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TOWN OF DEDHAM
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES
Remote participation via ZOOM
Tuesday, October 13, 2020 – 7 PM.

Present: John Bethoney, Chair
James Antonizick, Vice Chairman
Charlie Packer, member
Dimitria Sullivan, BOS
Dan O'Neil, member
Jason Mammone, P.E., Director of Engineering
Joseph Flanagan, Dir. Public Works
Michael D'Entremont – Chief of Police

Absent: None

Mr. Bethoney open the meeting at 7:00 PM and reviewed the virtual meeting protocols. A roll call attendance was taken – all present.

Agenda Item # 1 – Traffic Calming Request #2020-002, Pratt Ave: Henry Jemiola (Applicant)

Mr. Bethoney asked Mr. Mammone to provide a summary of the request. The Applicant is Henry Jemiola of 85 Pratt Ave. The application concerns Pratt Ave., Cedar St. and Dale St. being used as cut throughs to River St. Concerns of speeding, volume of vehicles and commercial vans attempting to avoid Oakdale School area. There have been road rage incidents and concerns of vehicles coming close to hitting residents parked cars. Upon review of the application Mr. Mammone determined that it does meet the criteria to proceed to the next step of an Initial Evaluation. Mr. Mammone recommends TAC approval for Initial Evaluation.

Mr Bethoney acknowledged the applicant, Henry Jemiola and asked for his comments. Mr Jemiola thanked Jason for being very responsive with the application process and for placing a traffic counter at the site. The speeding and safety is a major concern and the reason the application was filed.

Mr. Bethoney opened to TAC members for comments.

Mr. Packer asked Jason the reason why the traffic data counter was placed prior to this meeting. Jason stated Mr Jemiola was very concerned about the traffic and he wanted to get a head start on collecting the data.

Mr. Packer asked the applicant about cars parking on the sidewalks and if scattered parking helped to slow the traffic.

Mr Jemiola stated he parks his vehicle on the street to slow down the two-way traffic. He stated some vehicles are parked on sidewalks but are not blocking them.

Mr. Packer ask Chief D' Entremont if sidewalk parking is problematic. The Chief stated it is a town -wide issue as the town's infrastructure was not designed for the amount of cars in the town.

Mr. Bethoney opened to any public comment.

Don and Susan Hunter of 79 Pratt Ave have lived on the street for 20 years. They have noticed an increase in volume and speed over the past 2 – 3 years and now feel it is very dangerous. Cars come from Cedar St through Pratt Ave to avoid Oakdale Sq and come through the neighborhood very fast.

Mr. Bethoney sought a motion for the TAC to accept the application for Initial Evaluation -Dan O'Neil motion, 2nd Dimitria Sullivan roll call vote indicated a unanimous acceptance.

Mr. Mammone will gather crash data, population density and speed data and determine if the area meets the scoring criteria for traffic calming measures. This data will be presented at the November meeting.

Mr. Bethoney sough a motion to accept the minutes of 02/11/2020 – Charlie Packer motion , 2nd Jim Antonizick roll call vote –
Dimitria was not a member
Dan O'Neil – yes
John Bethoney – yes

Mr Bethoney sought a motion to accept minutes from 8/11/2020, Dimitria motion, Jim Antonizick 2nd, roll call
John Bethoney – abstain (was absent)
Dan O'Neil – abstain (was absent)
Charlie Packer – yes
Dimitria Sullivan- yes
Jim Antonizick – yes.

Old/New Business

Jason mentioned that a TAC request for Oakland Street received in 2018 was postponed due to an MWRA project. The MWRA project is now complete so Jason will set up traffic counter for a potential Initial Evaluation.

Next meeting date will be November 11/10/2020 at which time Mr. Bethoney would like to add committee reorganization as an Agenda item.

Dimitria Sullivan asked if there was a central location of past Traffic Calming Requests she could access to get caught up. Jason will provide that information.

Being no further business Mr. Bethoney sought a motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn at 7:45 Jim Antonizick, 2nd Dimitria Sullivan UA by roll call vote.