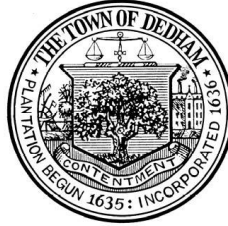


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MEETING MINUTES
Remote participation via ZOOM
Tuesday, May 10, 2022 – 7 PM.

Present: John Bethoney, Chair
Charlie Packer, P.E. Member
Dimitria Sullivan, SB
Jack Kelliher, Member
Dan O'Neil Member

Jason Mammone, P.E., Director of Engineering

Absent: n/a

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

A roll call attendance was taken- above listed TAC members were present.

Agenda Item # 1 – Traffic Calming Request #2021-004, Brookdale Avenue: Henry Mahegan

Jason Mammone (Dedham Engineer) provided a summary of the history of the project and explained that there are speeding issues and lack of pedestrian safety measures. It was explained that the layout (right of way) was performed in the 1800's. The road is not an emergency response routes which will allow for measures such as speed humps. Mr. Mammone explained that a traffic calming measure such as speed humps on Brookdale Ave. would potentially produce more volume on other streets looking to avoid speed humps on Brookdale Avenue.

Charles Packer (Member) – Asked if East Street was an emergency response route. Mr. Mammone stated it was not.

Applicant (31 Harvard Street) – Stated he is “open to anything that will slow traffic down.” Based on discussions with neighbors, he felt that neighbors would be in support

of speed humps. He also stated that he would be more supportive of a measure with an option with sidewalks. He asked Mr. Mammone if sidewalks are feasible.

Mr. Mammone stated that sidewalks could be explored, but a survey would need to confirm the right of way limits. He also stated that sidewalks on both sides of the street is best practice.

John. Heffining (26 Brookdale Ave.) – Stated that he believes there is space for sidewalks, and one side of the road is OK.

Mr. Mammone – Stated that sidewalks near the ballpark may require a retaining wall and if that is cost prohibitive, then looking to reduce the scope to sidewalks to one side of the road could further be explored, but ideally, having sidewalks on both sides of the road is ideal.

John. Heffining (26 Brookdale Ave.) – Asked if placing a stop sign is feasible.

Mr. Mammone stated that a stop sign is not a traffic calming measure and would require a warrant analysis.

Mr. Bethony – Stated he is supportive of sidewalks on both sides of the road. However, he stated that citizens are not always supportive of placing sidewalks because construction may infringe on peoples perceived property. He stated he thinks it would slow traffic.

Mr. Packer (Member) – Stated he is in support of sidewalks stating there are businesses on East Street and sidewalks would help link those businesses.

Mr. Mammone – Thanked everyone for the discussion to help scope the project.

Agenda Item # 2- Traffic Calming Request #2021-005, Curve Street (Maverick St to Washington St): Keith Mahoney (Applicant)

The chair recognized Mr. Mammone to discuss Curve Street. Mr. Mammone stated that the street was laid out in the 1800s and speeding is an issue and there are sidewalks where cars tend to infringe on for parking. There is a special speed regulation on the street of 20mph and the street is an emergency response route which limits the use of vertical deflection measures (i.e speed humps).

Mr. Mammone stated that speed cushions could be explored and based on feedback from the fire department whether they should stay.

Mr. Mammone explained that a traffic calming measure such as speed cushions on Curve Street would potentially produce more volume on other streets looking to avoid speed the traffic calming measures.

Mr. Bethony (Chair) – Stated that he certainly believes adjacent streets will be affected.

Mr. Mammone - Stated that surrounding streets have sidewalks, and the safest and best option is to include sidewalks on both sides of the street, but without knowing the existing right of way, it is currently unknown if feasible. Mr. Mammone asked the applicant if reducing on street parking would be amenable.

Keith Mahoney (Applicant) – Stated he did not know, but visitors do use on street parking. Mr. Mahoney asked if funding is an issue.

Mr. Mammone – Stated the TAC is not responsible for deciding budget, but the project would go into the capital funding request.

Keith Mahoney (Applicant) – Asked if he could have information concerning amount of warnings and speeding violations were given by the police department.

Mr. Mammone – Stated he would look into it and will be reaching out to surveyors to perform a survey to determine rights of way.

Mr. Bethony (Chair) – Asked for a timeframe.

Mr. Mammone – Stated that at the next meeting will have more discrete timeframes.

Dan O’Neil (member) – Stated there were previous traffic restrictions on the street and felt there has been a regular police presence on the street.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from 3/8/2022

Mr. Bethony asked if members had a chance to review the minutes as drafted.

Dan O’Neil made motion to accept minutes from 12/14/21 as presented, 2nd Jack Kelliher, all in favor by roll call.

Old/New Business –

Being no further business at 8:00 PM Mr. Bethony sought a motion to adjourn, Dimitria Sullivan, 2nd Mr. Kelliher - all in favor.

