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**Transportation Advisory Committee**  
**November 21 Minutes**

**Committee Members Present:** Dana Miller (Chair), Larry McDonald (Vice Chair), David Coleman (Acting Clerk), Jessie Bennet, Chip Gaysunas, Jeremy Romanul

**Ex Officio Members Present:** Glenn Clancy (Director, Community Development and Town Engineer); Jay Marcotte (Director, Department of Public Works), Ben Mailhot (Traffic Division, Belmont /police Department)

**7:00-7:05: Meeting brought to order; Minutes and Agenda schedule.**

The minutes were approved.

Seeing that the person filing the Belmont St. traffic complaint had not yet arrived, the Chair suggested moving that item later in the meeting to give the person time to arrive and moved up the Myrtle St. discussion as the residents were present.

**7:05 - 8:00PM: Myrtle St. Request for Parking Restriction**

**Blanca Lain, 23 Myrtle:** Currently, parking is allowed on both sides; neighbors have had to call police dept several times about access. Neighbors are concerned that emergency vehicles would have a difficult time accessing the street when cars are parked on both sides. Neighbors have had trouble leaving their homes when cars are parked on both sides of the street. Morning parking for school drop-off restricts safe passage in the street.

**Dan Halston, 10 Myrtle:** During sports events, cars park on both sides, even though parking signs restrict parking to one side and police ticket. Because of traffic on other streets, Myrtle appears to be used as a cut-through. One neighbor did his own speed study and claims cars travel at speeds greater than 35 MPH. Access is another problem. Dan is worried about emergency vehicles' ability to get up the street and reports that he often has to go over curb to get out of his driveway. Dan suggests parking on one side then the other, a form of the parking-chicane idea that has been discussed by Glenn Clancy for this kind of situation.

Eve Alpern, 17 Myrtle: The large tree in front of her house constricts traffic, and parking is always an issue. The pool parking is an issue during the summer. Parking for the Ice rink is also a problem.

Karen Ingresson 38, Myrtle: (used to have Blanca's house): The fire chief told her that cars should not park within 20 feet of the intersection to allow room for emergency vehicles to make the turn onto the street, but no one follows that restriction. It would be great to have clear signage indicating that no one should park in this area.

Deborah Galli: Particularly during rush hours, commuters ignore the timed turn-restriction from Concord Avenue onto Myrtle and it is not enforced.

Additional Resident Comments: One resident asked about a possible combination of speed bumps with the parking chicane. In response, the Committee Chair explained that a speed table would require a greater commitment of Town funds than the restricted-parking signage that was proposed in the written request and that it might be best to start with the signage and restricted parking and to study to what extent that one change addresses the neighbors concerns. Another resident observed: cars cut the corner from School St. and this is dangerous. Another resident (whose kitchen windows face Goden Street,) sees the level traffic on Goden Street and is concerned that this level of traffic will shift to Myrtle;

Responding to a general complaint about the lack of full curbing on Myrtle and the problems with water run-off, Glenn Clancy explained the now-expired program to install curbing based on individual residents paying for their length of curbing. Glenn suggested that the Town could examine the problem with runoff in the area and whether or not updated Town policy would permit the Town to address the residents' concerns about water run-off.

Glenn also addressed the general levels of parking on streets in the neighborhood and suggested that this has to do with the distance from the streets to the sports fields and ice rink at the High School--even though there is ample parking for the pool at the Wellington during the summer and at the High School during sporting events. Glenn addressed the written request for parking restrictions and proposed a parking chicane. Glenn confirmed that the town has studied the idea of the parking chicane and presented the details of the plan. Glenn suggested no parking from 23-29 on the odd side of the street; so parking on odd side starting from Concord up through 23 Myrtle. Parking would be allowed on the even side of Myrtle from opposite 23 Myrtle to 20ft short of School St.

**The Committee voted to recommend to the Select Board**: that parking be allowed on west/odd side of Myrtle, Concord to Number 23; parking on even side from School to house across from #23. Chair Dana adds the clarification that no parking to corner signs should be added to chicane design. The Myrtle St. residents voice approval of the action.

**8:00 - 9:00PM**

**TCP and Current Projects Discussion:**

**Current Projects:**

Park Ave Reconstruction: MassWorks grant was not funded . Improvements in the area of Park Ave are not being considered without MassWorks funding; The Town is now looking to find funding for a project of longstanding interest to many: dual rotary at Concord/Mill; Concord/Winter Streets.

