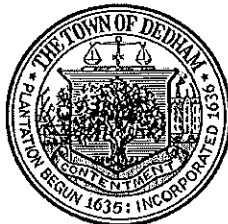


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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Remote participation via ZOOM**  
**Tuesday, November 17, 2020 – 7 PM.**

**Present:** John Bethoney, Chair

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:** James Antonizick, Vice Chair

Mr. Bethoney open the meeting at 7:04 PM and reviewed the virtual meeting protocols. A roll call attendance was taken.

**Agenda Item # 1 – Traffic Calming Request #2018-002, Oakland St: Patricia Bearisto (Applicant)**

Mr. Bethoney asked Mr. Mammone to provide a summary of the request. Mr. Mammone stated the request was filed in 2018 but at that time an MWRA project was underway. The TAC voted to postpone the study until the MWRA project was complete. The MWRA project is now complete and the applicant was contacted about the traffic study. She stated she has moved out of town, as such Jason recommends the TAC close out the request. Charlie Packer made a motion to close Traffic Calming Request # 2018-002, Dimitria Sullivan 2<sup>nd</sup>, roll call vote – all in favor.

**Agenda Item # 2– Traffic Calming Request #2020-002, Pratt Avenue: Henry Jemiola (Applicant)**

Mr. Mammone provided a summary of the Initial Traffic Evaluation and stated copies were provide to memberS prior to this meeting. He reviewed the scoring data based on speed, volume, pedestrian generators, traffic collisions, sidewalk routes, and residential

density. The total score was 38 points which is below the 50 points required to qualify for traditional traffic calming measures. The data did show there is a minor speeding issue on Pratt Ave. As such , it is recommended that Dedham PD perform sporadic traffic enforcement to mitigate speeding.

Additionally, a Step 2 Kids Alert system was recommended to be used while kids are outside playing. It is not to be paced permanently as studies have shown it becomes less effective.

Mr. Bethoney opened to TAC members for comments.

Charlie Packer thanked Jason for putting together the report. Dimitria Sullivan asked the Chief about a police presence on the street and how radar speed signs are determined for placement. The Chief stated they are rotated and placed in high volume and speed locations.

Mr. Bethoney opened to the applicant for comment.

Mr. Jemiola appreciated the report and thanked the TAC for their findings. He stated that he was unaware that the speed limit was 25 and only found out when his vehicle was side swiped. He suggested a permanent Speed Limit sign be placed. He asked if once the pandemic is over and the traffic gets back to normal if he may refile the application. Jason stated the TAC policy is a 12 month waiting period before an applicant can submit another application. However Mr. Bethoney stated he would consider reviewing the matter again if Mr. Jemiola thinks the pandemic influenced the results and traffic conditions worsen.

Mr. Bethoney opened to any public comment.

**Don Hunter of 79 Pratt Ave** has lived on the street for 20 years. He thanked the TAC for their findings. He asked if they see a vehicle repeatedly speeding on the street how they should handle it. The Chief stated to get the make, model and plate number and report it to the Dedham PD and they will follow up.

**Isabella Bessert of 93 Pratt Ave** has lived on the street for 17 years and is raising 2 boys. She can not recall the traffic being this bad and has come very close to being hit by speeding vehicles. She respects the finding and the ratings process and appreciated the time and effort the town has put into this issue.

Being no further comments Mr. Bethoney sought a motion to accept the Initial Traffic Evaluation (dated November 4, 2020) motion, Dan O'Neil, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dimitria Sullivan roll call vote - all in favor.

Motion to deny the Traffic Calming application 2020-002 Pratt Ave, Charlie Packer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan O'Neil roll call vote – all in favor.

### **Old/New Business**

Jason stated the next meeting will be December 8, 2020 however there are no applications before the TAC at this time. Jason will provide the TAC meeting dates for the year 2021 in December.

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

Motion to adjourn at 7:45 Charlie Packer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dimitria Sullivan roll call vote – all in favor