



TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT

TRAFFIC STUDY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ELIHU THOMSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
22 MONUMENT AVENUE, SWAMPSCOTT, MA 01907

MEMBERS
GINO CRESTA, DPW
S. PETER KANE, PLANNING
RONALD MENDES, PARKING
JAMES POTTS, FIRE
LT. THOMAS STEPHENS, POLICE

NOVEMBER 28, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Time: 10:00 – 11:05 am
Location: Swampscott Town Hall, First Floor Conference Room, 22 Monument Avenue
Members Present: R. Mendes (Parking Clerk), G. Cresta (DPW), T. Stephens (Police), P. Kane (Planning), K. Breen (Fire, substitute)
Members Absent: J. Potts (Fire)
Others Present: Judy Dawes (resident), Charles Delloiacono, Jr. (resident)

Meeting called to order at 10:07a by P. Kane.

MEETING MINUTES

Committee reviewed the minutes from the October 3 meeting. No comments.

MOTION : by R. Mendes to approve Oct 3, 2017 meeting minutes, seconded by G. Cresta, and unanimously approved.

TRAFFIC & PARKING REGULATORY REQUESTS

#B – TRAFFIC CALMING / PEDESTRIAN SAFETY (NASON ROAD)

P. Kane explained that earlier in the year, the Committee had made a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen to adopt the portion of the Municipal Modernization Act that allows municipalities to designate specific safety zones for 20 mph. The recommendation was based on a speed limit change request for Nason Road (as well as previous other requests on other town streets). The Board of Selectmen agreed with the Committee's recommendation and sponsored a warrant article for Town Meeting to adopt that element. The article was taken up at the Special Town Meeting in November, but failed to pass. The Board of Selectmen have asked that the Committee look at other ways to calm traffic and improve pedestrian safety on Nason Road.

T. Stephens provided a data report from the speed board that was installed on Nason Road (westbound). The data report captured travel speeds over the course of 20 days. Of the 17,360 vehicle passes, only 111 of those were over 30 mph. There were 1,774 that traveled between 25 and 30 mph. He doesn't feel there's a speeding issue on the street based on the data. He also wasn't aware of any accidents on Nason Road (at least not reported). He said there is a

20mph posting but it's not official. R. Mendes noted that a lot of concern was with vehicles turning from Nason Road onto Neighborhood Road. He also referenced neighborhood desire to improve the pedestrian crossings and making them more pronounced. T. Stephens said he'll look into what the distance is for a 20mph designation for a school zone. The wide corners are a problem where drivers are yielding rather than stopping. T. Stephens said they'll move the speed board to record in the east direction near the Cedar Road intersection with Nason Road.

#A – ON-STREET PARKING RESTRICTION REQUEST (DILISIO ROAD)

P. Kane explained that recently the ZBA granted a special permit for office use of 324 Essex St (the former Groom Construction office space). That decision provided parking relief for the office tenant such that office employees (and visitors) may take up on-street parking spaces since there aren't enough spaces on the property itself. Concern has been raised by residents on Dilisio Road that the office tenant users/visitors may end up parking on their street.

Judy Dawes and Charles Delloiacono, Jr. were present to represent the neighborhood of six properties. Mr. Delloiacono said that if they do park on Dilisio Road, it could impact police and fire access to the neighborhood. He noted that he measured the width of the road as only 18 feet wide. He also noted that the roadway intersection with Stetson Road was also changed which lost on-street parking. The neighborhood has suggested either resident-only or no parking allowed altogether. T. Stephens asked about no parking on one side. G. Cresta suggested one sign with "No Parking Either Side" on the right side of the street as you enter Dilisio Road. T. Stephens suggested maybe having it say "Entire Street". R. Mendes asked if the residents understand that this means no parking altogether including if they're having a party at one of the homes. They said they understand that. The Committee concurred that given the limited street width and the concern for public safety access that no parking should be allowed on the entire street.

MOTION : by T. Stephens to recommend to the Board of Selectmen to change the on-street regulations to "No Parking Either Side" on all of Dilisio Road, seconded by R. Mendes, unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS – CROSSWALK IN FRONT OF ST. JOHN'S (HUMPHREY STREET)

The question came up as to what's happening with the crosswalk in front of St. John's Church in light of the recent pedestrian accident. P. Kane noted that the Committee had recommended to the BOS back in January 2017 to installed Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons (RRFBs) on either side of the crosswalk to improve visibility of pedestrians. The Selectmen agreed with that idea and approved the installation (though no funding). G. Cresta has put in an order for new pedestrian signs that have yellow flashing lights around the entire edge of the sign, flashing constantly rather than by a push button. DPW doesn't currently have the funds to purchase the RRFBs, but G. Cresta is looking into it. T. Stephens thought maybe having a speed board put in place in front of Anthony's (eastbound) would also help. The accidents happen in February and November during the solstice when the sun is rising directly over the street sightlines.

MOTION : by R. Mendes to adjourn the meeting, seconded by T. Stephens, unanimous.

Meeting closed at 11:05a.

S. Peter Kane

Traffic Study Advisory Committee, Chair