

Traffic Safety Coordinating Committee
August 26, 2010
Flynn Building, 8:30 am
Minutes

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

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

1. Traffic Calming Petition, Old Lancaster Road:

Petition dated May 3, 2010 from the Old Lancaster Road Association to the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager, referred to the Traffic Safety Committee on August 24, 2010 requesting the Town meet with the group to formulate a recommendation on the placement of speed tables in the road (section between Concord Road and Peakham Road), and other traffic calming measures; adoption of an order or rule requiring the placement of speed tables or other traffic calming measures at the Town's expense; with the requirement that no trees shall be removed unless dead and posing an imminent threat to public safety.

The roadway is 25-30 mph. The Sudbury Police Dept. conducted a speed study in 2009 which indicated heavy volume but not excessive speed along the section referred to. The DPW Dept., Fire Chief and Police Chief are not in favor of speed bumps of any variety due to the maintenance and wear and tear on town vehicles. Plowing operations are difficult, they create noise and impede drainage, and tend to divert traffic onto other already over-burdened streets.

The Police Chief will distribute the report to the Traffic Safety Committee members, and further discussion will take place at the next meeting, prior to meeting with the neighbors.

2. Dakin Rd/Skyview Lane crosswalk request:

Email dated June 9, 2010 from Hillary Rathjens requesting a short extension of the existing Dakin Road walkway to the edge of the pavement in the vicinity of Skyview Lane. Dense brush and poison ivy prevent pedestrians for crossing the road. The DPW Director has previously assessed the issue and will be constructing the extension in the near future.

3. Philomen Whale Road signage:

Email dated April 11, 2010 from Jennifer Rossi, 30 Philomen Whale Lane requesting erection of "Dead End" or "Not a Through Street" sign at Dakin Road to deter motorists. The DPW Director noted that the signs have been installed.

4. Mary Catherine Lane utility pole relocation:

Email dated November 20, 2009 from Christie Starr requesting relocation of a utility pole which impairs sight lines at the intersection of Mary Catherine Lane and North Road, particularly for pedestrians crossing at the crosswalk. Previous requests by Ms. Starr included repair of the walkway in this vicinity. The DPW Director and the Sudbury Police Department have both reviewed the site and do not see a clear need to relocate the pole.

5. Concord Road school zone at LSRHS:

Residents Dev Glaser, 5 Winter Street, Judy Bloom, 565 Concord Road and Zoe McCready, 561 Concord Road were present to request further action by the Town to designate Concord Road in

front of LSRHS a school zone. This issue has been discussed in depth with the Traffic Safety Committee previously. A site visit by MassHighway Dept. representatives was conducted to further review the request. The law states that only elementary schools are eligible for designated school zones. The residents have spoken with Sen. Jamie Eldridge's office, who suggested that the Town of Sudbury Board of Selectmen write a letter requesting legislation be proposed to amend the law. The Traffic Safety Committee agreed to forward this request to the Selectmen. The Committee also agreed to again approach Scott Carpenter about the morning circulation issues.

6. Pedestrian Crosswalk on Route 20 at Carriage Lane:

Bill Place reported Mass Highway has denied the Town's request to paint a crosswalk on Route 20 in this location due to the speed of vehicles traveling that stretch. Bill and Jody have discussed the construction of a walkway from Carriage Lane on the south side of Route 20 to Longfellow Glen, where there is a pedestrian activated signal. The right of way has been surveyed and it appears that there is room to build a walkway without the need for easements. Jody will contact David Grace to request that a citizen's petition be submitted, as other neighborhoods have done.

7. North Road walkway update:

Construction is progressing on the new walkway from Haynes Road to Pantry Road. Trees have been removed and we are waiting for the utilities to be marked. Bill Place anticipates completing the walkway, including paving, this fall. There have been very few abutter issues.

8. Dutton Road/Old Garrison Road intersection:

Email dated November 30, 2009 from John McMahon requesting the intersection of Dutton and Old Garrison be reconfigured by blocking off the southbound leg of the Old Garrison intersection. Bill Place explained that the Engineering Dept. has redesigned that intersection, but the construction requires an easement from the abutter at 276 Dutton Road. A letter will be sent by the committee requesting the easement.

9. Proposed light at Route 20 Fire Station:

The Engineering Dept. has completed an existing conditions plan, the State DOT has designed the light, and the Town has appropriated \$25,000 from a capital article in 2009. Unfortunately, the bid prices to construct came in higher than expected. Another capital request for an additional \$30,000 will be submitted in FY11.

10. Raytheon/Gravestar traffic signal update:

No update. Traffic analysis completed, but no designs presented.

11. Update on Town Center project:

The Sudbury Center Improvement Advisory Committee met and consented to a plan which will be discussed with the Selectmen later this month. Cost will be an issue, and how to fund the project. A request for capital funds was submitted in FY10 the amount of \$1.5 million, and Jody Kablack anticipates another request will be submitted for FY11.

12. Update on Route 20 Corridor Study/Landham Road signalization:

Work is progressing on the corridor study and the design of the Landham Road intersection. The corridor study is incorporating the traffic analysis prepared for Raytheon and Gravestar. The

Landham Rd intersection is being designed with input from MassHighway. Once an acceptable design is completed, a public meeting with the Selectmen will be scheduled.

14. Water Row:

Email dated July 30, 2010 from Anne Gifford requesting the installation of speed bumps to slow traffic down to reduce wildlife hits. The DPW Director is not in favor of speed bumps, as they impede plowing and public safety vehicles, and create general wear and tear on town vehicles. The roadway is a 40 mph unposted zone.

15. Codjer Lane Truck Exclusion

A verbal request was made by Louise Leav at 21 Codjer Lane to consider a truck exclusion on the road, as many GPR devices direct people to Cavicchios Greenhouses via Concord Road and Codjer Lane. The Committee agreed with this request and will send a letter to the Selectmen requesting a change to the street rules and orders.

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