**TCP finalization for the Select Board:**

Process: what steps to take before submitting the TCP to the Select Board: Ben Mailhot advocated for a 6-month trial with opportunity to amend and Glenn believes the TCP is finished and should be put to the Select Board. Chair Dana Miller suggested that the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting will provide an opportunity for all committee members to participate in the finalization of the policy and a vote on it.

The TAC discussed the communication points that should be reflected in the TCP. Glenn explained that Town staff would need to be responsible for these communications and, after discussion, suggested the following:

1. Town staff will provide acknowledgement for each request to the individual contact who submits the request for traffic calming;
2. Town staff will communicate with the request contact to provide the date on which TAC will review the preliminary-evaluation data and determine whether or not to forward the request to the Town Engineer for a traffic-calming needs-assessment report;
3. In instances in which a needs assessment is conducted, Town Staff will notify residents in the area subject to the traffic-calming request of the date on which the needs-assessment report will be discussed;
4. Town staff will provide notification of the TAC decision to the individual contact;
5. Town staff will provide notification of the Select Board vote on the TAC recommendation to the individual contact.
6. Town staff will maintain an online list of approved traffic-calming projects with prioritization ranking indicated for the approved projects; (Glenn will determine if the Town can maintain an online listing of requests for which no traffic-calming project was approved)

7. The priority ranking for any project may change when other traffic-calming projects are approved. The priority ranking is not determined by the chronological order of the submission, but according to a consideration of multiple factors and primarily that of the potential of the approved project to improve the safety of the greatest number of those on or near Belmont roadways.

8. For additional information, residents may review meeting agendas and minutes for the Transportation Advisory Committee and the Select Board. Meeting dates, agendas, and minutes are posted on the Town website and individuals may subscribe, via the Town website, to be automatically notified by email message when new meeting dates, agendas, and minutes are posted.

Chip pointed out that a spreadsheet preserves a record of past actions; Jay Marcotte says a good example of project record keeping can be found by consulting the CPC (Community Preservation Committee) website. They list all the projects and submissions historically.

**Use of the 85<sup>th</sup> Percentile for speed limit setting and misunderstandings of the role of this metric for transportation policy:**

Several residents and committee members have voiced concern that the continued reference to the using the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile for tracking vehicle speeds indicates that the town remains focused on a vehicle-centric approach to transportation policy. Glenn explained that this is a persistent misapprehension and that the measured 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed from a town traffic study is compared to the speed limit that was legislated by the state. The difference between the two is then used as the starting point for deciding what Traffic Calming (or other) measures should be employed to bring the traffic behavior into the range that is comfortable for pedestrians, cyclists, etc...



# Transportation Advisory Committee TOWN OF BELMONT

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**Date:** November 14, 2019

**To:** Members – Transportation Advisory Committee

**From:** Glenn R. Clancy, Committee Liaison

**Subject:** Agenda for Meeting on **November 21, 2019 at 7:00 PM in Conference Room 2, Town Hall**. If you cannot attend the meeting, please contact me via e-mail.

- ✓ **7:00 – 7:15** 371 Belmont Street - Request for Handicap Parking Space
- ✓ **7:15 – 8:00** Myrtle Street – Request for Parking Restriction
- 8:00 – 8:15** Traffic and Truck Resident Compliant – Belmont Street
- 8:15 – 8:45** Traffic Calming Policy Discussion
- 8:45 – 8:50** Approval of Minutes (October 3, 2019, November 7, 2019)
- 8:50 – 8:55** Old Business
  - No Know Items
- 8:55 – 9:00** New Business
  - No Known Items
- 9:00** 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 Marc Pugliese, Belmont Police Department  
Jay Marcotte, Director, Department of Public Works  
Richard McLaughlin, Belmont Police Chief

12/5



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PAYSON PARK CONG CHURCH  
CHURCH BUILDING  
365 BELMONT ST  
BELMONT, MA 02478

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PAYSON PARK CONG CHURCH  
365 BELMONT ST  
BELMONT, MA 02478

Parcel ID: 3-199  
CONNERS JEAN A  
395-397 BELMONT ST  
BELMONT, MA 02478

Parcel ID: 3-200  
MURPHY TE JAMES P  
KATHLEEN H MURPHY  
55 HLL RD APT 602  
BELMONT, MA 02178

Parcel ID: 3-201  
BEAVERBROOK STEP INC  
85 MAIN ST 2ND FLR  
WATERTOWN, MA 02472

Parcel ID: 3-202  
MILEY JOHN L  
385 BELMONT ST  
BELMONT, MA 02478

Parcel ID: 3-203  
HIGGINS TE WILLIAM F  
RITA MARGARET HIGGINS  
78 TURNER ST  
BRIGHTON, MA 02135

Parcel ID: 3-204  
TOROSIAN TC KASPAR M  
SUSAN TOROSIAN  
P O BOX 620  
BELMONT, MA 02478

**Mona Hosny**

371 Belmont street unit # 2 , Belmont MA 02478

Cell: 617-999-0740

September 30, 2019

Belmont traffic Department,  
Belmont, Massachusetts

Dear Sirs,

I'm requesting to have a handicap spot place in front of my home as I have multiple medical conditions that limit my mobility, I'm attaching my PCP Doctor note any my handicap sign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M. Hosny". The signature is written in black ink and includes a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mona Hosny

