

Traffic Advisory Committee - Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, December 8, 2021  
7:00PM

Approved  
3/9/22  
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### 1. Open Meeting/Roll Call

Chief Stone called the meeting to order at 7:01p 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."

Mr. Dellicker- present  
Ms. Hein - present  
Ms. Raffi- present  
Mr. Emery- present  
Chief Stone- present

### 2. Meeting Minutes- Review/Approve

The Committee reviewed meeting minutes for: October 6, 2021  
On a motion made by Ms. Hein, seconded by Ms. Raffi, the meeting minutes were approved.

Mr. Dellicker- yes  
Ms. Hein - yes  
Ms. Raffi- yes  
Mr. Emery- yes  
Chief Stone- yes

### 3. October Petition Hearing Review

Chief Stone asked the Committee for any questions or comments about the petition hearing from 58 Indian Ridge Road South (Ms. Cohen)

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.

The petitioner made a recommendation to have "No Parking Signs" placed on in the cul de sac to help prevent the blocking of driveways by vehicles that are not occupants/owners/visitors of the residences on that road.

Chief Stone suggested that the Committee consider recommending to the Select Board to install the No Parking signs because they are actionable signs (HPD can enforce via warnings and tickets).

1. Motion: To recommend the Select Board have actionable signage (No Parking) installed on Indian Ridge Road South.

Moved by Ms. Raffi. Seconded by Ms. Hein

Mr. Dellicker-yes

Ms. Hein- yes

Ms. Raffi- yes

Mr. Emery- yes

Chief Stone- yes

Mr. Reese joined the meeting at 7:08p and abstained from this vote.

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.

A lengthy discussion occurred amongst the committee including concerns about adding more signs to address this particular location or blocking off the road - will this cause more traffic or accidents? By blocking off Norfolk during rush hour traffic are we just moving the problem to other high density/dangerous intersections like Norfolk/Central?

Ms. Hein recommended traffic calming measures such as the reflector barrels (similar to those used at the intersection of Routes 27/16 in Sherborn).

Mr. Emery recommended using the new sign board from ATS to gather data so that a more informed recommendation can be made.

Motion: To recommend to the Traffic Safety Officer to deploy the appropriate device to capture data such as volume of traffic, speed of traffic, dates/times.

Moved by Ms. Hein, Seconded by Mr. Dellicker

Mr. Dellicker- yes

Ms. Hein- yes

Ms. Raffi- yes

Mr. Emery- yes

Chief Stone- yes

Mr. Reese - no

#### 4. Review Traffic Petition List

Chief Stone and Ms. Hein have been independently reviewing the petition list to see which ones need a hearing.

Ms. Hein reported that there are a few petitions on a stretch of Washington Street that fall under the jurisdiction of Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MA DOT).

MA DOT will be looking at some improvements on the stretch of Washington Street from Highland St up to Cross St including repaving, looking at sidewalks etc. Chief Stone/Ms. Hein will notify the petitioners specific to that area that the Town can not take action on the DOT owned parts of Washington St.

#### 5. Restructuring the Traffic Advisory Committee

Chief Stone began the discussion with a review of the accomplishments of the Traffic Advisory Committee since its inception two years ago including: addressing Commercial Vehicle Exclusions, addressing speed, and gathering data via new movable sign boards. We do have a little bit of a backlog but we have set up a good system of receiving, reviewing, and acting on petitions.

Does it make sense to reevaluate the committee's work and number of board members?

Chief Stone came up with talking points for his next update to the Select Board-

\*recommend for the Select Board to review the mission of TAC

\*consider restructuring TAC - should the number of board members decrease? Increase?

## 6. Traffic Sign Audit update

Chief Stone expressed thanks and appreciation to Sean Reese and the DPW for placing the new MA DOT Commercial Vehicle Exclusion approved signs up on: Bullard St, Central St, High St, Locust St, South St, Washington St, and Woodland St.

As of Dec 8, 2021 there is approximately \$5,200.00 in the TAC account. Chief Stone and Mr. Reese will prioritize the list of signage requests and will share with the committee at next meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February, 2022 at 10a.

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

Mr. Dellicker- yes

Ms. Hein - yes

Ms. Raffi- yes

Mr. Emery- yes

Chief Stone- yes

Mr. Reese- yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:25p.

Submitted by,

Stacey Raffi