

TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 28, 2013

9:30 am

Flynn Building Conference Room
278 Old Sudbury Road

Present: Bill Place, Bob Grady, Bill Miles, Jody Kablack

1. Concord Rd (north) – safety concerns

Email from Jeff Goater, 1065 Concord Rd, dated 9/30/12. Request to reduce speed limit to 25 mph. Posted speed is 35 mph. SPD noted no excessive accidents in this area. Will do speed enforcement over the spring months, and will inspect area to see what signs are present, and DPW install additional signage if necessary.

Follow-up on 3/29/13: Email from Lieutenant Robert Grady, Sudbury Police Department:

In regard to Concord Rd North the speed limits in the area of 931 Heading North and South is posted at 30 MPH. Signage is clear heading North Bound. The speed limit remains at 30 until roughly 1074 Concord which is near the top of the hill after the curves heading north and it rises to 35 going north. On the South Bound Side coming into town in the area of 1074 Concord there is a speed limit sign posted at thirty, that sign at this time is shielded by vegetation. If DPW could clear that it would help. I spoke to the Chief and we will focus enforcement in the area when staff is available and as I mentioned yesterday once the roads are cleared and I can put the motorcycle out in that area for enforcement.

2. Hudson Road crosswalk/speed limit sign at Allene Rd

Email from Stephen Buchanan dated 9/25/13. Bill Place reported that crosswalk signage has been installed and the crosswalk will be repainted in near future. The Committee discussed the request for installation of a curb, but is not in favor since it would be a very small area and would be hit by plows. DPW will look at the closest speed limit sign and install another sign if warranted.

3. 39 Dakin Rd – request for signage

Email from Helaine Block, 39 Dakin Rd, dated 11/5/13. Blind driveway sign requested in vicinity. DPW will install.

4. Green Hill Road @ Old Lancaster/Singletary – request for stop signs

Email from Trudy Kaufman dated 10/29/13. The TSC does not think Singletary at Green Hill warrants a sign, but the SPD will inspect site conditions and report back. Installation of any new stop sign requires approval from the Bd. of Selectmen.

Follow-up on 3/29/13: Email from Lieutenant Robert Grady, Sudbury Police Department:

I checked the area of Old Lancaster and Green Hill in regard to the stop signs. There is a stop sign at Green Hill and Old Lancaster and also at Old Lancaster and Goodman's Hill. There is not a stop sign at Singletary Rd as we believed. I don't see the need for one at Singletary and Green Hill. It is clear that the roads intersect and sight lines are good.

5. Hudson and Dutton intersection – review safety options

Email from Michael Donowitz, 5 Atkinson Lane, dated 10/22/13. This is a difficult, busy intersection. Sight lines looking towards the west on Dutton Rd are impaired by roadway geometry. DPW has trimmed vegetation along Hudson Rd to the extent possible. New No Parking signs will be installed. Sight distance

will be examined and vegetation trimmed where necessary. DPW will inspect for additional signage. Portable pedestrian sign will be out in near future. This intersection does not warrant a signal.

6. Speed limit and truck traffic on Powers Road

Letter from Jon Fossett, 244 Hunters Ridge Road, Concord MA dated 6/26/12.

The TSC notes that Powers Rd is an old road, with a narrow right of way. The posted speed limit is 25 mph. Widening the road would require private property takings. DPW will inspect vegetation. DPW also reported that it is periodically removing rock outcroppings on these older, narrow roads, and will add Powers Road to the list. The TSC does not believe there is any need to change the speed limit.

7. Crosswalk on Concord Rd at LSRHS.

Email from Raj Manchanka, Concord Rd dated 9/24/12. The TSC has previously reviewed this area in detail (see previous minutes), and has attempted to have the area declared a school zone. A recent memo from MA DOT has declined the Town's request to change the state definition of school zone to include grades higher than 8th, therefore we cannot install the proper signage. The TSC is not in favor of installing a crosswalk at this location as it creates the sense of security for pedestrians which may not be reality. Northbound sight distance is impaired by the roadway geometry. Pedestrians must cross with extreme caution.

8. Letter from MA DOT dated 1/31/2013, Re: School zones.

Thomas Broderick has sent the Sudbury Board of Selectmen a letter declining to revise the state's definition of School Zone to include grades 9-12. They recommended the following actions:

1. Construction of traffic calming measures to Concord Rd and Lincoln Rd – speed humps and raised crosswalks
2. Installation of flashing beacons at the proposed crosswalk.

Jody will look at variable speed limits on Concord Rd. and work with MA DOT to reduce the speed limit.

9. Walkway priorities – Dudley Rd, Powder Mill Rd, Pantry Rd,

Dudley Rd - DPW is staking the east side of the ROW to determine if there is room to build a walkway without the need for easements. Then it will be determined which side of road is the most appropriate for construction.

Powder Mill Rd - DPW will soon be submitting a scenic road application for tree removal, topo detail completed for NOI. Bill Place has spoken with neighbors about easements, and they seem cooperative. This walkway is being funded from mitigation funds from the Concord Mews project.

Old Framingham Rd - has been rough graded. Will be paved and landscaped once paving plants are open. Peakham Rd – Scenic Rd approval granted in March, trees will be removed soon, and construction will begin in spring.

Pantry Rd - no work has been done on this walkway project yet.

10. Follow up from Sept. 21, 2012 meeting:

- Dudley Road – No left turn sign. SPD will install ATR once snow plowing is done to get baseline data on volume of cars. Jody will make request to BOS and notify neighbors about 6 month trial period for removal of No Left Turn Sign. This will affect all drivers, not just residents. After 6 month trial period, SPD will again count cars using Dudley Rd. Neighbors will be asked what they think about keeping the sign down.
- Willis Road Truck Exclusion – Jody will request the BOS exclude trucks greater than 2 ½ tons along the section from Maynard Rd to Marlboro Rd.

- Variable speed limits – Jody will speak with MA DOT about variable speed limits on several roads, with the goal of reducing speed and standardizing the speed limits.
- Install additional speed limit signs –Jody will ask IT Dept. to generate a map of all speed limit signs for TSC review.
- Massasoit neighborhood signs - no further complaints. 4 caution children signs were installed and 1 Dead End sign. No speed limit signs were installed at the request of the neighbors.
- North Rd/Great Rd intersection - working well. No complaints
- Hemlock Road – We have received some correspondence from SS&T about installing a speed bump on private property.
- Town Center - FinCom recommendation to bond entire project, instead of using Chapter 90 funds. BOS must make a decision.
- Landham Road intersection - MA DOT reviewing most recent accident reports. Hope to get approval to construct, and then go through TIP process for funding.

11. Parker Street Development - BOS requesting mitigation from Maynard as there will be traffic impacts from the development on Sudbury roads, particularly the Hudson Rd/Maynard Rd intersection, and possibly the Town Center intersection. A letter has been sent from the Sudbury BOS to the Maynard BOS.

12. Minutes from Sept. 21, 2012 were approved.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.