

Traffic Safety Coordinating Committee  
February 27, 2009  
Flynn Building, 8:30 am  
Minutes

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

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

Requests from Residents:

1. Puffer Lane Speed Reduction

Further review of the request to reduce the speed limit on the road was discussed. Traffic counts were submitted by the Police Department which did not indicate substantial volume. Prior to the meeting the Petitioner was queried if they favored a one-way traffic situation during peak hours, but there was not support for this. Discussion continued on whether the Town could post 30 mph on the street, which may be in violation of MGL c.90, s.17 since the area is classified as thickly settled. Other possible suggestions were to discuss the installation of "Slow-Children" signs with Officer Conrado, and submitting a walkway petition to the Planning Board.

The committee is cognizant that they are advisory only, and any resident can petition to the Selectmen to hear their cause.

2. Concord Road crosswalk request

A request to install better signage at existing crosswalks near the Peter Noyes School was received via email from Mara Huston dated February 15, 2009. Bill Place noted that since the request was received, his department had installed signs at the Noyes crosswalk on Old Sudbury Road. There is difficulty installing signage on Concord Road at Heritage Park due to the narrow shoulder, but one can be installed across the street at Grinnell Park. It was noted that if the Town Center project comes to fruition, significant pedestrian improvements are planned.

3. Butler Road bus stop

Correspondence was received by the Board of Selectmen from 10 families on Thornberry Lane, Butler Road and Butler Place regarding concerns for the location of the bus stop, which was forwarded to the Traffic Safety Committee for review. Members of the committee stated that this was an issue approximately one year ago, and they thought it had been resolved. At that time, the bus stop location was moved to the Haskell Field parking lot for parents who drive their kids to the bus stop. This was done to eliminate the conflict between the parked cars at the intersection of Butler Road and Fairbank Road, and traffic utilizing the road. Bus stop walkers would be picked up as usual at the

intersection. The recent petition requests that the school bus drive down Butler Road to pick the kids up.

The Committee believes this is an issue for the Sudbury Public Schools Transportation Office. However, we also think that the Haskell Field bus stop alternative is adequate for parents who need to drive kids to the bus stop. We do not recommend removing the No Parking limitations on Butler Road.

#### 4. Traffic Consultant Proposals

Frank Riepe, from the Sudbury Center Improvement Advisory Committee, participated in this discussion. The committee discussed the 6 proposals received pursuant to the RFP sent out. After discussion it became apparent that we may want to hire more than 1 firm to work on different projects. This may require doing a revised RFP. Jody Kablack will check with Town Counsel and report back. In the meantime, references will be checked on several of the responding firms. [Editorial Note: the RFP was reissued to allow for more than 1 firm to be chosen. The results and the matrix of the criteria will be posted on the Town's website upon completion.]

#### 5. Walkway Priorities

The Committee reviewed the matrix provided by Jody Kablack describing the information submitted on the most recent solicitation for walkway petitions. The Planning Board held a public forum in June 2008 at which all these requests were discussed by residents. The matrix indicates the criteria which are used to determine priorities. Nobscot Road emerged as the proposal most ready to proceed. All abutters are in agreement, and no easements are necessary. North Road seems to be the next in line, however we only have funding for 1 walkway at this time. Additional funds will be solicited at the 2010 Annual Town Meeting. The recommendation from the Traffic Safety Committee will be discussed with the Planning Board at their next meeting for concurrence.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

The next regular meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 1, 2009.