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TRAFFIC STUDY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 6, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

TIME: 10:00AM – 11:00AM

LOCATION: SWAMPSCOTT TOWN HALL, SELECTMEN’S MEETING ROOM

MEMBERS PRESENT: G. Cresta (DPW), R. Mendes (Parking Clerk), G. Lord (Police), J. Potts (Fire)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Sheryl Levenson (resident), Paul Levenson (resident), Emily Vazquez (resident), Pete Kane (Dir. of Community Development)

Meeting called to order at 10:00am by Acting Chair Mendes

1. Request for “Drive Slow” signage on Beach Ave.

Ms. Vazquez addressed the committee regarding hers, and neighbors’, concerns with speeding on Beach Ave. Her suggestion was to place a “Drive Slow” sign in an attempt to curb the speed on that small residential street. There was a discussion amongst the committee members and Ms. Vazquez regarding her concerns and DPW Director Cresta agreed to view the street and see if placing a “Drive Slow” sign was warranted and Officer Lord agreed to speak with the Police Dept. regarding more intensive traffic enforcement in the area.

2. Review of Shepard Ave./Phillips Beach parking

Ms. Levenson requested that this matter come before the committee at this meeting and both she and Mr. Levenson spoke of continued beach parking in the residential permit only spaces and other continued problems with traffic and parking in the area due to people using Phillips Beach. While no specific recommendations came out of this discussions, it was suggested that signs be adjust such that they are not facing directly out into the street, which makes them less visible to drivers when they are looking for a place to park. Otherwise, it was agreed to continue to monitor the beach parking in the area and the Police agreed to continue with parking regulation enforcement.

3. Request of Disability Commission and Community Development Director to add several Handicap Spaces on Humphrey Street.

Mr. Kane presented to the committee plans to re-work the placement of handicap spaces along the recently re-constructed portions of Humphrey Street. Specifically, the recommendation, and **Upon Motion made and duly seconded, it was voted unanimously** to recommend that the Selectmen change the configuration of handicap spaces as follows: Keep the following spaces: King's Beach (on Lynn Shore Drive @ Ramp entrance to beach), 56 Humphrey Street, 174 Humphrey Street (St. John's Rectory), and Fisherman's Beach (across from Greenwood Ave. next to driveway entrance to beach). The handicap restriction on the parking space at 286 Humphrey Street (Nguyen's Vietnamese Cuisine) is to be removed. The following parking spaces would henceforth be restricted as handicap spaces: space located at King's Beach (@ intersection w/ Monument Ave. next to crosswalk), space between Humphrey/Redington intersection and Parking Lot Entrance to Hawthorne by the Sea Restaurant), space at 232 Humphrey Street (in front of Cassidy Insurance just prior to fire hydrant), and a space near Fisherman's Beach (across from Humphrey Terrace next to crosswalk).

4. Request of School Department to add additional school employee parking on Monument Ave. for employees of Hadley School.

The committee received a communication from the Principal of the Hadley School requesting that the Town increase the number of employee parking spaces along Monument Ave. There was some discussion regarding this request, which generally received the support of the committee.

Upon Motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to recommend that the Selectmen increase the number of School Dept. employee parking spaces on Monument Ave. from the current 6 spaces to as many as 10 spaces if space allows, and to recommend that the DPW Director arrange to have the signage moved such that the additional spaces would be marked appropriately.

A letter outlining the above recommendations voted by the committee will be drafted by Acting Chair Mendes and submitted to the Town Administrator.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:15am

M. Ronald Mendes
Acting Chair

Encl. (Copy of Letter to Town Administrator outlining recommendations)