

Approved 1/11/23

9:30 am

Traffic Advisory Committee - Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 14, 2022
9:00am

1. Open Meeting/Roll Call

Chair, Officer Grace called the meeting to order at 9:00am

Ms. Raffi- present
Mr. Walker - present
Mr. Lindros- present
Mr. Muller- not present
Officer Charlie Grace-present

2. Review and approve meeting minutes from November 21, 2022

Ms. Raffi made a motion to approve the October 13, 2022 meeting minutes.

Mr. Walker seconded the motion.

All in favor:

Ms. Raffi- yes, Mr. Walker-yes, Mr. Lindros-yes, Mr. Muller-not present, Officer Grace- yes

3. Hearing of Petitions

At the November 21, 2022 meeting, the committee discussed putting petition #55 and #72 in one hearing as they both relate to the same general area of Franklin/Norfolk/Central Street.

Petitioners;

A. Dembitzer -45 Franklin Street and Kristine Westland -103 Norfolk St.

Both petitioners along with several neighbors who attended the meeting described the following conditions;

*high speed on Norfolk St.

*accidents/spinouts on the curve where Franklin intersects with Norfolk

*residents on Norfolk having hard time pulling in and out of their driveways onto Norfolk

*no sidewalk on Norfolk heading towards Arcadian Farm/Stoddard Park/Senior Center

*In addition to increased car traffic cutting down Franklin St, the amount of trucks has significantly increased as well (the No Trucks signs are faded or gone)

*Cars park on the sidewalk on Franklin which prohibits people (especially children) to walk safely on sidewalk

*Perception that amount of traffic of Franklin has increased significantly since downtown lights were installed

Proposals:

-put 3 way stop at Norfolk and Franklin

-No Right/Left Turn onto Franklin from Norfolk St.

-put the same "pole/barriers" that are at the Hollis/Highland intersection at the curve on Norfolk/Franklin intersection

Mr. Muller arrived at 9:15a.

Ms. Raffi suggested that Mr. Walker add to the sign audit - the issues that residents brought up:

*No Trucks on Franklin St (faded/missing)

*Arrow sign on curve on Franklin St was knocked down

*Replace Stop sign that was at corner of Vine and Franklin

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B. #36 Summit Pointe - Chris Caron

Mr. Caron described the following conditions:

- *high speed on Highland Street - in particular the curve by Summit Pointe as you head towards Ashland
- *multiple accidents where vehicles are hitting the pole on the curve by Summit Pointe which has led to pole/light crashing down. Second pole was put up behind the first pole.
- *little to no reflectors on the poles or arrows to guide the drivers

Proposal:

- *solar powered illuminated arrow signs
- *add more arrow signs indicating a dangerous curve

Mr. Walker added this location to the sign audit (there are a few arrow signs currently- he will check on fading etc)

C. #12 Curve Street - Andres Vargas

Mr. Vargas shared the following conditions:

- *cars driving the wrong way on this one way street
- *cars speeding down Curve St to cut through to avoid the Washington/Concord St intersection
- *low visibility on the corner due to snow piles in the Winter
- *large trucks using Curve street as a rest area and as a cut through

Proposals:

- *Add "NO TURN" signs facing the traffic on Route 16 (the signs are currently parallel to Route 16, not perpendicular)
- *Add DO NOT ENTER signs on the side of the parking lot to deter traffic using the parking lot
- *Set the speed limit to 15 or 20mph on the street
- *Add SLOW CHILDREN, SLOW DOWN pedestrian signs
- *Work with the landlord of Bertucci's building and parking lot to make sure snow is plowed away from the corner
- *Set size limit on trucks using the street
- *Make Curve St a "NO TRUCKS, except local deliveries" and put up a sign
- *Work with Bertucci's and Crafted to make sure deliveries come in and out on Washington St.
- *Install removable speed bumps (used Coffee St in Medway for reference).

Officer Grace thanked all of the petitioners and advised that the committee will review and discuss recommendations for these petitions at an upcoming meeting (to be determined at end of this meeting).

4. Sign Audit Update

Robert Walker, DPW Deputy Director, is maintaining the Sign Audit list.

- Still reviewing the list and mapping the MA Dept of Transportation regulations to it to determine if/what actions can be taken.
- Added more signs to look at based on hearings today.

5. Matters not anticipated by the Chair at the time of the posting

Next set of petitions to be heard:

- *583 Winter St- signage and speed
- *26 Bogastow Brook- trucks are cutting through
- *75 Turner Rd- increased traffic cutting through

6. Next Meeting

Wednesday, January 11, 2022

9:00a

Training Room, Holliston Police Department

7. Adjourn

Ms. Raffi made a motion to adjourn at 10:18a. Mr. Lindros seconded the motion.

All in favor:

Mr. Lindros - Yes

Mr. Muller - Yes

Ms. Raffi - Yes

Mr. Walker - Yes

Officer Grace - Yes

Submitted by,

Stacey Raffi