371 Belmont street unit # 2 , Belmont MA 02478

[Redacted]





MASSACHUSETTS  
GENERAL HOSPITAL

Mass General Primary Care Assembly Row  
440 FOLEY ST.  
SOMERVILLE MA 02145  
Dept Phone #: 857-282-0777  
Dept Fax #: 857-282-2386

September 25, 2019

Town of Belmont

Patient: **Mona Hosny**  
MR Number: **6277068**  
Date of Birth: **7/8/1951**  
Date of Visit: **9/25/2019**

To Whom it May Concern:

Ms. Hosny is a patient of mine at MGH Primary care in Assembly row. She suffers from multiple medical conditions that limit her mobility. It is difficult for her to walk any distance without significant pain. She would benefit from having a handicap spot placed in front of her home.

Sincerely,

Andrew P Fauteux, MD

**P77166045**

**Expires:**

**01-08-21**

**Disabled Persons  
Parking Identification Placard**



**HOSNY**

**MORA**

**Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts**



Important: Remove before driving vehicle

**NON-TRANSFERABLE**

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Wrongful use by any other person may result in revocation of placard and/or \$500 fine and 30 day loss of license for first offense

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### MEMO

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**MEMO TO:** Select Board  
Patrice Garvin, Town Administrator

**FROM:** Glenn R. Clancy, P.E.   
Director

**SUBJECT:** Transportation Advisory Committee Recommendation  
371 Belmont Street – Handicap Parking Space Request

**DATE:** November 26, 2019

The Transportation Advisory Committee on November 21, 2019 held a hearing to consider the request for a handicap parking space by the owner of 371 Belmont Street. The owner was unable to attend however no one spoke in opposition.

The Transportation Advisory Committee voted to recommend the placement one handicap parking space at 371 Belmont Street.

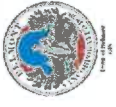
I respectfully request approval from the Select Board.



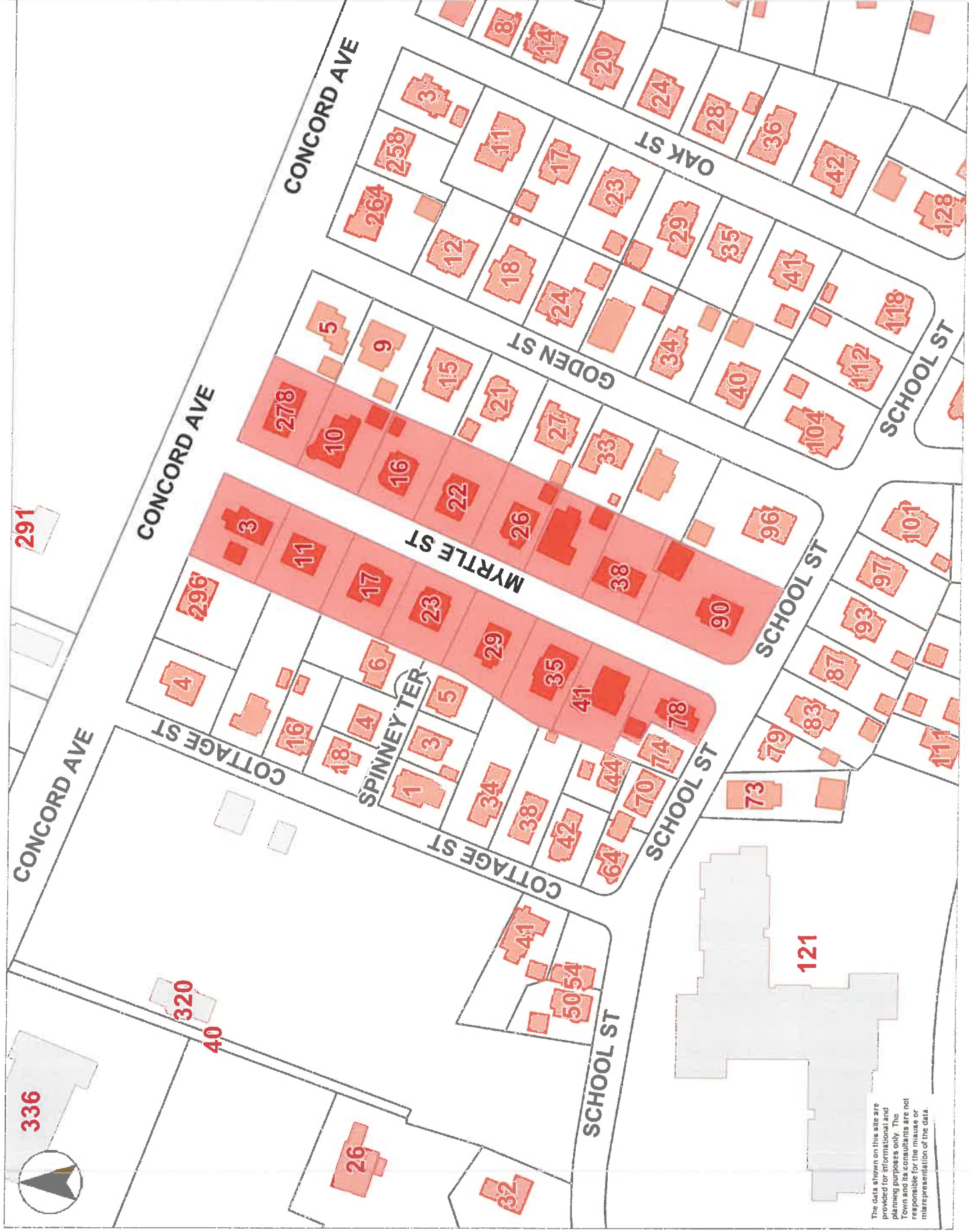
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371 Belmont Street Belmont, MA

