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**Traffic Advisory Committee**  
**Wednesday, September 1, 2021**

Members present: Mr. Maxwell Emory, Ms. Tina Hein, Ms. Stacey Raffi, Mr. Jamie Sipsma, Chief Cassidy (arrived at 7:08), and Chief Stone.

Members absent: Mr. Henry Dellicker, Mr. Drew Horton, and Mr. Sean Reese.

Chief Stone called the meeting to order at 7:01pm 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. Emory - present

Ms. Hein- present

Ms. Raffi - present

Mr. Sipsma- present

Chief Stone- present

Ms. Hein made a motion to approve the July 27, 2021 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sipsma

Roll call vote: unanimous

Chief Stone welcomed and introduced Stuart and Kelly Primus of 811 Highland St for their traffic petition hearing. Mrs. Prius began the presentation with a map of their home and the area surrounding them. They are located at 811 Highland St which is directly across the street from Highland/Hollis Street intersection diagonal from Holliston High School. This is a School Zone area where the speed limit is 20mph/25mph when school is not in session.

Issues range from:

- No sidewalks
- No crosswalk north of Hollist St to allow for pedestrian crossing
- Consistent speeding on Highland St/Hollis Street above the 20mph/25mph
- Poor sight lines
- Dangerous "s" curve
- Multiple accidents occurring in front of their home
- No police presence ("too dangerous for HPD to have a patrol car sit in their driveway")
- School zone with significant amount of backup on Hollis Street at the Stop sign
- Increased traffic including large commercial vehicles (as a result from lights put at the Hollis/Washington end of Hollis St)

- Damage to their property (Retaining wall destroyed from cars/trucks hitting; oil slicks on driveway, lots of debris left from accidents)
- Loss of street frontage due to imminent domain to create the intersection at Highland/Hollis

Recommendations:

- Re-look at the construction of the Highland/Hollis intersection and determine remedies for the poor sight lines
- Consider a 3 way stop
- More police presence
- Add crosswalk (north of Hollis to allow people to cross from the west side of Highland to the east)
- Prohibit commercial vehicles from using Hollis (18 wheelers can't turn left onto Highland from Hollis)
- Traffic Study

Mrs. Primus will provide her presentation to Ms. Hein to share with the committee.

Mrs. Raffi asked for more information on the Imminent Domain process and history. Mrs. Primus said they have been trying to get that information unsuccessfully from the Town. Ms. Hein noted some facts for the committee: we have from the Department of Transportation documentation that 25mph is the speed limit for this area. She also noted that we do have some funding in the budget for traffic study. There were no further questions from the committee.

Chief Stone thanked Mr. and Mrs. Primus on behalf of the committee and provided an outline of next steps: the committee would take their presentation under advisement and discuss at our next meeting. Any recommendations for action will then be presented to the Select Board.

Traffic Advisory Committee - Working Group Discussion - Chief Stone and Ms. Hein will both review the list of petitions and make recommendations to move some petitions off the hearing list that can be resolved in other ways than a hearing (for example, there are a few petitions that could be resolved by putting them on the sign audit list). The purpose is to help keep TAC run as efficiently as possible.

Ms. Hein noted that she will ask the Town Administrator to keep the placeholder for TAC on the Special Town Meeting October warrant.

Traffic Sign Audit - Chief Cassidy and Ms. Hein have submitted their own lists to Sean Reese. Chief Stone asked for all 25 of his officers to fill out a sign audit on their patrols.

Next meeting date - Wednesday October 6 at 11:00a.

Requests to add the following topics to future agendas:

Ms. Raffi is interested in looking at and remedying root causes for some of the consistently reported traffic issues (speeding for example). Should we be advocating at local/state level for more driver's education/seminars/educational public safety announcements.

Chief Cassidy asked that we consider a committee reorganization to shift leadership for the next year.

Mr. Emery reminded the committee about the crosswalk located on Central Street at the Holliston Fire Station that was moved. We need a discussion about possible signage there.

Ms. Raffi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57pm.

Mr. Sipsma seconded the motion.

Unanimous roll call vote.