



# 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

## JULY 25, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

**Time:** 10:00 – 11:12 am  
**Location:** Swampscott Town Hall, Selectmen's Meeting Room, 22 Monument Avenue  
**Members Present:** J. Potts (Fire), P. Kane (Planning), R. Mendes (Parking Clerk), G. Cresta (DPW), G. Lord (Police, substitute), T. Stephens (Police)  
**Members Absent:** None  
**Others Present:** Dr. Mark Friedman (business owner), Trisha Malphrus (resident)

Meeting called to order at 10:05a by Chair Kane.

### MEETING MINUTES

Committee reviewed the minutes from the June 15 meeting. No comments.

**MOTION** : by J. Potts to approve Jun 15, 2017 meeting minutes, seconded by G. Cresta, unanimously approved.

### TRAFFIC & PARKING REGULATORY REQUESTS

The Committee agreed to take items out of order based on residents in attendance interested in each item.

#### #C – SIDEWALK PROTECTION REQUEST (BURRILL/PARADISE/NEW OCEAN INTERSECTION)

Dr. Friedman has been located at the building for a number of years. The intersection has an S-curve. There was a recent accident that resulted in a vehicle crashing into the building. He felt there might have been loss of life had it occurred during office hours. He's looking for improved protection at the intersection.

G. Cresta and P. Kane discussed option of installing bollards or guardrail. Both agreed bollards like those installed by Mission on the Bay would be better for this commercial area. G. Cresta suggested that they tear up the sidewalk to install the bollards and redo the sidewalk. Bollards shouldn't be more than five feet apart. Bollards will allow people to exit vehicles during drop-offs. Guardrails aren't appropriate for this area.

MOTION : by P. Kane for DPW to install bollards along sidewalk edge at northwest corner of intersection spacing to be not more than 5 feet apart (Burrill St portion), seconded by T. Stephens, unanimous.

## NEW BUSINESS – CROSSWALK & STOP LINE CORRECTION REQUEST (BURRILL ST @ MONUMENT AVE)

Trish Malphrus was in attendance to discuss the intersection of Burrill St & Monument Ave. On the western end of Burrill St at this intersection, the crosswalk hits the south side of Burrill St at a bad location where some drivers end up parking over the crosswalk. The stop line is also after the crosswalk rather than before it.

The committee discussed options such as fixing the location of the crosswalk as well as marking the area as “no parking.”

G. Cresta suggested that the Committee do a site visit to discuss. The Committee will visit at the end of today’s meeting.

## #A – REQUEST TO REDUCE SPEED LIMIT TO 25MPH (PURITAN ROAD)

This item was continued from the June meeting. P. Kane reported back to the Committee that he and R. Mendes had reviewed the Town’s documented regulations to see if the current 30mph posting for Puritan Road was actually in the regulations. It turns out the speed limit was not in the regulations and was just a sign to indicate what the “statutory” speed limit was at the time of posting.

This means the Town can remove the sign and the road will fall to the new statutory speed limit which is now 25mph.

DPW has placed the order for the new speed limit advisory signs for the community entrances. T. Stephens will have the new Town-wide statutory speed limit announced on the Police Department’s Twitter and Facebook accounts. P. Kane will post it on the Town website. The announcements will be timed to go out Friday, July 28. T. Stephens will provide a list of the locations for the advisory signs for the entrances and provide to G. Cresta.

MOTION : by J. Potts to remove the 30mph signs on Puritan Road, seconded by R. Mendes, unanimous

## #D – ON-STREET PARKING RESTRICTION (531 HUMPHREY STREET)

Lt. Stephens requested that a no-parking restriction be added on the street in front of the residence next to the Police Station. The police are looking for improve view sight lines down (west) Humphrey St. He was suggesting at least two car lengths of “no parking” be added.

P. Kane was concerned that the no-parking restriction from the parking lot entrance to the proposed additional no-parking area was pretty large/lengthy (there currently is a no-parking restriction along the length of the Police Station property). T. Stephens pointed out the Police Department sign and trees also impede the sight lines.

MOTION - by J. Potts to notify the abutter regarding proposed no-parking restriction and invite to attend next meeting or provide feedback in writing, seconded by P. Kane, unanimous

## NEW BUSINESS – BURPEE ROAD

G. Cresta noted that there's a 20mph posting on Burpee Road by the old Machon School. He suggested removing the signs. P. Kane will look at the Town regs to see if the limit is documented or not. If the restriction isn't documented, DPW will be able to remove.

## #B – ON-STREET PARKING RESTRICTION REQUEST (72 ROY STREET)

P. Kane provided back story to the request from Pam Wood. She has a handicapped son who works full time and receives transportation from GLSS/the Ride. They pick up her son from the front of the home along Roy Street. Many times though, vehicles are parked on the street in a way that blocks her son from getting from the home's walkway to the vehicle in the street (because the cars are parked on the uncurbed sidewalk). There's also a public access path that enters the road at the same location as 72 Roy St's walkway (thus cars are also blocking access to the public path). T. Stephens suggested striping on the road directly in front of public access path. P. Kane suggested putting in a crosswalk from public access path across street. Both options would help restrict people from parking in a way that blocks the path (or entrance to home). G. Cresta suggested installing a sign that says "don't block path."

T. Stephens suggested that the Police will look to see who's parking there to then talk with them. Based on that, the committee may then take it up again at the next meeting for further action.

## NEW BUSINESS – CROSSWALK & STOP LINE CORRECTION REQUEST (BURRILL ST @ MONUMENT AVE) - CONTINUED

The Committee then moved the meeting outdoors to do a site visit to the crosswalk on Burrill St at the intersection with Monument Avenue. The Committee evaluated various options to correct the issue (moving the crosswalk angle, adjusting the curb location out further). At the end of the discussion, it was agreed that DPW will keep the crosswalk entrance as is on the north side but re-angle it so its closer to the street corner at the south side. Crosswalk will be east of the drain on the south side. The stop line will be moved prior to the crosswalk. The parking space that currently exists between the crosswalk and stop sign will be moved behind the adjusted stop line/crosswalk. This won't require removing any parking spaces.

The next meeting of the Traffic Study Advisory Committee was set for Wednesday, August 23 at 10:00a.

MOTION – by T. Stephens to close the meeting, seconded b J. Potts, unanimous.

Meeting closed at 11:12a.

S. Peter Kane

Traffic Study Advisory Committee, Chair