

TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Friday, February 20, 2015

9:00 am

Flynn Building Conference Room

278 Old Sudbury Road

Present: Bill Place, DPW Director; Bill Miles, Fire Chief; Lt. Bob Grady, SPD; Jim Kupfer, Asst. Planner; Jody Kablack, Planning and Community Development Director

1. Old Framingham Road request for solid center line and a speed limit sign – email from Tom Travers, 8/11/14

Tom Travers, Old Framingham Rd was present to discuss this issue with the committee. Mr. Travers described safety issues with the width and speed along Old Framingham Road. Density has increased significantly on this stretch of road with the construction of Mahoney Farm and Grouse Hill, adding 85 homes in recent years. Mr. Travers' request is for a centerline stripe in the road so vehicles understand it is not a one-way road. He would also like the road to be posted at 25 or 30 mph. The committee noted that Old Framingham Rd is an unposted area, and noted the difficulty in posting this road. Bill Place suggested installing Thickly Settled sign, which correspond to 30 mph. The Sudbury Police Department can try more enforcement as well. The TSC agreed to place 2 Thickly Settled signs, increase enforcement once the snow abates and painting a centerline stripe if lane widths warrant.

Mr. Travers also reiterated his desire to complete the walkway on Old Framingham Rd to the Nobscot intersection. Ms. Kablack will contact Mr. Bachand about the need for an easement, and notify him of several amenities that can be part of the project if he agrees (new fence, pave driveway apron, remove dead tree).

2. Nobscot Road, Springhouse Pond request for crosswalk to be repainted and a pedestrian sign – email from Patricia Carr, 12/1/14

Ms. Kablack reported that she had previously replied via email to this request, indicating the cross walk will be painted in the spring.

3. Surrey Lane, request for speed limit/Caution Children signage– emails from Carina Tan and Lincoln Taylor, 1/25/15 and Marisa Cevalco, 1/24/15

Lt. Grady has discussed this with the neighbor and notified her of the difficulty of creating a new speed limit. The TSC agreed to install a Caution Children sign on the street near its intersection with Moore Road. This sounds like residents of the area, and not any one specific incident. The residents are urged to talk with their neighbors about excessive speed, or to be caution due to children in the area.

4. Assabet River NWR, request for road signs - email from David Molzan 1/22/15

The TSC requested more information on what the signs will look like and where exactly will they be placed. There is also a preference for no additional signs in the Town Center.

5. Hudson Rd and Concord Rd intersection, request for improvements to traffic lights/signs – email from Elena Bershak, 12/28/14

Ms. Kablack reported that she had previously replied via email to this request, indicating that the intersection will be reconstructed in the near future which should improve safety.

6. King Philip, Pokonoket Ave and Massasoit Rd, , request for No Right Turn – emails from Kelly Marks, 10/19/14 and Paul Brady, 8/7/14

The TSC noted that signs which impact Route 20 have to be approved by MADOT. The TSC will write to the state and request their opinion on this matter. The TSC also discussed enforcement of a limited sign, given the experience on Pheasant lane. So many cars do not comply and make the turn during the prohibited times.

7. Rt. 27 and Ward Rd, request for Caution Children signage – email from Lori Cash, 10/8/14

Bill Place reported that the sign was installed by DPW.

8. Old County Rd request for speed bumps/speed limit signage – Paul Maranian, 10/1/14

The TSC recommends an ATR study in the spring by the Police Dept. Neighbors will be notified of the results.

9. Old Lancaster Rd, request for speed limit sign/pedestrian sign – email from James Casey, 7/29/14

Bill Place reported that the sign was installed by DPW. It was questioned if a speed study was done on this stretch of road. Lt. Grady will inquire.

10. Massasoit Ave, request for One Way sign/No Right Turn sign – see #6 above

11. King Philip and Boston Post Road, request for blind driveway sign and/or relocating the stop sign – email from Lorraine Labiento Smith, 9/18/14

The TSC noted that signs which impact Route 20 have to be approved by MADOT. The TSC will write to the state and request their opinion on this matter in conjunction with the matter discussed in #6. The TSC is not in favor of a No Left Turn sign at this location. Given the difficulty of making the turn, motorists have the option of turning right, or turning onto King Philip.

12. Dawson Drive and Ames Rd, request for Caution Children signage – emails from Peter Abair, 9/17/14 and Anne and Josef Kottler, 9/17/14

The TSC notes that given the circulation pattern in the area, this is likely neighborhood traffic only. The TSC recommends the installation of a Caution Children sign. The residents are also encouraged to talk to other neighbors about driving slower, and trimming bushes where sight distance is impaired.

13. Possum Lane, request for additional electronic speed limit sign – email from Beth Schlessman, 9/8/14

SPD has observed this location and does not believe it warrants the electronic speed sign. There are limited signs and higher priority locations. DPW installed Caution Children sign last year.

14. Minutes from July 25, 2014 were approved.

15. Miscellaneous items - none

Adjourned 9:45 am.