The Valentine Broadway, Nashville, TN



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- MA Highways
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MIT PO BOX 397048  
CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

Parcel ID: 24-25  
HALSTON TE DANIEL W  
LILIANE R WONG  
10 MYRTLE ST  
BELMONT, MA 02478

Parcel ID: 24-26  
GALLI CHRISTOPHER J  
DEBORAH GALLI  
16 MYRTLE ST  
BELMONT, MA 02478

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OLLIGES TE DAVID M  
JULIA A JACKSON  
22 MYRTLE ST  
BELMONT, MA 02478

Parcel ID: 24-28  
SCANLON MADELEINE C  
26 MYRTLE STREET  
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Parcel ID: 24-29  
BERRY TE JAMES D  
ANN K SHINN  
15 PREBLE GARDENS RD  
BELMONT, MA 02478

Parcel ID: 24-30  
HARMON TE DAVID  
KAREN INGWERSEN  
38 MYRTLE ST  
BELMONT, MA 02478

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PAULSEN TE FREDERICK S  
ANNE M PAULSEN  
90 SCHOOL ST  
BELMONT, MA 02478

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AMY R G DEDEO  
78 SCHOOL ST  
BELMONT, MA 02478

Parcel ID: 24-33  
RAMANATHAN TE SHARAD  
KATRIN DUEVEL  
41 MYRTLE STREET  
BELMONT, MA 02478

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GOODMAN TE STEVEN  
KRISTA B GOODMAN  
35 MYRTLE ST  
BELMONT, MA 02478

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WHALEY TE JASON MILTON  
MEREDITH MOSS QUINN  
29 MYRTLE ST  
BELMONT, MA 02478

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LAIN TE BLANCA  
CHEE LOW  
23 MYRTLE ST  
BELMONT, MA 02478

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EVE C ALPERN  
23 CONGREVE ST  
ROSLINDALE, MA 02131

Parcel ID: 24-38  
SULLIVAN EVELYN C  
11 YACHT AVENUE  
W YARMOUTH, MA 02673

Parcel ID: 24-39  
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3 MYRTLE ST  
BELMONT, MA 02478

August 25, 2019

**Petition To the Transportation Advisory Committee**

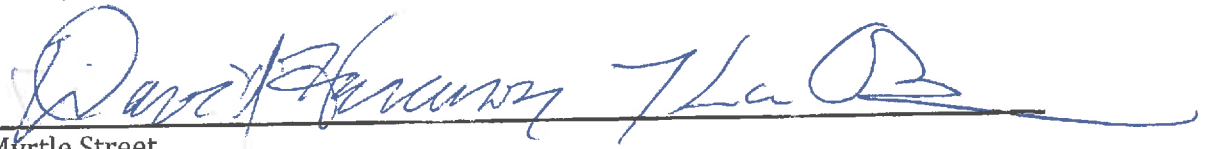
We, the neighbors of Myrtle Street would like to petition that parking is restricted to only one side of the street.

