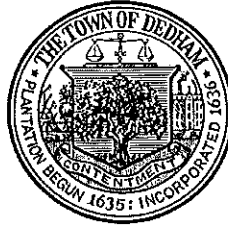


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**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Remote participation via ZOOM**  
**Tuesday, February 9, 2021 – 7 PM.**

**Present:** John Bethoney, Chair

Charlie Packer, P.E. Member  
Dimitria Sullivan, BOS  
Dan O'Neil, Member  
Jason Mammone, P.E., Director of Engineering  
Michael D'Entremont – Chief of Police

**Absent:** Jim Antonizick, P.E. Vice Chair, 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 Initial Traffic Evaluation (dated 1/27/21). Mr. Mammone stated the request for the Initial Evaluation was at voted at the Select Boards meeting of 12/17/2020.

Jason reviewed the findings of crash data, speed, volume and pedestrian generators. Based on the data collected, there appears to be a speeding issue, especially during school zone hours. It is recommended that traffic calming measures be implemented to mitigate speeding vehicles and improve pedestrian and bicycle safety. Recommendations include reconfiguration of the intersection at Greenlodge St / Fox Meadow Lane, reducing the width of the road at the intersection of Colwell Dr (North) and adding a sidewalk on Greenlodge Street from Sprague Street to Colwell Drive (South) which would narrow the road and mitigate the speeding.

The recommendations would come at a significant cost, as such an application for state funding will be submitted to the "Complete Street Program". Dedham recently received an award under said program for reconstruction of Eastern Ave and only one project is allowed at a time. Upon completion of the Eastern Ave project an application may be

submitted for Greenlodge Street. If the project is denied (for state funding) for any reason a capital expenditure request for FY 23 would be requested.

In the meantime, Jason will work with DPW and Engineering to accomplish short term goals to mitigate speeding. All signage and pavement marking will be properly installed, and "SCHOOL" will be added to pavement markings. Also, police presence/enforcement will be increased during peak hours.

Mr. Bethoney thanked Jason for his thorough evaluation and opened for comments from TAC members.

Dimitria Sullivan thanked Jason for his work on the report. She asked if the State Application would involve the school department as the subject area is in a school zone. Jason stated that he and Joe Flanagan are the contact persons, and the school department would not be involved in the application process. Jason also mentioned he would hold a neighborhood meeting prior to submitting the application to have their input and keep them informed throughout the process. Jason plans to go before the Select Board at their meeting of 2/25/21 seeking their support.

Dimitria Sullivan asked if police enforcement could continue in the area. Chief D'Entremont stated police presence is on-going and will continue.

Charlie Packer thanked Jason for his work on the report. He asked if the volume data collected is accurate due to the pandemic – would the numbers higher under normal conditions. Jason suggested that could be the case.

Mr. Bethoney opened for public comment then asked residents in attendance to raise their hand if they wished to speak and they would be recognized. Each speaker was asked to provide their name and address for the record.

**Emily Haven of 47 Coronation Dr. (Applicant)** – stated she was pleased with the findings and proposed mitigation. She enthusiastically supports moving forward to make the area safer.

**John Cogliandro of 270 Greenlodge St** – Thanked Jason for the report and summary but feels it does not address the problem at the bottom of the hill with excessive speeding between 4-5 PM. He asked if the evaluation could be re-done to include the bottom of the hill (by Fox Meadow Lane) as the speeding of vehicles and near misses to pedestrians is very serious.

Mr. Mammone reiterated the sidewalk was proposed for Greenlodge St from Sprague St – Colwell Dr (South) so that section would be covered, and roadway narrowed.

**Jim McMakin of 164 Ledgewood Rd** -Thanked Jason for the thorough report. He concurred with Mr. Cogliandro that the bottom of the hill is very dangerous and

mentioned his son was nearly hit while on his bike at Greenlodge St crossing over to Briarwood. He supports the proposed measures for mitigation.

**Stacey Kelly of 3 Briarwood Lane** -Concurs with other residents that the bottom of the hill is a major concern, with no crosswalk at Briarwood and no sidewalk, it very dangerous for pedestrians.

Jason reminded the group that a sidewalk from Sprague to Colwell Dr is proposed for Phase 1 of the project.

Mr. Bethoney sought a motion to accept the Initial Evaluation and recommended mitigation, Charlie Packer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dimitria Sullivan, roll call vote – all in favor.

Mr. Bethoney asked Jason to draft a letter to the Select Board seeking their support of the TACs recommendations.

### **Approval of meeting minutes from 11/17/20 & 12/08/20**

Mr. Bethoney sought a motion to accept the minutes as drafted from 11/17/2020, Motion, Dan O'Neil , 2<sup>nd</sup> Dimitria Sullivan, roll call vote – all in favor.

Mr. Bethoney sought a motion to table the meeting minutes from 12/08/2020 until the next meeting until all members who were present can vote, Dimitria Sullivan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan O'Neil, roll call vote, all in favor.

### **Old/New Business**

Jason mentioned that the spring will be busy for the TAC as the Wentworth St and Central Ave requests will move forward, additionally a request from Colburn St is forthcoming and Jason expects much public interest.

Next meeting is March 9, 2021.

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

Motion to adjourn at 7:56 Dan O'Neil, 2<sup>nd</sup> Charlie Packer, roll call vote – all in favor