



TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT

TRAFFIC STUDY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

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VACANCY, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
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JAMES POTTS, FIRE
LT. THOMAS STEPHENS, POLICE

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the **TRAFFIC STUDY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** will be holding a public meeting at the following time and location:

Date: TUESDAY JANUARY 15, 2018
Location: SWAMPSCOTT TOWN HALL, SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM, 22 MONUMENT AVENUE
Begins at: 11:00 AM

AGENDA

1. Public Comments: This portion at the beginning of the meeting is to hear from the general public on any issue regarding Traffic Safety & Parking that is not otherwise listed below on this agenda.
2. Review and approve minutes from previous meeting(s).
3. Traffic & Parking Regulatory Requests – items to be reviewed by the Committee in order to provide a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen.
 - a. Request to change some, or all, of the parking restrictions on the portion of Humphrey Street between the intersection with Redington Street and St. John's Church to a 15-minute parking restriction.
 - b. Request to restrict Woodbine Avenue to a "One-Way" Street
 - c. Request to either restrict parking in front of 33 Columbia Street to employees & customers of adjacent businesses, or simply remove the 2-hour parking restriction in that area.
 - d. Request to restrict parking on the portion of Burpee Road adjacent to the former Machon School to "No Parking"
 - e. Request to install speed mitigation measures, change road infrastructure, or engage in enhanced/targeted police enforcement on Forest Avenue in order to mitigate concerns regarding speed in that area.
 - f. Request to install a traffic light at the entrance/exit to the Crown Point Condominium complex, and to also consider recommendations to re-configure the current traffic lights at the entrance/exit to the Swampscott Mall on Paradise Road in the Vinnin Square Shopping area.
 - g. Request to discuss concerns regarding pedestrian safety on Humphrey Street in the area of St. John's Church, especially concerning the YMCA After-School pick-up times.
 - h. Request for additional signage on Maple Avenue regulating the parking restrictions on that street.
 - i. Request to restrict a portion of Phillips Street adjacent to the rear of 44 Burrill Street to 30-minute parking spaces in order to accommodate the safe pick up/drop off of children attending the Aleph Academy.
4. Any other business that may properly come before the Committee.

M. Ronald Mendes, Assistant Town Administration, Administration & Finance
Traffic Study Advisory Committee Chair

Ronald Mendes

From: Anthony Paone <anthonypaone@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2018 9:41 PM
To: Ronald Mendes
Subject: parking spaces

hi this is anthony paone owner of volo craft pizza,i would like to know when is the next traffic study committee meeting,i would like to make present the fact that as a business on 152 humphrey st. is so hard for our customers to find parking as to be able to come down and make a purchase .we need to have the committee to look at this problem and find a way to help us.thank you anthony paone

Ronald Mendes

From: Alix Smullin <alix.smullin@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 13, 2018 10:54 AM
To: Ronald Mendes
Subject: Traffic Study Advisory Committee - Request
Attachments: Woodbine one way neighbors.docx

Hi, Ron –

I am writing to ask the Traffic Study Advisory Committee to make a recommendation to the appropriate board to make Woodbine Avenue one way.

Woodbine Avenue is a two block street that comes off of Puritan Road opposite Lincoln House Point, goes in for one block, takes a right angle left turn and goes back out to Puritan Road opposite the harbor. The only place to which it provides access is Sutton Place, a dead end street. Woodbine Avenue is also pretty narrow. My suggestion is that the entrance to Woodbine Avenue from Puritan Road be at the end opposite Lincoln House Point and that the outlet to Puritan from Woodbine be at the end opposite the harbor.

The most important reason for this change is that exiting Woodbine onto Puritan at the Lincoln House Point end is simply unsafe. There is not a clear enough view of Puritan in either direction to be sure that there is not a car coming that will be close enough to hit you. I think that is sufficient reason for the change but in addition, because of how narrow the street is, there are often circumstances both entering Woodbine from Puritan and at the right angle turn in Woodbine where passage of two cars is difficult. One of the reasons that there are few incidents is because of the fortunate circumstance of little traffic. With several new residences going in on Lincoln House Point, there will be an increase in the number of cars entering Puritan from Lincoln House Point and the change would ameliorate the corresponding increase in traffic.

