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TOWN OF DEDHAM
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES
Remote participation via ZOOM
Tuesday, December 8, 2020 – 7 PM.

Present: John Bethoney, Chair

James Antonizick, Vice Chair
Dimitria Sullivan, BOS
Jason Mammone, P.E., Director of Engineering
Michael D'Entremont – Chief of Police

Absent: Charlie Packer, member, Dan O'Neil, member, Joseph Flanagan, Dir.
Public Works

Mr. Bethoney open the meeting at 7:03 PM and reviewed the virtual meeting protocols. A roll call attendance was taken.

Agenda Item # 1 – Traffic Calming Request #2020-003, Greenlodge Street: Emily Haven of 43 Coronation Dr. (Applicant)

Mr. Bethoney asked Mr. Mammone to provide a summary of the request. Mr. Mammone stated the request was for Greenlodge St (between Stoughton Rd & Fox Meadow Rd). The concerns are speeding, traffic volume and pedestrian crossing at intersection of Fox Meadow and Greenlodge St. Jason acknowledged the concerns referenced in the application but stated that Greenlodge St is a “minor collector roadway” and as such, is not under the purview of the TAC. Under the TAC policy only residential pleasure roads are eligible for traffic calming measures. The proper channel to hear this request would be through the Select Board (as they are the Road Commissioners).

Jason explained that “collector and arterial” roadways are the primary sources for emergency response vehicles thus traffic calming measures could place a hinderance on response time.

Mr. Bethoney acknowledged the applicant. Emily Haven thanked the TAC for their review of the application but she was not aware that Greenlodge St was out of the purview of the TAC. She understands and will proceed through the Select Board.

Mr. Bethoney stated the application could be heard under the open public discussion portion of the Select Board meeting or they could be put on the Agenda for discussion. The BOS could then remand the item back to the TAC for initial evaluation or they could address it directly.

Mr. Mammone mentioned that the applicant could revise the application and name Fox Meadow as the area of concern, but Ms. Haven stated that Greenlodge is the main problem and she will proceed with the Select Board rather than amend the application.

Mr. Mammone has created a color-coded map showing the street classifications and it will be on the town's website.

Mr. Bethoney then asked other residents in attendance to raise their hand if they wished to speak and they would be recognized.

Laura Proyer of 267 Greenlodge St – stated she lives at the bottom of the hill just after the school. She wants the record to reflect she feels the situation on Greenlodge St. is unsafe and dangerous. She would like to see a copy of the map showing the streets that are under the TAC purview. She supports the application being heard by the Select Board.

John Cogliandro of 270 Greenlodge St – Thanks the TAC for hosting the meeting. He stated all other streets “begin and end” with Greenlodge St. He feels it has become a speedway and that once Greenlodge is addressed all surrounding streets will calm down. He supports the application being heard by the Select Board.

Mr. Mammone will draft a letter to the Select Board stating the TAC supports the application being reviewed by them.

Mr. Bethoney sought a motion to deny Traffic Calming Request # 2020-003 and submit to Select Board for their consideration support, Jim Antonizick, Dimitria Sullivan 2nd, roll call vote – all in favor.

Agenda Item # 2– TRC Eligibility Map

Mr. Mammone shared a screen copy of the map and briefly explained the color coding – the Green roads are under TAC purview, Blue roads are state owned or private ways, and Red/ Light Red roads/ are the major and minor collector roads (heavy volume roads) . Ms. Sullivan sked if a glossary could be added to the map to make it easier for residents to identify. Jason will amend the map to include a glossary.

Agenda Item # 3 – Approval of meeting minutes from 11/17/20

Mr. Bethoney sought a motion to table the approval of minutes until the next meeting when all members are present. Motion, Dimitria Sullivan, 2nd Jim Antonick, roll call vote – all in favor.

Agenda Item # 4 – 2021 Meeting Dates

Jason presented a list of proposed meeting dates for the calendar year 2021. Mr. Bethoney sought a motion to accept meeting dates, Jim Antonizick motion , 2nd Dimitria Sullivan, roll call vote – all in favor.

Old/New Business

Dimitria Sullivan stated that the Select Board is seeking to create a subcommittee to study and review a “heavy commercial truck exclusion” and is asking if a TAC member would consider volunteering to sit on the subcommittee. The Select Boards seeks to develop a policy and FAQs pertaining to the increase of heavy commercial vehicles in town. Jim Antonizick offered to sit on the subcommittee.

Mr. Bethoney sought a motion to appoint Jim Antonizick as the TAC representative, Dimitria Sullivan, motion, 2nd Jim Antonizick, roll call vote -all in favor,

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

Motion to adjourn at 7:45 Jim Antonizick, 2nd Dimitria Sullivan roll call vote – all in favor