



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

AUGUST 23, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Time: 10:08 – 11:03 am
Location: Swampscott Town Hall, Selectmen's Meeting Room, 22 Monument Avenue
Members Present: J. Potts (Fire), R. Mendes (Parking Clerk), G. Cresta (DPW), G. Lord (Police, substitute), T. Stephens (Police)
Members Absent: P. Kane (Planning)
Others Present: Maryanne Woodward (resident), Andrew Samalis (resident), Kim Samalis (resident)

Meeting called to order at 10:08a by R. Mendes, Acting Chair, as P. Kane was not in attendance.

MEETING MINUTES

Committee reviewed the minutes from the July 25 meeting. No comments.

MOTION : to approve Jul 25, 2017 meeting minutes, seconded, and unanimously approved.

TRAFFIC & PARKING REGULATORY REQUESTS

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

#E – HANDICAP PARKING SPACE REQUEST (30 GRANT ROAD)

Maryanne Woodward, owner of 30 Grant Rd, spoke on behalf of her request. Her husband is disabled and cannot walk to the driveway (will be the situation for the remainder of his life). She has requested that the parking space on the street in front of her home be designated for handicap parking for her husband's benefit.

J. Potts recused himself from the vote.

MOTION : by G. Cresta to recommend that the Board of Selectmen designate the space in front of 30 Grant Road as handicap parking only, seconded by T. Stephens, unanimously approved.

#D – SPEEDING CONCERNS (NASON ROAD)

Andrew and Kim Samalis of 23 Nason Road were present to discuss their request. They said their neighbors are concerned regarding the speeding that has been happening on Nason Road. They discussed options for traffic calming on Nason Road including the turn onto Orchard Road. The entire street is within 500 feet of either the Stanley Elementary School or the Middle School. Based on that, the Committee felt that the entire street could be reduced to 20 mph.

The Committee also discussed that the DPW can install crosswalk signs at the crosswalk on Nason Road at Orchard Road. The Police Department can also install the speed monitor signage as well.

MOTION : by T. Stephens to recommend to the BOS to reduce the speed limit of Nason Road to 20 mph, install crosswalk signs at Orchard Road, and locate speed monitor signage from Police Department along road, seconded by G. Cresta, unanimous.

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

The Committee continued its discussion from the previous meeting regarding the Police Departments request for additional “no parking” restrictions on Humphrey Street to improve visibility when exiting Police Headquarters. The street area in front of Police Headquarters is currently marked for “No parking.” The Committee discussed extending that area in front of the neighboring property at 523 Humphrey St.

After some discussion, the Committee agreed that 40 feet of street frontage from the driveway of 523 Humphrey St east toward Police Headquarters should remain open for parking. Beyond that 40 feet and up to the entrance to Police Headquarters, the “no parking” restriction should be in effect.

MOTION : by T. Stephens to recommend to the BOS to restrict the on-street parking to “No Parking” from a point 40 feet east of the driveway of 523 Humphrey St up to the driveway entrance of Police Headquarters, seconded by J. Potts, unanimous.

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

The Committee continued its discussion from the previous meeting regarding the request to restrict on-street parking in front of 72 Roy Street where there’s a public path entrance that connects to Jessie Street.

MOTION : by G. Cresta to recommend to the BOS to restrict parking at 72 Roy Street (with either street painting or signage) at the public pathway egress point, seconded by T. Stephens, unanimous.

#C – SPEEDING CONCERNS (HUMPHREY STREET BETWEEN MANTON ROAD AND THE MARBLEHEAD TOWN LINE)

The Committee discussed the concerns raised by Alicia Burke regarding speeding on Humphrey Street.

The Committee noted that the Town had approved a town-wide statutory speed limit change to 25 mph for all unmarked roads. DPW will confirm that the signage regarding this change has been installed at various town entry points.

T. Stephens recommended that the Police Department perform selective speed limit enforcement as a first step.

Meeting closed at 11:03a.

Ronald Mendes

Traffic Study Advisory Committee, Acting Chair