Please see the attached letter which I distributed to all of the houses on Sutton Place and Woodbine Avenue, and the two house that are currently inhabited on the corners of Woodbine and Puritan. I spoke to four Sutton Place neighbors while I was distributing the letter and have heard from three since and so far all support the change. Some commented that they already never go onto Puritan at the end opposite Lincoln House Point because of the lack of ability to see oncoming traffic. I applaud their discipline and would encourage others to do the same but think that it would be safer for all if we made Woodbine Avenue one way.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to an opportunity to discuss this with the Committee when it appears on your meeting agenda.

Sincerely,

Alix Smullin
22 Woodbine Avenue

ALIX SMULLIN
22 Woodbine Ave
Swampscott, MA 01907

October 8, 2018

Dear Puritan Road, Woodbine Avenue and Sutton Place neighbors,

I am writing to you today to ask you to consider joining me in a request to the Swampscott Traffic Study Commission to make Woodbine Avenue one way. It may seem odd that after living here for almost 40 years this idea has just occurred to me, but I think there are two important reasons to make this request and to see if we can get it approved:

1. Woodbine Avenue is a narrow street and having traffic in both directions is problematic when coming into Woodbine Avenue from Puritan Road at either end when another car on Woodbine is approaching the intersection as well as when two cars are passing at the point where Woodbine makes its right angle. These problems would be eliminated if Woodbine Avenue were one way.
2. Exiting Woodbine Avenue onto Puritan Road is unsafe when you go out at the end that is most opposite to Lincoln House Point. Basically, you do not have a good enough view of Puritan Road in either direction to be entirely certain that there is not a car coming when you pull out. It is especially dangerous when you are making a left turn. Therefore, I would suggest that the entrance to Woodbine from Puritan be at the end opposite Lincoln House Point and the exit onto Puritan be at the end of Woodbine opposite the harbor.

I would be very interested to have your support for, or at least not to have your opposition to, this proposal. I would be very pleased to hear your thoughts about this. Perhaps the easiest way to provide them would be to email me at alix.smullin@gmail.com. I would also be more than happy to speak with you in person so please feel free to come by my house and knock on the door.

It is not my intention to ask anyone else to do anything on this – I am happy to make the application and whatever else is needed. If you are supportive, I would just ask you to provide me with a note so indicating.

Thank you for considering this.

Best,

Alix Smullin

To The Town of Swampscott,

October 25, 2018

I am a small business owner and have worked out of a garage located @ 33 Columbia Street for around 8 years. There has been a recurring problem with the parking in front and adjacent to my space and I would like to address the signage. The spaces in front and side of bays are posted with a 2 hr. limit and are randomly enforced. For example my employee has parked in the space between poles for over a year and the town has now decided that it is not a good spot for them and has been issuing citations when the Sargent sees him parked there.

I am asking for the signs to be reviewed for the space between the poles for employee parking from hours of 8-5 so as the owners of the Small Businesses have a place for their Employees and Visitors have a spot to park without being ticketed or simply remove the 2 hr. parking limit sign in front of Paradise Auto Repair.

I have attached pictures of the proposed sign space for consideration of being changed. Thank You for your consideration of the sign change.

Thank You,

Dan Barthel

Owner of Dan the Electrician

Ronald Mendes

From: John Picariello <j.picariello@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2018 8:12 AM
To: Ronald Mendes
Subject: Burpee Road

Good morning, I would like to request No Parking signs put the complete distance of Machon School property line on Burpee Road. People using the park/playground constantly open their doors on the street side, in traffic to get in or out with kids, it's an accident waiting to happen. Move the gate further down towards the playground and allow angled parking on the driveway into the park, off of the street.

God only knows when Machon will be developed! ,!!

