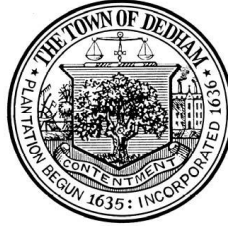


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MEETING MINUTES
Lower Conference Room- Town Hall
Tuesday, November 12, 2019 – 7 PM.

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

Absent: Dennis Guilfoyle, BOS member , Daniel O'Neil, member

Mr. Bethoney open the meeting at 7:06 PM.

Agenda Item # 1 – Update on Traffic Calming Request #2019-002, Upland Road, Carlo Prisco (Applicant)

Mr. Bethoney sought a motion to table this item until the next meeting (as a quorum was not present) motion, Jim Antonizick, 2nd Charlie Packer.

Agenda Item # 2– Traffic Calming Request #2019-004, Lowder Street, Jim McGrail (applicant).

Mr. Bethoney stated that no action could be taken (as a quorum was not present) but opened to the applicant for updates and comments. Jim McGrail spoke on behalf of the neighborhood and Ursuline Academy and DCD. It was determined by the applicant that a full blown study by BETA was not necessary at this time. It is preferred that the TAC would review and determine if further applications for other impacted streets may be necessary. It was mentioned that Highland Street sought Traffic Calming back in 2014 but it did not meet the criteria. Mr. McGrail has communicated with the interested neighbors via email and many were in attendance.

Mr. Bethoney inquired to Mr. Mammone if a revised application was warranted. Mr. Mammone stated the “study limits” still need to be determined and if an “initial

evaluation” should be conducted. Mr. Bethoney stated if the application goes to initial evaluation and then is accepted for traffic calming measures the affected area of residents would need to approve any measures by 75 % on the primary street and 60% on secondary streets.

Mr. Bethoney opened to further public comment.

Mr. William Sennott of 139 Stoney Lea Rd. : Asked if there were any exceptions to the Traffic Calming Policy. He stated there are hundreds of vehicles on Highland Street and Lowder everyday and they should be considered. Charlie Packer reiterated that Traffic Calming is for local streets and residents only. The property owners are balloted, and implementation is based on their responses. He has previously seen a police presence during high traffic hours but as not seen one lately. Chief D’Entreumont responded that traffic is a town wide problem and enforcement is spot checked regularly. He mentioned he can increase the visibility in that area.

Jeffrey Saeger of 74 Richards St. : His home abuts Highland Street and stated traffic is a significant problem. He mentioned that crosswalks are not painted feels it would be helpful if the town painted these as a matter of safety not for traffic calming.

Julie O’Rourke of 258 Highland St.: She asked if the town could conduct an objective traffic study unrelated to the Traffic Calming application. Mr. Mammone stated a traffic study was conducted on Highland Street in 2014.

Laura Twomey of 66 Richards St.: Stated her 2 children wait for the bus at the corner of Richards and Highland. There is no sidewalk or curbing so they are essentially waiting in the street. It is very unsafe. Mr. Bethoney stated the TAC has no authority on bus stops and suggested she contact the School Committee and alert them of the issue.

Amanda Cox of 383 Highland St. : Has lived on the street since 2006 and has seen significant increase in aggressive traffic. Cars don’t stop for the buses and one of the bus drivers will actually pick up the kids at their homes as the bus stop is dangerous. She stated vehicles riven by Ursuline students and parents are blocking residential driveways and it has become a problem taking 10 minutes to back out of her driveway. Mr McGrail stated that Ursuline has been in that neighborhood for 60 years and they are a good neighbor, and also submitted an updated traffic management plan for pick up and drop off.

Robert Aranow 210 Highland St. : Asked if one can abstain from voting on the traffic calming measures – Mr. Mammone stated that a non -returned ballot is taken as a “no “ vote for purposes of the voting.

Beverly Wilkes of 40 Sawyer Dr. – Stated the traffic issues could get worse in 2- 3 years with proposed development of 30 new condos on Lowder Street.

Susie McIntosh 14 Allindale Way – mentioned when the new ECEC opened that signage of posted speed limits and flashing signals were very effective in slowing the traffic, she asked if these measures could be put in place as a meter of safety.

Jake Upton of 191 Lowder St.- stated he has seen an increase in traffic volume and speed and has seen several near accidents involving pedestrians and cars. He mentioned the sidewalks that used to be there are now gone, drainage is poor and pot holes are prevalent. He says Dedham PD is conscious of the issue but he feels a traffic light should be installed at Lowder and High St.

James Kaufman of 248 Highland St. : -Has lived there for 38 years and has seen increase in volumes of cars related to Ursuline and DCD. He stated the schools should use busses as the Rashi School does. He appreciates the town professionals making decisions on the traffic issues and not the neighbors as they are amateurs and although well intentioned do not see the big picture.

Mr. Bethoney thanked the residents for their comments and a determination would be made at the next meeting if the application meets the requirements for an initial evaluation..

Agenda Item # 3- #2019-005, Whiting Ave: Clarissa Robyn (Applicant) Decision on Request.

Clarissa Robyn was present and asked why she was only notified a few hours before the meeting. Mr. Mamonne stated that later applications came in and thus the original needed to be amended and re-posted as such there was a delay in the auto-email to applicants. She understands that a quorum is not present but wanted to mention Whiting Ave & walnut should have a crossing guard as she has witnessed many near accidents. She will notify the School Committee. She mentioned she added Fulton Street to her application because it is a cul de sac and not safe for crossing.

Georgeanna Woods of 4 College Place was present at the meeting as an interested party.

Mr. Bethoney sought a motion to continue the item until the next meeting as a quorum was not present, motion. Charlie Packer, 2nd Jim Antonizick.

Agenda Item # 4- #2019-006, Madison St intersection with Circuit Rd: Carley Wilcox (Applicant) Decision on Request.

Mr. Bethoney sought a motion to continue the item until the next meeting as a quorum was not present, motion. Charlie Packer, 2nd Jim Antonizick

Agenda Item # 5 Discussion on Pacella Drive and Chute RD. Evaluation of turn restrictions installed on each roadway at its intersections with Highland St.

Mr. Bethoney sought a motion to continue the item until the next meeting as a quorum was not present, motion. Charlie Packer, 2nd Jim Antonizick

Agenda Item # 6 Update on proposal to eliminate Sustainability Advisory Committee member from TAC.

Mr. Bethoney sought a motion to continue the item until the next meeting as a quorum was not present, motion. Jim Antonizick 2nd Charlie Packer.

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Mr. Bethoney sought a motion to continue the item until the next meeting as a quorum was not present, motion. Jim Antonizick 2nd Charlie Packer.

Old/New Business

Next meeting date TBD.

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