

Traffic Safety Coordinating Committee  
March 28, 2008  
Flynn Building, 8:30 am  
Minutes

Present: Jody Kablack, Bill Place, Ken MacLean, Lt. Richard Glavin

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

Requests from Residents:

1. North Road/Great Road intersection – letter dated 1/28/08 from Walfred and Joan Hyden regarding accidents at intersection and request to attempt to slow cars down as they proceed from North Road to Great Road.

Bill Place provided the committee with a plan of the redesign of this intersection which was done by the Town Engineering Dept. in the 1970's. The design involves moving the Great Road pavement to intersect North Road at a 90 degree angle. This design requires an easement from the church. The design also has a bump out in the pavement on North Road to slow cars down as they turn right onto Great Road. The driveway at 552 North Road would need to be relocated with this design. It was agreed that the realignment of the intersection was warranted, but not necessarily the highest priority. Committee members expressed concern for the bump out after the recent construction of a similar impediment at Union Ave and Concord Road, and suggested making the changes to the alignment first without the bump-out. Also installing temporary barriers as a test before constructing a bump out was suggested. Mr. Place will add this intersection to his current list of intersections, which include:

Wayside Inn Road / Boston Post Road

North Road / Great Road

Marlboro Road / Willis Road

Old Garrison Road / Dutton Road

Weir Hill Road / Lincoln Road

Concord Road / Plympton Road

Follow-up: Request easement from St. Michaels. Prioritize intersections based on available funding.

2. Concord Road/Union Ave. intersection

There have been no new resident complaints since the last meeting. The street light has not been turned on by NStar yet. Bill Place will check on the progress. Lt. Glavin reported that the last accident with damage was in November. Other minor accidents were in the winter and were mostly due to weather conditions, but these were "cars off the road" and did not have damage. There doesn't seem to be an unusual amount of accidents. The Police Dept. will continue monitoring the intersection.

Follow-up: Bill to contact NStar. Continued monitoring by the Police Dept.

3. Moore Road – Email messages from the Campbell Family, 80 Moore Road dated 12/16/07 and 2/10/08 regarding speed limit reduction on Moore Road.

Lt. Glavin reported that Officer Hagglund has been observing conditions on Moore Road with a radar gun, and has found the majority of cars travel at the unposted speed limit of 30 mph for a thickly settled area. The Police Dept. will conduct a study using the ATC recorders in the spring to determine rates of speed for every vehicle. However, a petition to the state to lower the speed limit will only be sent if the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile is shown to be lower than 30 mph. It was suggested that speed limit signs be posted, since an unposted area may be confusing to some drivers. The neighbors have also suggested installing stop signs along Moore Road to slow cars down, but this is not an acceptable practice. The neighbors can petition to have the Town construct a walkway along Moore Road. The instructions on how to do this is listed on the town's website. However, there may be wetland constraints that will make construction of a walkway difficult.

Follow-up: Speed study by Police Dept. in spring.

4. Concord 40B: Jody Kablack updated the committee on this development. It is still in permitting with both Acton and Concord. Sudbury residents are suggesting prohibiting left turns out of the development, thereby forcing all cars to go north on Sudbury Road to Route 62. The Concord Planning Dept. is recommending a \$40,000 payment to Sudbury for design of a traffic light at Powder Mill Road and Route 117.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2008.