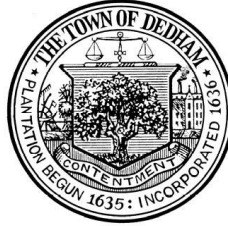


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MEETING MINUTES  
O' Brien Meeting Room Town Hall  
Tuesday, October 8, 2019 – 7 PM.

**Present:** John Bethoney, Chairman  
James Antonizick, Vice Chairman  
Charlie Packer, member  
Daniel O'Neil, member  
Jason Mammone, P.E., Director of Engineering

**Absent:** Dennis Guilfoyle, BOS member

Mr. Bethoney open the meeting at 7:05 PM.

**Agenda Item # 1 – Traffic Calming Request #2019-002, Upland Road, Carlo Prisco (Applicant) Discussion and vote in Traffic Calming Needs Assessment Report**

Mr. Bethoney provided interested attendees with a copy of the Report and asked Jason Mammone to provide a brief summary of the conclusions and recommendations.

Mr. Mammone reviewed the Report findings and provided the following traffic calming measures recommended by the Engineering Department:

Installation of 2 temporary speed humps

Seeking a heavy commercial vehicle exclusion from MassDOT

Installing a marked crosswalk, access ramps and pedestrian signage at Upland Rd / Hermaine Ave intersection.

These measures would mitigate speed, volume of heavy traffic and provide safe pedestrian crossing.

Mr. Bethoney opened to TAC member comment:

Charlie Packer asked Jason if adding an additional speed hump at Upland and East would be helpful. Jason stated the Engineering Department currently owns 2 temporary speed humps, and purchasing additional humps costs 10 – 20 K. Engineering / DPW will seek to borrow additional humps from neighboring towns as an option. Being no further comment from TAC members, Mr. Bethoney opened to public comment.

**Don Reissfelder of 48 Top Hill Ave** asked if the findings of this Report are final or need further approval. Mr. Bethoney explained that BOS need to approve the recommendations of the TAC.

He commented that the situation with traffic and speed is very serious and the street signage was recently knocked down in a recent traffic accident at East and Upland. He asked for clarification of the truck exclusion, would it include delivery and mail trucks? Jason stated that the MassDOT truck exclusion is typically for tractor trailers, 18 wheelers and flatbeds. The delivery trucks are not part of the MassDOT exclusion as they are UPS and Fed Ex trucks that travel public roads regularly making deliveries, but Jason attempt to get them included.

**Joe Crissafulli of 24 Pine Grove Ave:** Thanked the TAC and Jason for efforts in seeking to resolve the issue. He stated that additional speed humps would be helpful.

**Carlo Prisco of 95 Upland Ave (Applicant)** thanked Jason Mammone for the efforts he put into the study and believes the recommendations will be helpful in mitigating the volume of traffic and speed.

Being no further comment Mr Bethoney sought a motion to accept the Need Assessment Report, Jim Antonizick, 2<sup>nd</sup> Charlie Packer UA.

Mr Bethoney sought a motion to accept the “Affected Roadways Map” dated September 2019, Jim Antonizick, 2<sup>ns</sup> Daniel O’Neil, UA.

**Agenda Item # 2– Traffic Calming Request #2019-004, Lowder Street, Jim McGrail (applicant), Kate Levesque (Ursuline Academy) and Robert Santry (DCD) invited to discuss Scope of Work, as prepared by the Town’s Consultant BETA Group for proposed traffic study. BETA (Greg Lucas) will be present to outline the proposed draft Scope of Work.**

Mr Bethoney opened to the applicant for comments. Jim McGrail thanked all involved parties for preparing the Scope of Work draft. He wished to clarify a few items. He mentioned that Ursuline has been in the neighborhood for 60 plus years without any safety or traffic issues until recently. The traffic issues are multi-faceted with the increase of ride shares, traffic apps and Legacy Place, not just a result of the schools. The area draws people from all over Dedham, some walking others driving other riding bicycles. Its not just a neighborhood problem but a town wide problem. He mentioned that Allindale and Wampatuck Streets should be included in study area as was previously discussed, and that weekends and evenings should be part of the scope.

Mr. Bethoney opened to Ursuline Academy for comments: Kate Levesque thanked the TAC for the report. But she feels the two schools are not the major contributors to the problem. She mentioned that signage at Highland & Washington has caused significant

backups. She asked for Allindale and Wampatuck be included in the scope of the study and to extend the study time past 6:00 PM as she stated the traffic goes well behind that hour. She wanted to clarify that Ursuline was not the only applicant but was serving as a representative for the entire neighborhood (41 signatures presented with the application)

Mr. Bethoney opened to further public comment.

Mr. Robert sentry of DCD was present and wanted to mentioned DCD was NOT part of the application.

**Beverly Wilkes of Sawyer Drive** was not part of the application but is indirectly impacted and she wished to be on the distribution list for future meetings. Mr. Bethoney asked Jim McGrail to take her info and add her to his list.

Mr. McGrail mentioned he just received the Scope of Work draft this past Thursday and hasn't had time to discuss the proposed cost sharing. He mentioned that much of the proposed Data Collecting line item can be eliminated as Ursuline has already obtained much of it. Mr. Bethony suggested that BETA and Mr. McGrail (as the application point of contact) can get together to discuss costs.

Mr. Bethoney asked BETA representative Greg Lucas to provide an summary of the draft.

Mr. Lucas mentioned he first met with Jason Mamonne to solicit his perspective of the issue. He then prepared the scope of work to include: traffic data for the study area by means of Automatic Traffic Reader counts, Peak Hour Turning movements counts and Origin- Destination data. The origin data is collected electronically by tracking devices in the study area. A field reconnaissance effort will be conducted, the traffic management of the schools will be conducted, a traffic and safety analysis will be conducted to include crash data from MassDOT and the Town of Dedham. Improvement scenarios will be presented, a technical report will be prepared summarizing the findings, public outreach will be accomplished by means of 4 TAC meetings, and finally expenses and cists were generated.

Mr. Bethoney suggested the parties get together with BETA to develop the next phase.

**Agenda Item # 3- Discussion on proposal to eliminate Sustainability Advisory Committee member from TAC.**

Mr. Bethoney mentioned the difficulty of securing a member of the Sustainability Committee to serve on TAC and thus having problems obtaining a voting quorum. A change in the committee structure must be approved by the BOS.

Jason can draft a change to the structure of TAC and present to the BOS for approval. Before that step is taken, Mr. Bethoney will reach out to the Chair of the Sustainability one final time to see if they would like to maintain a seat on the TAC. Mr. Bethoney will advise at the next meeting.

## **Approval of Meeting Minutes 8/13/2019**

Mr. Bethoney asked for motion to accept minutes as drafted, Jim Antonizick, 2<sup>nd</sup> Charlie Packer, UA.

## **Old/New Business**

Mr. Bethoney has an individual willing to serve as an at large member of the TAC, it was discussed if the Sustainability Advisory Committee member seat is eliminated a 4<sup>th</sup> at large member could be added. A final determination will be made at next meeting.

Next meeting scheduled for November 12, 2019

Jim Antonizick made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 PM. 2<sup>nd</sup> Charlie Packer, UA.