Myrtle Street due to its large trees is a narrower street than a typical street. Parking on both sides of the street has on several occasions obstructed circulation of emergency vehicles and residents have had to reach out to Belmont police. Emergency vehicle access is a real concern for the neighbors. Parking on both sides of the street and in very close proximity to residents' driveways is making exiting of our houses very difficult. There is a precedent on parking being restricted to just one side of the street, as currently there is "no parking on one side of the street during athletic events".


In addition we would like to address the speeding on Myrtle Street not only of cars but also construction trucks. We think this is only going to get worse as cars try to avoid the High School Construction traffic.

Thank you for considering our petition.

Karen Ingwersen and David Harmon

  
38 Myrtle Street

Amy and Scot DeDeo

  
78 School Street



Katrin Duevel & Sharad Ramanathan

  
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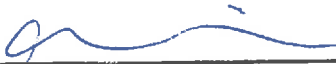
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Steven and Krista Goodman

  
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35 Myrtle Street

Ann Shinn & James Berry

   
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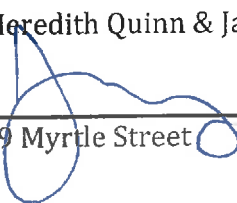

30 Myrtle Street

Madeleine Scanlon

  
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26 Myrtle Street

Meredith Quinn & Jason Whaley

   
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29 Myrtle Street

Blanca Lain and Simon Low

   
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23 Myrtle Street

David Olliges & Julia Jackson



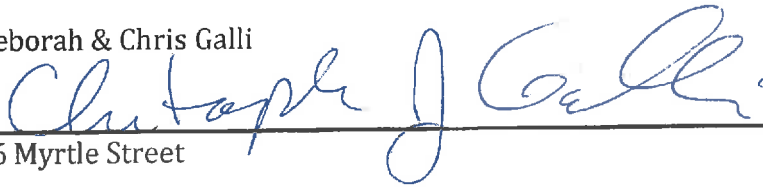
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Deborah & Chris Galli



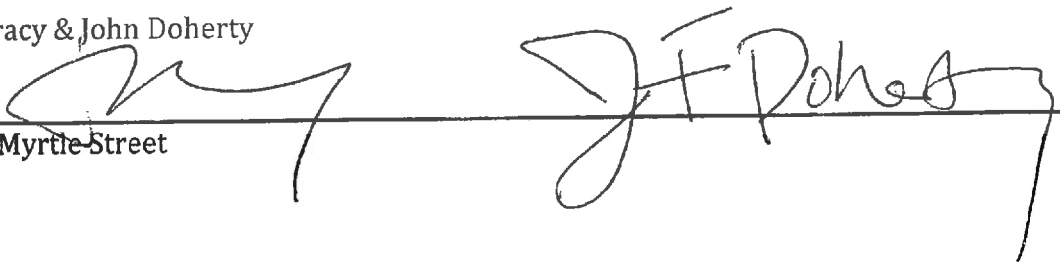
16 Myrtle Street

Liliane Wong & Dan Halston



10 Myrtle Street

Tracy & John Doherty



3 Myrtle Street




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### MEMO

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**MEMO TO:** Select Board  
Patrice Garvin, Town Administrator

**FROM:** Glenn R. Clancy, P.E. 

**SUBJECT:** Transportation Advisory Committee Recommendation  
Parking Restriction – Myrtle Street

**DATE:** November 27, 2019

The Transportation Advisory Committee on November 21, 2019 held a public hearing to discuss a petition signed by several Myrtle Street residents interested in restricting parking to one side of Myrtle Street.

Myrtle Street has a narrow travel way due to curbing that was installed in a manner that avoids the many large trees located along the road. The narrowness creates a public safety concern if vehicles are parked on both sides of the road which often happens when there are events at the High School, the Wellington School, or the Underwood Pool.

The residents present were in support of restricting parking on one side of the road and further, changing the side the restriction is located on half-way along the street so that a “parking chicane” is created that will help slow down vehicles driving up and down the street.

The proposed restrictions would be as follows: From Concord Avenue to the property line between #23 and #29, along the easterly side of Myrtle Street, No Parking Anytime; From School Street to opposite the property line between #23 and #29, along the westerly side of Myrtle Street, No Parking Anytime. Please see the attached plan for further information.

On behalf of the committee I respectfully ask for approval from the Select Board to restrict parking on Myrtle Street as shown on the attached plan.

Google School

Goden St

