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**MEETING MINUTES**

**Francis O'Brien Meeting Room, Town Hall  
Tuesday, November 17, 2015 - 7 p.m.**

- Present:** John Bethoney, Chairman  
James Antonizick, Vice Chairman  
Costa Tsolirides, member  
Dennis Guilfoyle, BOS member  
Jason Mammone, P.E., Director of Engineering  
Michael D'Entremont, Chief of Police
- Absent:** Richard McGuiness, member  
Joseph Flanagan, DPW Director  
Richard McCarthy, Planning Director

Mr. Bethoney called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

The first **Agenda item, Committee reorganization**, was delayed as Mr. McGuiness was not yet present.

Mr. Bethoney called **Agenda item # 7, Approval of Minutes**, first as it only required the approval of Mr. Antonizick and Mr. Bethoney.

Mr. Bethoney referenced the letter from Jason Mammone dated 10/28/15 requesting review of the draft copies of minutes from previous meetings as follows: 11/12/13, 3/18/14, 5/20/14, 6/17/14, 10/21/14, 11/18,14, 1/20/15, 3/31,15, 5/19/15, 7/21/15.

Mr. Bethoney turned the chair position over to Mr. Guilfoyle relating to this agenda item. Mr. Guilfoyle asked for any discussion or comment on the above referenced minutes, Mr. Antonizick stated he was not present for the meetings of 11/18/14 and 1/20/15. As Mr. Bethoney is the only sitting member present for said meetings they were excluded from the motion and Mr. Bethoney approved minutes as drafted with Jason Mammone to follow up with the Town Clerk if any additional statement is required to file.

Mr. Guilfoyle called for motion to approve the above referenced minutes, excluding 11/18/15 and 1/20/15. Mr. Antonizick motion to accept minutes as drafted, second John Bethoney, UA.

Mr. Mammone stated he received an email from Mr. McGuiness that he was delayed and may not make the meeting.

Mr. Bethoney called **Agenda item # 2, Traffic Calming Request #2013-003, Highland Street**. Mr. Mammone stated this item was a typo and was previously heard at the 10/20/15 meeting.

Mr. Bethoney called **Agenda item # 3, Traffic Calming Request #2013-004, Madison Street**.

Mr. Mammone reviewed a draft decision letter dated 10/22/15 he prepared for the applicant, Ms. Kate McDermott, outlining reasons why the TAC does not recommend traditional traffic calming measures.

Mr. Tsolirides asked if parking bans could be considered. Mr. Mammone stated parking bans are a regulatory matter under the purview of the Board of Selectmen.

Being no further comments, Mr. Guilfoyle made a motion to approve the decision letter as drafted to be sent to the applicant. Second Mr. Antonizick, UA.

Mr. Bethoney opened **Agenda item #4, Traffic Calming Request #2015-001 River Street**.

Mr. Mammone provided an update on the request and stated that the applicant would not be attending. River Street is a minor collector roadway utilized as a major emergency response route and therefore does not meet the requirements for traffic calming measures. He reviewed his evaluation on speeding and crash data and found none related to the request. The applicant's major concern is parked cars on the sidewalks that require pedestrians to walk on the street to pass by. Parked cars are out of the purview of the TAC but applicant was advised she could call the police to report any issues with vehicles on the sidewalk.

Chief D'Entremont stated officers could respond and issue offenders with a warning. However this issue does not warrant regular monitoring as it is something that occurs town wide.

Mr. Guilfoyle asked if apparatus could still pass through with cars parked and Mr. Mammone stated in the affirmative.

Being no further discussion, Mr. Bethoney asked Mr. Mammone to draft a decision letter to the applicant with the TAC's findings. Mr. Mammone will have letter for the TAC's next meeting.

Mr. Bethoney opened **Agenda item # 5, Traffic Calming Request # 2014-001, Taylor Avenue**.

Mr. Mammone reviewed Initial Traffic Evaluation dated 11/13/2015 sent to members via email. Each member had a chance to review the Evaluation prior to this evenings

preceding and a copy was before them this evening. Mr. Mammone concluded that Traffic Calming is not recommended for Taylor Avenue. No evidence was found of higher than normal traffic volumes and speeding. Consideration was given to turn restriction. However, a left hand turn restriction would place more vehicles on neighboring streets and restrict Taylor Avenue residents from gaining easy access to their place of residence. Limited parking restrictions are in place due to the proximity of the commuter rail station.

Mr. Antonizick asked if amending the parking restrictions would help. Mr. Mammone stated the TAC could make a recommendation but parking restrictions are a regulatory issue under the purview of the BOS. Mr. Guilfoyle stated that all the residents would need to be notified on any amendments to parking on a public street. Mr. Mammone stated a public notice would need to be advertised for 21 days in the local newspaper. Mr. Bethoney stated, in his experience, residents rarely embrace traffic restrictions on their streets.

**Mr. Bethoney opened Agenda item # 6, Traffic Calming Request, Hobart-Iverson-Ford-Madison Street Neighborhood.**

Mr. Mammone previously spoke with the applicant and reviewed his evaluation of speed and volume. He did reiterate that the request is out of the purview of the TAC as some of the streets are private ways. He suggested alternative measures to the applicant. The applicant remains concerned about General Dynamics bringing increase of traffic. Mr. Mammone stated the neighbors on the private way could purchase and install “Do Not Enter” signs at the intersections but they would not be enforceable as it is not a public way.

Mr. Bethoney asked if Mr. Mammone could review private ways and how they are serviced by the town.

Mr. Mammone – private ways technically do not receive services from the town, such as plowing, road repair and trash collection. However, in Dedham trash is collected on private ways and snow is plowed as well. The Town also performs minor repairs (filling of potholes).

Jim Antonizick asked is RE taxes were reduced in any way for private way residents. The answer is no.

Mr. Guilfoyle stated an policy was recently accepted allowing residents to petition the town to be made public ways. 100% of the residents must support the petition.

Mr. Bethoney stated that full disclosure is required when a home is being marketed on a private way and in addition, the Town of Dedham has a color coded street sign for public and private ways so there is no ambiguity.

Mr. Mammone will continue dialogue with the applicant and offer guidance where needed.

Being no further discussion, Mr. Bethoney thanked Mr. Mammone for his efforts in assisting the applicant.

Mr. Bethoney opened **Agenda item # 1, Committee Reorganization, nomination of Chair and Vice-Chair.**

Mr. Bethoney opened for discussion regarding reorganization in the absence of Mr. McGuinness. Mr. Guilfoyle thought it prudent to proceed rather than continue to table the item.

Mr. Bethoney asked for nominations, Mr. Guilfoyle nominated James Antonizick for Vice Chair, being no further nominations the nomination was seconded by Costa Tsolirides and UA.

James Antonizick nominated John Bethoney as Chair, being no further nominations the nomination was seconded by Mr. Guilfoyle and UA.

The TAC congratulated Chairman Bethoney and Vice Chair Antonizick.

Mr. Guilfoyle thanked the members for serving and mentioned other vacancies needed to be filled within the town. TAC members were asked to spread the word.

Mr. Mammone stated the TAC would meet next on 12/15/15.

Mr. Guilfoyle motion to adjourn at 8:15 second Mr. Antonizick, UA.