult for vehicles to find space to proceed onto Trapelo that are trying to make a left turn from Mill St. to Trapelo east bound because there is little to no break in the east bound Trapelo traffic. My suggestion is to tweak the east bound Trapelo light, such that when the left turn arrow to Mill Street turns green, the right hand Trapelo lane light gets changed to red and must stop. Because of the sequencing of the lights further east on Trapelo, it should allow for some "thinning" of Trapelo traffic between Mill and the Pleasant Street light Although admittedly not a perfect solution, I believe this light tweak might permit some cars from Mill Street to more easily turn east onto Trapelo, again at deminimis to zero expense to the Town.

Sincerely,

Mason T. Peltz