Jap

Ronald Mendes

From: Paul Garcelon <mrgarce@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2018 9:34 AM
To: Ronald Mendes
Cc: Sue Garcelon
Subject: Traffic Study Advisory Committee - Request

Good Morning,

Thank you for giving the residents the opportunity to give their 2 cents worth regarding the traffic/speeding problem in town.

Forest Avenue is like the Indy 500. I walk it every day with my dog, but no longer feel safe. The stretch from Pinehill to Redington is particularly bad. There are so many kids walking to Hadley and the Middle School. Some day a car is going to end up in a house. I just hope a child walking to school or someone like me, walking their dog, isn't collateral damage.

I have watched and cringed when drivers barely make the corner at the bottom of Greenwood when driving down Forest. And it's blind. It's a tragedy waiting to happen.

In the past a blinking sign was posted indicating speed limit. Unfortunately, only the responsible drivers adhere. The crazies don't.

Anything that can be done to make this neighborhood safe for everyone, but especially our children would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Susan Garcelon

Ronald Mendes

From: Penny Carnevale <penelopecarnevale@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 7:54 PM
To: Ronald Mendes
Subject: Fwd: hidden driveway sign

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From: Penny Carnevale <penelopecarnevale@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Dec 9, 2018, 12:24 PM
Subject: hidden driveway sign
To: <rmendes@town.swampscott.ma.us>
Cc: Penny Carnevale <penelopecarnevale@gmail.com>

My home is at 178 Redington St,
There is a curve at the Redington/Greenwood/Forest intersection.
Traffic from Forest Ave is not visible from the edge of my driveway.
I would like to have a sign that warns drivers of the "hidden" drive, preferably one that had reflectors for those driving at night.

I look forward to hearing from you.
Penelope Carnevale

Ronald Mendes

From: Lynda King <lking@firstrealtymgt.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2018 9:49 AM
To: Ronald Mendes
Subject: CROWN POINTE TRAFFIC LIGHT

Importance: High

Hello Mr. Mendes,

I was referred to you by someone in the Swampscott DPW. I am the property manager at Crown Pointe Condominium. We are a 194 unit condominium with a very large elderly population. I am writing to request that you please consider installing a traffic light at the bottom of our entrance/exit road, directly on Paradise Road. It is a dangerous spot, and accidents seem to occur there on a regular basis. I am concerned for the safety of our residents, as it is often times difficult to navigate coming and going.

Will you please put us on the agenda for your next Traffic Study Committee meeting for discussion of this very important request.

Thank you for your time and consideration

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Best,

Lynda

Kind regards,

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Lynda King | Property Manager
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Ronald Mendes

From: McCloy, Nicole V <Nicole.McCloy@citizensbank.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2018 10:27 AM
To: Ronald Mendes
Cc: Josh McCloy; Thomas McEnaney
Subject: FW: Swampscott School's Out pick-up

Hello Ron,

I just spoke with the DPW as well as the St. John Church regarding the sever pedestrian hazard at the crosswalk at 174 Humphrey.

I understand there is a town meeting on 12/18 where the issue is on the agenda. While I appreciate that this issue is well known and on the docket for discussion, we need a temporary solution for the YMCA After School Pick-up until we get that traffic light. I am working with the YMCA and have alerted them to reach out to parents but wanted to send an alert to you to determine if anything can be done before we hopefully get a traffic light installed. This is a serious concern not only for the church population but small children at dark.

See the letter from my husband, Joshua McCloy below.

Nicole McCloy

From: Josh McCloy [mailto:jsmccloy@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2018 6:33 PM
To: gonzalez@northshoreymca.org; mcananey@northshoreymca.org
Cc: McCloy, Nicole V; Mark Ficken; Erika Ficken; Kathleen Farren; kevin farren; Liz Bilodeau - SP; adesalv@gmail.com; jarred_guthrie@yahoo.com; mjohunt@gmail.com; bmpomeroy@gmail.com; selectman@town.swampscott.ma.us
Subject: Swampscott School's Out pick-up

Dear Tanya and Thomas,

The pick-up situation at the new Swampscott site is absolutely unacceptable. On three separate days in the last week I have nearly been struck by cars on Humphrey St. The crosswalk entrance on the church side is nearly invisible to cars approaching from the east, and cars approaching from the west seem oblivious.

