

TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 23, 2017

9:00 am

Sudbury Police Department

75 Hudson Road

Present: Dan Nason, DPW Director; Bill Miles, Fire Chief; Scott Nix, Police Chief; Meagen Donoghue, Planning and Community Development Director

1. Introduction of new members – DPW Director, Dan Nason and Director of Planning and Community Development, Meagen Donoghue. The Committee voted to have Chief Nix act as Chair.

2. Request to add crosswalk barrel on Hudson Road at Dutton Road – Email from Shanti Skiffington

The Committee discussed and recommended not to put sign or barrel in requested location due to adverse maneuvering from on-coming vehicles. Further discussion included placing updated signage incrementally at problematic locations.

3. Fairbank Road electronic speed limit sign request and additional street lights – emails from Lisa Silverman

The Committee discussed and advised against the installation of an electronic sign. The Committee approved an assessment of the speed limit and installation of a light at the intersection of Fairbank Road near Camper Down and Philips Roads.

4. Add No Thru Street sign on Abbottswood – email from Lisa Silverman

The Committee discussed and voted to add signage on Country Village, Abbottswood, and Fairbank Roads

5. Nixon Crosswalk reconfiguration – continuation of plans

The Committee voted to recommend moving forward with plan submitted by the Town of Sudbury Engineering Department after explaining to concerned parties.

6. Stop signs at intersecting streets in the Pine Lakes neighborhood – email from Nicole Burnard

The Committee discussed and advised the DPW Director of Police Chief to assess the field and report to residents.

7. Safety concern for crosswalk on RTE 117 at Willard Grant – email from Bobbianna Neubert-Langille

The Committee discussed positioning of the sidewalk due to the concern about sightlines and of the current positioning at the intersection.

8. Pedestrian crossing improvements – from Town Manager

The Committee recommended not to add flags but to address better and updated signage for crosswalks.

9. Addition of crosswalks on RTE 20 – email from Duston Ladieu

The Committee discussed the following:

- a. Discussion ensued regarding signage and appropriate mileage.
- b. The DPW Director stated the crosswalks would no longer be painted blue as the surface is too slippery for people and vehicles alike. He further added his team is looking at safety concerns of painting practices and alternatives.
- c. The Committee discussed the matter is being researched in coordination with MassDOT. A response received from Mass DOT indicated they do not install crosswalks in a non-signalized areas, and prefer pedestrians use heightened precautions when crossing. MassDOT also indicated they are looking into moving the signal at Boston Post Road and Union Avenue, given heightened pedestrian accidents in the area.

10. Concern regarding flow of traffic in town center – email from Jeremy Chadwick

The Committee discussed MassDOT moving forward with a plan for the installation of a signal and signalized crossing at Boston Post and Landham Roads.

11. Request traffic light at Landham and RTE 20 and concerns regarding traffic light timing in town center – email from Jerry Sherman

The Committee discussed maximizing the timing and efficiency of the signal at Town Center. The DPW has previously discussed the topic and is seeking a third party to further review as they continue to examine the situation.

12. Dakin Road safety concern in the area of Philemon Whale Lane – email from Jennifer Rossi

The Committee noted items 1, 2 and 10 from Ms. Rossi's letter were previously addressed. The Committee agreed that item number three, a red and yellow flashing light, would not be of benefit.

13. Miscellaneous items

- a. Chief Nix stated that given the departure of previous the Committee Chair, there may have been items throughout the discussion that were missed. The Committee apologizes and requests that inquiries not discussed at this meeting be resubmitted for the next Traffic Safety Advisory Committee.

- b. DPW Direct, Dan Nason discussed the crossing situation at the Nixon School. After assessing the situation, the Committee will evaluate and identify flashing LED sign locations, pending funding.

Adjourned 10:25 am.