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MEETING MINUTES

**Francis O'Brien Meeting Room, Town Hall
Tuesday, July 21, 2015 - 7 p.m.**

Present: John Bethoney, Chairman
James Antonizick, Vice Chairman
Newcomb Stillwell
Jason Mammone, P.E., Director of Engineering
Michael D'Entremont, Chief of Police

Mr. Bethoney called meeting to order at 7:15 pm. No quorum. We will be having an abbreviated meeting tonight because we don't have a quorum. Side note – Mr. Guilfoyle, Mr. Shoenfeld and Mr. McCarthy are not present as this meeting. We are missing one member and one member is no longer a member (Mark MacLean).

1st item on the agenda is Highland Street vote on the decision. We will be tabling the first item on the agenda till our next meeting seeing we don't have a quorum. I seek a motion to table item #1 - Motion was made and 2nd by Mr. Stillwell. Vote was unanimous.

Second item on the agenda is the review of the initial evaluation for Madison Street submitted by Kate McDermott of 212 Madison Street. Her biggest concerns are public safety and speed. People don't stop at stop signs and the roads are very narrow with people parking on the curbs and high traffic volume.

Mr. Mammone – Went over the initial evaluation. The Engineering Department does not recommend traditional traffic calming measures, but they do recommend low cost calming measures.

Mr. Bethoney – does anyone have any questions for Mr. Mammone relating to the initial evaluation on the data collected and his opinion? Can we please contact Kate McDermott and let her know we will be having a discussion related to her request at the next meeting and a decision made.

Mr. Stillwell – your data shows the time – did you observe it during rush hour? It is a cut thru so is there an increase in traffic during rush hour.

Mr. Mammone – there is always an increase in traffic during rush hour.

Mr. Stillwell – it would be interesting to see if you could extract the data during rush hour.

Mr. Mammone – I would not recommend doing that because it doesn't represent the Street as a whole. You need to take it from the whole day.

Mr. Stillwell – No – I know. It is not a question of what its legal input is, it is relating to the perception of the residents. You can do it mathematically – you have the data.

Mr. Mammone – it would take some time to extract that data, but I can do it.

Mr. Bethoney – Would you be looking for the average speed during the rush hour.

Mr. Stillwell – we are building data because at some point we should think about changing the policy. We may find that if we collect this data for all streets we are turning down that we may need to kick the policy off rush hour speeds as opposed to the whole day.

Mr. Bethoney – during your most concerned time frame it is still 29mph. Anything else gentleman – when is our next meeting? Aug 18th 7pm. Can we make sure that everyone responds to the email saying that they are going to attend our meetings.

Mr. Stillwell – discussing terms and when they are ending.

Mr. Mammone – Terms ended in June – Nancy sent a notice out to those who needed to apply. Please check with Nancy.

Mr. Stillwell – Was anything done about the Highland Street lights.

Mr. Mammone – those were fixed awhile ago and we have not heard any more complaints. Mr. Podolski says it is much better. He lives up in that neighborhood.

Mr. Stillwell – Do you have any visibility of when the bridge over 109 is going to be done.

Mr. Mammone – I have no idea.

Mr. Stillwell – we should get civic pride involved once the road is done on 109, where it comes into Dedham. It is the gateway to Dedham.

Mr. Mammone – they need to look into it for when the school starts their construction.

Mr. Bethoney – seeks a motion to adjourn and meet again on Aug 18th. So moved – 2nd all in favor – vote was unanimous.