

Traffic Advisory Committee - Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 6, 2021
11:00AM

Approved
on 12/8/21

Chief Stone called the meeting to order at 11:00a and read aloud:
"Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law have been adjusted. The Traffic Advisory Committee will be using remote participation for this meeting. The audio of this meeting is being recorded and will be posted to the HCAT webpage within 24 hours in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Action Requirement of keeping the public informed of actions during this meeting. I ask that all participants remotely attending this meeting please state your name for identification purposes each time you speak throughout the meeting. At this time, a roll call attendance will be taken."

Chief Cassidy - present
Mr. Dellicker- present
Ms. Hein - present
Ms. Raffi- present
Mr. Sipsma- present
Chief Stone- present

Meeting Minutes- Review/Approve

The Committee reviewed meeting minutes for: April 2021, May 18, 2021, and September 1, 2021.

On a motion made by Ms. Hein, seconded by Ms. Raffi, the meeting minutes were approved.

Chief Cassidy -yes
Mr. Dellicker- yes
Ms. Hein - yes
Ms. Raffi- yes
Mr. Sipsma- yes
Chief Stone- yes

September Petition Hearing Review

Chief Stone asked the Committee for any questions or comments about the petition hearing from 811 Highland St. (Mr. & Mrs. Primus).

Ms. Raffi asked for status on data pertaining to the imminent domain issue that the petitioners referenced. Per Ms. Hein, the Town Administrator did a thorough search through all Town files etc in August 2020 and did not uncover any information about this location.

Chief Stone suggested that the Committee consider recommending that the Highland St./Hollis St. intersection as well as Prentice St./Highland St. intersection be studied. There are several issues presented by the petitioners that are larger than the purview of this Committee. A discussion continued around the issues and possible solutions.

1. Motion: To recommend the Select Board consider options for education and traffic calming measures (such as roadway markings, sign beacon) for the Highland St/Hollis St. intersection, Prentice St./Highland St. intersections.

Moved by Ms. Raffi, Seconded by Ms. Hein

2. Motion: To recommend the Select Board consider an engineering study for the Highland St./Hollis St. intersection and the Prentice St./Highland St. intersections.

Moved by Ms. Hein, Seconded by Mr. Dellicker

Chief Cassidy-yes

Mr. Dellicker-yes

Ms. Hein- yes

Ms. Raffi- yes

Mr. Sipsma- yes

Chief Stone- yes

October Petition Hearings- New

Ms. Tracy Cohen- 58 Indian Ridge Road South

Summary: Ms. Cohen shared her concerns about the continuous parking of unauthorized vehicles on her street that are blocking driveways and preventing residents from accessing their homes/driveways.

She is requesting "No Parking Signs" to be placed.

Ms. Elizabeth Dembitzer - 45 Franklin Street

Summary: Franklin St is a short, straight road that is used as a cut through between Norfolk St. and Central St. Increased traffic and high rate of speed from vehicles is causing an unsafe environment for the residents (including several children and dogs). She is requesting a barrier or closure on the Norfolk end of the road to prevent cars from turning onto Franklin from Norfolk.

She is also requesting a "No Left Turn (6-9a; 3-8p) on the Central St. end of Norfolk to prevent cars from turning left onto Franklin as they head towards downtown Holliston.

Ms. Carol Holly of 78 Briarcliff Lane was not on the call.

Mr. Sean Reese joined the call at 11:51a.

Traffic Sign Audit update

Mr. Reese/DPW updated the committee- he is working on his portion of the audit. There was an \$18,000 Town Meeting appropriation to replace/update signs; \$12,000 worth of signs/replacements have been identified/used. He and Chief Stone would like to prioritize the list. In addition, Chief Stone shared that he would like to see some enhancements to the current Commercial Vehicle Exclusion Signs- "they are not achieving their goal". These signs are currently black and white signs with only text. Signs that have color and graphics will be more appropriate for all drivers (avoids language barrier issues). This will allow Holliston Police Department to issue tickets to those who violate the CVE (drivers will no longer be able to say they don't know what the sign says).

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 7:00p.

A motion was made by Ms. Raffi to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Hein.

Chief Cassidy -yes

Mr. Dellicker- yes

Ms. Hein - yes

Mr. Reese - yes

Ms. Raffi- yes

Mr. Sipsma- yes

Chief Stone- yes

Meeting adjourned at 12:15p.

Submitted by,

Stacey Raffi