

Traffic Safety Coordinating Committee
June 27, 2008
Flynn Building, 8:30 am
Minutes

Present: Jody Kablack (Dir. Of Planning and Community Development), Bill Place (DPW Director), Asst. Fire Chief Mike Carroll, Police Chief Pete Fadgen

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am.

Requests from Residents:

1. Traffic back-up at Dakin Rd/Route 117 light – Email from Jonathan Kelly, Acton, MA dated June 1, 2008

Both the Sudbury Police Dept. and the DPW Dept. have observed conditions in the am hours several times over the last year to ascertain what the problem is. It is not a daily occurrence and they don't believe it has to do with the light sequence, which has been adjusted in the past. They opine it may be school buses which stop along Route 117. They will continue to monitor the situation. Commuters should send feedback to the Police Chief to see if any back up occurs in the summer months when school is out.

2. Use Restrictions on Powdermill Road – Request by the Board of Selectmen and various emails from Robert Jacobson, Cranberry Circle.

Due to the approval of the 350 unit rental development in Concord, the Selectmen have asked the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee to make recommendations on potential truck restriction on Powdermill Road, temporary closure during the am hours, and adding a stop sign at the Powers Road/Powdermill Road intersection to make it a 4-way stop.

Truck Restriction – Will not restrict any trucks doing business on the street. Sudbury will only be able to restrict trucks traveling north on Powdermill Road. Any trucks using the street from Route 62 may not be able to be restricted at the Town line because there will be no turnaround for them to maneuver. Town should work with Acton and Maynard to similarly place a truck restriction on the entire road. Bill will review his file on the Truck Restriction on Fairbank Road to see if there are any other requirements or warrants that need to be met in order to place the restriction.

Temporary Closure – Again, restricting use of the road is complicated since it crosses town boundaries. When Sudbury closed this road in the 1980's, Superior Court overruled and made them open it again since it serviced more than one town. May be a similar situation. Jody will call Mass. Highway Dept. to see if they have any guidance on this. Bill will check his file on the 1980's closure.

Stop Signs at Powers/Powdermill intersection – Bill Place will conduct a site visit and make a recommendation on adding a stop sign to create a full 4-way stop. The Sudbury Police will also observe the intersection over the next few weeks.

3. Restoration of the traffic light at Fire Station #2, Boston Post Road – letters dated 2005 between Mass Highway and the Sudbury Fire Chief.

Fire Dept. wants to pursue restoration of the light. It was functional until it was hit by a motorist. Mass. Highway does not support restoration as they feel since the light has not been operational for so long, motorists will ignore it and safety will be decreased. Bill Place will attempt to schedule a site visit of various Route 20 locations with Barry Lorion from District 3. Pete Fadgen will call his contact at Raytheon to see if they are interested in a light to function at their western entrance, which is in close proximity to the Fire Station. There is still a question of funding the light if it is entirely for the Fire Station. Bill Place will prepare a cost estimate.

4. Walkway Prioritization

Jody Kablack was not ready to present the matrix of requested walkways. It is the intent to have the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee review the matrix and offer recommendations for prioritization. A separate meeting will be scheduled to review this over the next several weeks.

5. Signage at Peakham/Old Lancaster Road intersection – request from Chris Morley to increase signage on Old Lancaster Road approaching the intersection from the north to warn motorists of the intersection and pedestrians.

It was agreed that one sign warning motorists of the intersection is warranted. Bill Place will install.

6. Grouse Hill Senior Development – Bill Place stated that the developer is parking vehicles on town land. Jody will call the developer and request removal.

7. Follow-up from March meeting:

North Road/Great Road intersection – Jody will send the residents the meeting minutes. Unfortunately, this is not a priority intersection at this time. Jody will also request a road widening easement from St. John's church if the Town proceeds with this project in the future.

Concord Road/Union Ave. intersection – no complaints. No accidents. Bill Place to verify if street light is functional.

Moore Road – traffic study completed and does not meet the warrants for a lower speed limit. Chief Fadgen will verify and report back to the committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 am.

The next regular meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 26. An interim meeting will be held to discuss walkways.