

Traffic Safety Coordinating Committee
September 30, 2011
Flynn Building, 9:00 am
Minutes

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

1. Traffic Calming Petition, Old Lancaster Road:

The neighbors were present to further discuss their request for a comprehensive speed study along Old Lancaster Road and speed limit reductions. The TSC again reiterated the process for speed reduction involves the state and may not be resolved to their satisfaction. The SPD has done speed studies of several areas along Old Lancaster Road, and the 85th percentile is within the normal range. It is likely that the state will not reduce the speed limit, and may raise it. The TSC is also not in favor of installing speed humps and other traffic calming devices as they create maintenance issues and make the road difficult for public safety and lowing. The neighbors want a new speed study completed along the entire length of Old Lancaster Rd and a trial run with speed humps.

Chief Glavin noted that the SPD has made Old Lancaster Road a priority for speed enforcement, employing officers, electronic speed signs and increased enforcement.

The TSC will compile a list of roads which have requested speed reductions and will talk to MassHighway about a comprehensive solution to resident complaints.

2. Request for stop signs at cross streets along Dutton Road, Haynes Road and Mossman Road
Ralph Tyler was present to discuss this issue. Mr. Tyler presented the MA Driver's Education Manual regarding right of way at 4 way intersections, and his interpretation of such that the first car to reach the intersection has the right of way. Chief Glavin stated that this was incorrect, and that the primary road has the right of way. Dutton, Mossman and Haynes are all primary roads, with secondary roads intersecting. The MGL will be checked on this issue. The TSC noted that there may be areas in Town where stops signs are needed, it is not at every intersecting street.

The SPD Safety Officer will be directed to compile a list of streets where stop signs are necessary and report back.

3. Request for a stop sign at Codjer Lane and Union Ave.

An email was received from Judith Gross on July 26, 2011 regarding the need for a stop sign on Codjer Lane at the Cavicchio driveway. The TSC noted that this section of Codjer Lane is a private road and the Town cannot install a sign without permission. This issue has been brought up with the property owner several times in the past, and he is not interested in installing one.

4. Request for speed limit reduction on Peakham Road.

A letter from Derek and Lisa Zurn, 574 Peakham Road, and petitions signed by 22 residents in this area was received. This issue is similar to the Old Lancaster issue, which will be brought up with the state in an attempt to reduce speed limits around Sudbury. Other requests in the letter form the Zurns included installation of speed bumps (TSC not in favor), paint a single yellow

line instead of the existing double yellow line(TSC not in favor), post signs (DPW will install caution signs), placement of the electronic speed signs on this section of road (SPD will do).

5. The CTPS study of Lincoln Road and Concord Road at LSRHS was completed. This will be distributed to Scott Carpenter for comments.

6. Request for speed bumps in Pine Lakes area.

An email from Wendy Durkin was received on July 9, 2011 requesting speed bumps in certain sections of Pine lakes, particularly where there are hills (Lakewood Dr). She witnessed a near miss between kids on bikes and a car. The TSC discussed the issue and it appears to be an isolated instance of erratic driving, rather than a repeated problem. The SPD should be called if residents witness bad driving in their neighborhoods. The TSC is reluctant to broach this issue any further from only 1 complaint due to the division of opinion on stop signs in this neighborhood several years ago.

7. Raytheon Driveway

Jody Kablack reported that she had been notified that Raytheon will be closing its westernmost driveway and opening the center driveway (only for cars leaving the site and traveling west). There was a sight distance issue with the western driveway.

8. Walkway Prioritization:

The Planning Board held a walkway forum in August 2011 and after reviewing the petitions for completeness and listening to resident comments, prioritized the following walkways for construction: Dudley Road, Old Framingham Road, and Pantry Road from the cemetery to North Road. Work still needs to be done before any of these are ready for construction. The DPW Dept. will stake the Dudley Road right of way to determine the extent of easements needed. A site visit at Old Framingham Road will be done, as the southern portion of this walkway has difficult topography.

9. The minutes for May 10, 2011 were approved.

10. Follow through from May 10, 2011 meeting:

Bill Place reported that signs were installed at Old Framingham Road; the intersection at North Road/Great Road is being prepared for the project – trees were down, NStar notified and construction will begin shortly.

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