

# SWAMPSCOTT TRAFFIC STUDY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## MEETING MINUTES

**MEETING LOCATION:** Virtual Meeting

Thursday, September 1, 2022  
9:00 a.m.

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	Graham Archer, Gino Cresta, Marzie Galazka, Linda Hayes (Chair), John Hoyt? (Swampcott Police)
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u>	Michael Ariely, Marci Benson,
<u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u>	Trevor Henry, Debbie Kennedy, David Zeller
<u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:</u>	L. Hayes called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.
<u>1. INTRODUCTIONS</u>	L. Hayes asked members of the committee to introduce themselves
<u>2. PUBLIC COMMENTS</u>	Trevor Henry asked if there is any discussion about the location of the bus stop at Manton and Humphrey. Has this been brought up before? G. Cresta said he would look into it. He needs to find an appropriate location and make it handicapped accessible. There are about 35 children waiting at the bus stop. <b>Requested to put this item on the agenda for next meeting.</b>
<u>3. NEW BUSINESS</u>  a. <u>No U Turn at Hardy Road and Elmwood Road</u>  b. <u>No Parking sign at 45 Walnut Road</u>	  a. M. Galazka asked D. Kennedy to speak. She wishes to raise a concern about drivers turning around at the post office, using Hardy Road. Requests a “no turning” sign. A no U-Turn sign could be installed, possibly in front of the post office, on the telephone pole. Good reminder, but not likely enforceable without an officer detail. D. Kennedy requested more of a police presence to help mitigate the impact on the neighbors. <b>G. Cresta says he’d like to start with one sign in front of the post office, and then reassess.</b> M. Galazka asked if needs to be approved by the Select Board. G. Cresta thought if it

<p>c. <u>Business parking on Humphrey Street</u></p>	<p>didn't impact parking, it could be installed.</p> <p>b. D. Zeller requests a sign "Please Do Not Block" mounted on a tree in an island on Walnut Road. M. Galazka asked for clarification re: delivery vehicles, suggesting most are just there briefly. D. Zeller detailed more of the inconvenience, which is ongoing. D. Cresta not in favor of putting a sign on a tree—prefers to attach to a post. L. Hayes asked if anyone from the town could negotiate with the homeowner. L. Hayes asked whether the committee should vote on the sign. G. Archer thinks it would be important to speak with the other homeowner about other guests/vendors on the street not blocking the egress. G. Archer suggested that Mr. Ford (neighbor) be invited to the next meeting, as well as the Winstons, and other abutters.</p> <p>M. Galazka stated she is hearing from local businesses on Humphrey Street that parking for their customers has become very difficult. Some teachers are able to park at the Hawthorne lot, but teachers are also having difficulty parking. The businesses are asking for the town to help them find additional parking. G. Archer says it will be important to monitor the new patterns before making a decision. <b>M. Galazka will do check-ins with Humphrey Street businesses.</b> L. Hayes suggested that the sign be changed to allow parking outside of school hours 7:00 am-3:00 pm. <b>Postpone discussion until next meeting, and invite affected businesses.</b></p>
<p>4. <u>OLD BUSINESS</u></p> <p>a. <u>Resident parking only on Ross Road, Hillcrest Circle and Upland Road</u></p>	<p>a. M. Galazka recapped previous discussion, and asked if police have had a chance to review. Police have not yet reviewed. <b>M. Galazka suggested tabling until a more thorough review of beach</b></p>

<p>b. <u>Resident Parking Only on Pine Street—entire length and stop signs at intersection of Erie and Superior</u></p> <p>c. <u>Report and update from SPD re:enforcement of speed and traffic violations—specifically Paradise Road near Family Doctors—follow up from previous meetings and accident near this location</u></p> <p>d. <u>Draft policy regarding speed bumps/tables</u></p> <p>e. <u>Traffic calming at Plymouth Lane/Plymouth</u></p>	<p><b>parking can take place. Also postponed discussion of Hillcrest and Upland until Elm Place is built.</b></p> <p>b. M. Galazka reported on this item, which had been deferred. New development at 8 Pine Street is going to be solely residential. “Resident parking only” sign would help address parking needs of VFW and cannabis shop, and the train station. Most of Pine Street is already “resident only.” Only one segment is not posted, and the residents there want the “resident only” continued. VFW is supportive. The recommendation would need to be sent to the Select Board. M. Galazka made a motion; G. Cresta seconded to recommend resident parking and the installation of stop signs at intersections. Unanimously approved. <b>M. Galazka will ask for this to be included for Select Board agenda.</b></p> <p>c. M. Galazka asked for update on speed and traffic violations on Paradise Road. Officer reported over 300 stops per year, but no additional issues.</p> <p>d. L. Hayes asked about the progress of this study. G. Archer said work is ongoing. M. Galazka asked the group to share a draft with the committee. <b>G. Archer said he would share for next month’s discussion.</b></p> <p>e. M. Galazka gave update on this request. Brief discussion with G. Cresta about possibly installing a traffic island,</p>
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Ave/Merrymount/Morningside/  
Bellair Dr.

f. Philips Beach area parking

maintained by residents. J. Hoyt said he would check on number of accidents in this area. Residents are requesting better placement of “dead end” sign. L. Hayes suggested the sign be moved to the entrance of the street. **G. Cresta will ask the resident who raised the concern if he is comfortable having the sign installed in front of his house.** The committee has previously discussed installing traffic barrels to see how the traffic responds. M. Galazka suggested a “Yield” sign as a reminder to slow down. G. Cresta suggested studying the area further before making any changes. Solution is to install stop sign at Plymouth Avenue to be added to the Select Board agenda.

f. Cheryl? (resident who raised the issue) was not in attendance. G. Archer said there should be balance between resident and beach parking for next year. M. Galazka will investigate how many beach stickers were sold in 2022 to determine if too many are being sold for the amount of parking available. Perhaps a traffic consultant would be helpful; **M. Galazka will investigate the cost of getting this study done.** M. Galazka recapped today’s proposals: **no U turn (one direction only) by the post office [Gino will complete]; resident parking only on Pine Street and a stop sign at the intersection of Erie and Superior (both ways); and**

	<b>stop sign at Plymouth Avenue.</b>
<u>5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE</u>	N/A
<u>Closing:</u>	Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.
<u>Next regular meeting:</u>	October 2022

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Schultz