Someone is struck at the crosswalk on a nearly annual basis, and that's usually in broad daylight. With pick-ups now occurring at night it is a deathtrap. I have taken to waving my phone's flashlight in the air to get the attention of drivers, but even that doesn't work well.

Tonight, after picking up my daughter with my son, I had them stop and hold my hands before attempting to cross. There were no cars approaching from the east, so we stepped into the road. As car after car from the west passed us by while we stood in the other lane cars started approaching from the east. I watched in horror as the lead car didn't slow as it approached us. All three of us were nearly struck again tonight.

It is only a matter of time until one of your charges or their family is hit and a tragedy occurs. You should immediately instruct all families NOT to use that parking lot and crosswalk. I don't care if there is an agreement with the town not to cause traffic obstructions on Blaney St. Until the town installs additional safety measures it is your responsibility to ensure the safety of the children in your care. Most of the town's proposed solutions revolve around the "solar glare" issue in the morning, and do not take into account street crossing at night. The School's Out program has greatly increased the amount of pedestrian traffic in the evening and that MUST be taken into consideration.

I do not blame you for the current situation, but it is imperative that you now take all necessary precautions to avoid any tragedies. If you were not aware of the danger before, you should be now. For my part, I will be

speaking to the town selectmen about the issue. You and the YMCA should do the same. I will also talk to any parents with children enrolled in the School's Out program and encourage them not to use the St. John's parking lot for their safety and that of their children. I am cc'ing many of those parents on this e-mail as well as the Board of Selectmen.

Regards,
Joshua McCloy

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Ronald Mendes

From: Samantha Arzu <samantha.folck@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2018 1:18 PM
To: Ronald Mendes
Cc: Nicasio Arzu
Subject: Traffic Study Advisory Committee - Request

Dear Mr. Mendes,

My name is Samantha Arzu and I live on Maple Ave in Swampscott. Where my house is we do not have a sign on our end of the street stating that it is Resident parking only. The only sign is at the start of the road but no one reads it because they are not parking in front of it- where they park there isn't one so it looks like it is not resident parking only. People always park in front of our house. It has been a weekly issue over the past 2 years. These are usually train people who park in our spots and go to work so their cars are there all day. We also have a lot of people who park on our street and go to work at the Retirement home across the street.

I have reached out to the Police Department and they agree and recommended that I reach out to you to see what can be done.

I look forward to hearing back! Thank you and Happy Holidays!

Best,
Samantha

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Ronald Mendes

From: Max Kasper
Sent: Wednesday, January 02, 2019 1:55 PM
To: Ronald Mendes
Subject: 74 Burrill

Hi Ron,

The pre-school at the Chabad is interested in having a section of Phillips St changed to 30 min parking.

The Rabbi will be putting a letter together regarding this request. What is the process for getting on the agenda for the next meeting?

Max Kasper
Building Commissioner
Swampscott Building Department
781-596-8857



January 2, 2019
Ron Mendez, Chairman
Traffic Safety Committee
25 Monument Street
Swampscott, MA 01979

Dear Ron,

After meeting today with Sgt. Hennessey of the Swampscott Police Department and Max Kasper, Building Commissioner, I would like to request a change to the parking policy on Phillips Street.

To allow for the safe drop off and pick up of the young children who attend Aleph Academy, I suggest that the curbside parking behind our 44 Burrill Street building be changed from Permit Parking Only to 30 Minute Parking.

The requested change would apply from the neighboring driveway at 17 Phillips Street to the other neighboring driveway for the home at 80 Humphrey Street.

Thank for your kind attention to this matter. I understand that your committee meets next on January 10. I hope my request is received in sufficient time to be placed on that meeting's agenda.

Please feel free to contact me with questions, suggestions, or comments.

Best Regards,

Pam Kelley, Director
Aleph Academy
44 Burrill Street
Swampscott, MA 01907
617-710-8823

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pam Kelley". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the right of the typed name and address.