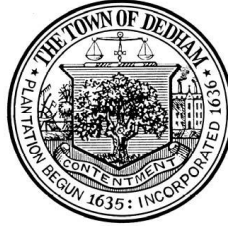


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MEETING MINUTES
Remote participation via ZOOM
Tuesday, April 13, 2021 – 7 PM.

Present: John Bethoney, Chair
Jim Antonizick, P.E. Vice Chair
Charlie Packer, P.E. Member
Dimitria Sullivan, BOS (joined at 7:06 PM)
Dan O'Neil, Member
Jason Mammone, P.E., Director of Engineering
Joseph Flanagan, Director of Public Works
Michael D'Entremont, Chief of Police

Absent:

Mr. Bethoney opened the meeting at 7:00 PM and reviewed the virtual meeting guidelines and protocols.

A roll call attendance was taken- all TAC members present.

Agenda Item # 1 – Traffic Calming Request #2021-001, Colburn Street: Jean Connolly of 299 Colburn St (Applicant) Initial Evaluation Discussion

Mr. Bethoney asked if the members and the applicant had a chance to review the Initial Evaluation, then asked Jason Mammone to provide an overview.

Jason stated the Initial Evaluation covered the area of Colburn St to Maverick St during the period of March 8 – March 11. The data revealed Colburn St does experience a higher-than-normal volume of vehicles traveling at 7MPH over the posted speed limit. The data was compared to data collected in 2013 and the patterns have been consistent over the past 8 years.

The crash data revealed 3 crashes per year all involving traveling vehicles hitting parked vehicles. The criteria reviewed included speed, volume, traffic collisions, pedestrian generators, pedestrian route and residential density for a combined score of 64 points, well over the 50 points required for traffic calming measures. Its is recommended that the TAC advance to the next step of a Traffic Calming Needs Assessment.

Mr Bethoney opened to members of the TAC for comments or questions.

Dimitria Sullivan thanked Jason for the report and the residents for bringing the matter to the TAC.

Jim Antonizick thanked the applicant for bringing the issue before the TAC and thanked Jason for the report and asked him to explain the next steps and options.

Mr. Bethoney stated he would move on to hearing from the applicant and Jason will further explain options after hearing from the public.

Being no further TAC comment Mr. Bethoney opened to applicant for comments and questions.

Jean Connally of 299 Colburn St – Shared the report with concerned neighbors and thanked Jason for providing him copy of the report, which shows there is a problem, and he is satisfied with the results.

He suggested the installation of a crosswalk on Curve St and Maverick St intersection and the addition of another Stop Sign could mitigate the problem. He asked if Jason could review other potential traffic calming measures and if making the street a one-way would be helpful.

Mr. Bethoney asked Jason to review the potential traffic calming options. Jason stated there are many options and once the area is assessed he will determine what will work best for this location and is best suited for the neighborhood. Once the assessment is complete a ballot will be sent to the residents on Colburn to Maverick Streets as well as those on the “affected areas” that may be impacted by the installation of traffic calming measures. Jason then explained the balloting process and encouraged the applicant to advocate for the process and make sure neighbors return their ballots as 75% of those balloted must approve the measures on the directly impacted street and 60% of those on the affected areas. If the plan to install traffic calming measures is accepted, then temporary measures would be installed, and the costs would be reviewed to determine if funding could be absorbed by Public Works or if a capital request is necessary.

Mr. Bethoney mentioned the TAC is an “advisory” committee and any plans would need to be recommended to the Select Board for their final approval.

Mr. Bethoney opened to public comment.

Annika Cox of 291 Colburn St – Thanked Jason for the report and had a few questions. She asked what some examples of traffic calming would include. Jason stated that until an assessment is complete is it unknown what would be best for the area but some examples could be installation of speed humps or sidewalks.

Annika then asked about costs – Jason stated that a sidewalk could be upwards of 50K – 100K which would require a capital expense request and a speed hump could be 5K – 10K and that could be adsorbed by the Public Works.

Annika then asked about the ballots and how they are distributed. Jason stated the ballots are color coded (one for directly impacted and one for surrounding affected areas) and hand delivered to the residents in the impacted areas.

Annika then asked about the time frame for the completion of the Traffic Calming Needs Assessment. Jason stated that other applications filed previously would come first but he will get to Colburn Street as soon as possible, could be early summer.

Matt Dominici of 315 Colburn St – Asked for further clarification on which residents would be balloted. Would it be all of Colburn Street? – Jason stated it would be the residents on Colburn St to Maverick St as the area identified in the application.

Being no further comments Jason will let the TAC know once the Traffic Calming Needs Assessment is complete and will be reviewed at a future meeting.

Mr Bethoney thanked the applicant and residents for their input and moved to the next Agenda item.

Approved Traffic Calming Policy Revisions- Jason discussed the revised Traffic Calming Policy (that has been approved by the Select Board) that now includes Heavy Commercial Vehicle Exclusions on eligible roadways and reviewed the heavy vehicle classifications. FAQs were developed and are on the TACs webpage.

Approval of meeting minutes from March 9, 2021

Mr. Bethoney sought a motion to accept the minutes as drafted from March 9, 2021 Motion, Dimitria Sullivan, 2nd Dan O’Neil Roll call vote —all in favor to accept as drafted.

Old/New Business

Jason mentioned the next meeting was scheduled for May 11, 2021.

Being no further business Mr. Bethoney sought a motion to adjourn.
Motion to adjourn at 8:02 PM Jim Antonizick , 2nd Charlie Packer, roll call vote – all in favor.

