



# 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

## JUNE 7, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

**Time:** 9:30 – 10:36 am  
**Location:** Swampscott Town Hall, Selectmen's Meeting Room, 22 Monument Avenue  
**Members Present:** J. Potts (Fire), G. Cresta (DPW), T. Stephens (Police), P. Kane (Planning), R. Mendes (Parking)  
**Members Absent:** None  
**Others Present:** Audree Norett (resident), Bill O'Brien (resident), Colette Green (resident), Laura Goodman (resident), Rosanne Daigle (resident), Doreen Bonacorso (resident)

Meeting called to order at 9:32a by Chair Kane. He opened the meeting by providing background on the Committee: the Committee provides a review of any resident, business, or staff request to evaluate traffic or parking within the town. The Committee may then make a recommendation to the governing body such as the Board of Selectmen, School Dept, or MassDOT depending on the particular request.

## MEETING MINUTES

Committee reviewed the minutes from the April 26 meeting. No comments.

MOTION: by J. Potts to approve the April meeting minutes, seconded by T. Stephens, and unanimously approved.

## TRAFFIC & PARKING REGULATORY REQUESTS

### #B – RESIDENT-ONLY PARKING REQUEST (42 NASON ROAD)

Audree Norett was present to speak to hear request and concern. She provided a written letter to the Committee members. Her request is specifically to limit the on-street parking around her home. She doesn't like that people can park in front of her home. She doesn't want guests of other neighbors to park in front of her house. She goes to bed early, they throw trash in front of her home. She says it's a scary, unsettling feeling. She has called the Police in the past, but she says they don't do anything since people are allowed to park there.

G. Cresta noted that the Committee had received five messages from other neighbors who oppose the request.

T. Stephens confirmed that it's public parking and that the resident parking restriction doesn't limit just to the individual property owner.

P. Kane explained that the roadway is a public domain. The requested restriction creates a private use of the public area.

T. Stephens suggested that Ms. Norett continue to contact the Police Department for any future illegal parking.

MOTION: by G. Cresta to take the information under advisement but the Committee will not take action, seconded by J. Potts, unanimous.

## #A – RECOMMENDATION FOR INTERSECTION CHANGE (HUMPHREY STREET & ATLANTIC AVENUE)

P. Kane reopened the topic based on the previous meeting. Bill O'Brien was available to discuss as well as Laura Goodman (town meeting rep). G. Cresta stated that he had hoped the new Assistant Town Engineer would be hired and have reviewed the request, but that hire hasn't occurred yet.

T. Stephens walked through the three ideas. Ms. Goodman asked about the traffic accidents at the intersection. T. Stephens stated the majority of accidents are actually vehicles traveling south on Humphrey St merging onto the street. There aren't many accidents when traveling north and continuing on Humphrey Street. Ms. Goodman asked how the intersection would be increased due to a student body increase at Stanley School. She was referring to a possible new school at the site. P. Kane confirmed that any new school project will require a traffic study of the area. Mr. O'Brien noted that it's scary to come out of Forest Ave Extension because people are speeding to the intersection and typically looking left (toward Atlantic Ave) and don't notice traffic coming from Forest Ave Extension.

Colette Green agreed that she feels people are speeding at the intersection as well.

The Committee roughly drew a traffic circle idea. It will need technical drawings and review.

The Committee discussed possible stop sign locations as well.

Ms. Goodman likes the crossing guard that's stationed at the light during school times. She feels it would help if it was more frequent.

MOTION: by R. Mendes for the Town Administrator to commission a traffic engineering study of the intersection, seconded by J. Potts, unanimous.

## #D – PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SIGNS (HUMPHREY STREET @ INGALLS TERRACE)

Ms. Green and Rosanne Daigle were present to support the request by Emily Cantor. Ms. Green feels the traffic on Humphrey St is fast. She wants to slow traffic, make it calmer. She says kids cross the street here to go to the beach. T. Stephens agrees they're a good idea.

Doreen Bonacorso says a lot of people use the crossing especially for the beach and she feels it's very dangerous. She feels a pedestrian light would be very helpful. Ms. Green agrees a pedestrian light would be better.

Ms. Daigle says there are 11 children that live on Ingalls Terrace. She babysits many of them and takes them across the street to the beach. She doesn't feel safe crossing at Ingalls Terrace and walks down the street to the first signal.

R. Mendes asked how much the vertical signs cost. G. Cresta says \$300-400 but noted that we've lost a lot of them over the years. R. Mendes suggested putting the signs at the Greenwood Avenue and Ingalls Terrace. T. Stephens also suggested the standard pedestrian yellow sign on the side of the street.

MOTION: by G. Cresta to place crossing signs with arrows for the Ingalls Terrace crossing on Humphrey Street as well as the vertical sign in the middle of the crossing, seconded by J. Potts, unanimous.

## #C – REMOVAL OF UNNECESSARY HANDICAP SPACE (190 BURRILL STREET)

DPW had submitted a request to remove the handicap space in front of 190 Burrill Street as it was believed it wasn't being used. P. Kane confirmed that notices were sent to the neighbors around that space. No response was received based on the mailing. T. Stephens suggested that the Committee should hold off on taking these up for removal unless residents request the removal (based on the discussion from the previous meeting).

MOTION: by G. Cresta to table the item, seconded by R. Mendes, unanimous.

## #E – PARKING LOT EXIT SIGNAGE CLARITY (465 PARADISE ROAD)

The Police Department had submitted a request to look at the "Do Not Enter" signage for the exit-only egress in front of Marshall's. There have been issues with drivers entering this egress point from Paradise Road due to lack of visibility of the signs. T. Stephens said the "Do Not Enter" sign faces the north and so drivers driving north can't see them. G. Cresta said it could be possible to rotate the sign. There are two "Do Not Enter" signs on either side of the exit. The Committee discussed turning the southern sign to face the south.

MOTION: by T. Stephens for DPW to turn the southern side, seconded by R. Mendes, unanimous

## OTHER BUSINESS

Cedar Hill Terrace & Greenwood Avenue – Michael McClung of Fuller Avenue had submitted a request to R. Mendes to consider turning the lower portions of Cedar Hill Terrace and Greenwood Avenue into one-way traffic patterns during limited times to reduce cut-through traffic. The item hadn't been added to the agenda due to it being a late submission. The Committee will discuss it further at the next meeting, but began an initial conversation. T. Stephens said the PD can put in the speed advisory signs to get traffic counts for both areas. This will give the Committee data to determine if there is cut-through traffic. T. Stephens feels that if there is a high count of cut-through, you need to keep two directions because it will more negatively impact Humphrey Street which is already an issue. He'll have the sign put up for a minimum of a week for each road.

Chair of the Committee – the Committee referenced P. Kane’s departure from his role with the Town and the need to set a new chair for the Committee.

MOTION: by T. Stephens to appoint R. Mendes as chair, seconded by J. Potts, unanimous.

Next Meeting – the Committee members reviewed their calendars to set the next meeting date. The next meeting was set for July 19 @ 9:30a.

MOTION: by P. Kane to adjourn the meeting, seconded by J. Potts, unanimous.

Meeting closed at 10:36a.

S. Peter Kane  
Traffic Study Advisory Committee, Chair