

<b>Traffic Advisory Committee</b>	<b>Public Hearing – October 16, 2002 Called to Order at 7:07 PM</b>
Mark D'Andrea	<p>Would like crosswalk at White in front of Butler. Is concerned that crosswalks will be hard to see. Would like signage that alerts people to existence of crosswalk. Crosswalks important on Beech Street.</p> <p>Would like four-way stop with overhead sign pointing to crosswalks.</p> <p>Would like pick-up/drop-off of students on Sycamore St. – this is currently a No Parking zone on the school side.</p> <p>Would like crosswalks across White St. at Beech &amp; Belmont Streets</p>
Karen Vanderspeck	Resident of White St. – Thinks parents will run across White street whether there's a crosswalk or not.
Tom Gatzunis (TG)	Will be shifting yellow line closer to school side of street – cars won't be able to mount sidewalk. People will back up traffic.
? White St. Resident	Parents don't just drop off kids – they go into school. Doesn't know how No Parking is going to work.
? White St. Resident	Make Beech St. a flashing red, w/four-way stop. Residents can hear people revving up in the middle of the night. Her car was hit – a cat and dog were killed – they lost a tree at top of White Street when hit by a car. Priest was killed there.
TG	The easiest thing to do is to install a four-way stop sign. Not legal unless it meets the Warrants regarding traffic, bicyclists, pedestrians. Town is going to set this up but Tom doubts it will meet the Warrants. If Tom says No and Selectmen say yes, there is then a liability issue.
Kathleen Haverty – White St. Resident – Town Meeting Member – Precinct 4	<p>Concerned – went to Selectmen on 2/4/02 with signatures of 100 residents. On May 21, Selectmen told her that White St would be moved up. She received a letter from Tom that upcoming construction would begin in summer of 2002.</p> <p>Wants signage, traffic lights, lower speed limit and police presence.</p>
Sgt. Ken Hamilton (KH)	Speed limits are set by State. In order to have posted speed limits, we must do a traffic count. State takes 85% of readings, and increases speed limit based on those readings. Instead, we use a 30MPH or speed that is proper for time, conditions and weather. Lights will not meet warrants. Selectmen must vote for it. Police won't enforce them. "SLOW – CHILDREN" signs don't work. Town has put a moratorium on them. Large yellow-green crosswalk signs are effective and will be used.
TG	Fundamental change in philosophy in the way Belmont builds its roads is now in place
?White St. Resident	Why are you (TG) opposed to fourth crosswalk on White/Beech? Believes in strict enforcement of crosswalk laws.
TG	Is it safe to put a crosswalk there? Will someone in crosswalk be seen by drivers?

Lisa Pargoli – White St. Resident – Town Meeting Member – Precinct 4	Is it possible to put a neckdown near Bartlett/White?
TG	Will look into neckdown there.
TG	Can we put a neckdown at every intersection? It is difficult to plow. Eliminates a ton of parking. There are driveways at many intersections. Neckdowns will be in someone's driveway.
Marylyce(?) Resident of White St.	At least once a week, someone driving up White St. over the slight hump on blind spot – Can this be smoothed out a bit when White St. is ripped up?
Katherine Elias (?) White St. Resident	Resident of White St. since 1951. Traffic has escalated – sometimes takes her five minutes to get out of her driveway.
White St. Resident	How much do neckdowns improve speed of traffic?
Tim Turner	In Cambridge, it is substantial. A 10MPH difference.
KH	From Belmont Street to Cushing Square – speeds lowered considerably due to the reconstruction and granite curbing
White St. Resident	Is it legal to convert school zone to one-way street?
TG	No. Speeds increase. Drivers know there's no one coming in the other direction.
Mickey Dewar – Lexington St. Resident	Is concerned that traffic will spill over to Lexington St. All day and night, speedway. Is Town considering this?
TG	Nothing, as of now.
Agnes(?) White St. Resident	225 White St. – Born in house. When vehicles approach light at Belmont/White, they try to beat the light. Something has to be done about this.
White St. Resident	If we narrow road too much, we'll have more accidents.
TG	If cars are parked illegally, they are at fault if accidents occur because of illegal parking.
Mary (?)	Former Butler parent – would like to have No Parking on left side of Sycamore Street. Move driveway (of Butler School)(on White St) to other end?
KH	Live parking only on White St. Sometimes parking is difficult to determine until roadway is completed.
Bob Thompson – White St. Resident	73 White St. – Business Parking – 18 wheelers, bike deliveries (Wheelworks), only ten parking spots from Trapelo to Sycamore. People park illegally all the time. When we put curbing in, create business parking.
White St. Resident	Cannot park on White or Sycamore in front of her house. Kids need to be dropped off and picked up.
KH	We would have to eliminate granite curbing
White St. Resident	Would like to limit parking on Trapelo to Sycamore to one hour, unless resident.
Sal Lentini	Curbing on Sycamore on West side?
Doug(?) – White St. Resident	81 White St. – near Sycamore. Put driveway in front of Butler for drop-off
Neil (?) – White St. Resident	76 White St. – Will there be curbing all along White St?
TG	Yes

Cara Noferi	Traffic jammed in morning – People stop in travel lane – chaotic. This is a School Department issue
William Messenger	Around Sycamore Street is the best place to drop off kids
KH	Will designate school side of Sycamore as drop off/pick up. Don't want signs all over the place.
Resident?	Beech/White – different for people turning out of Beech. Cars are parked, and traffic is coming down street. Will there be room to swing around?
TG	Centerline is shifting to other side of street
Lisa Pargoli	Thank Kathleen Haverty for getting this done. Response from town is disheartening. No excuses for putting this off for another year
TG	Entire pavement management program put off
MaryJo Frisoli	We are trying to make it the best it can be. We are not ignoring the area.
Trey Klein – White St. Resident	When will the counter be put out at Beech/White regarding a four-way stop sign?
KH	Late next week
Trey Klein	Can we have a flashing school zone as opposed to non-flashing that can be enforced all day?
KH	Very expensive
TG	Three-way stop at Maple was grandfathered in prior to Traffic Manual, so it is legal.
Jeff Tillerton(?)	What is the process of getting a crosswalk between Beech and Belmont St.?
Ray Sacco	Teachers park all day on White St. Seven to eight kids hit many years ago.
Sal Lentini	White to Trapelo – Would like lights in front of Butler
Resident(?)	Thayer to Trapelo as well.
Resident(?)	Any long-term plans for parking in Waverley Square?
TG	Granite curbing is a negative because we lose parking on one entire side of street.
Resident(?)	Can you allow people to park on Lexington Street?
Kathleen Haverty	What about parking at Unitarian Church?
KH	Something about Wheelworks and timed parking on Sycamore St
Sal Lentini	Make it temporary and No Parking 7-6pm. Would like to get a petition for timed parking
Tim Turner	Wants alternate parking to shift from side to side.
TG	Doesn't work because we don't allow parking all night
Tim Turner	“Chicane” parking
TG	Will look into it