



## MEMORANDUM

To: Richard J. White, Town Manager

From: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC)

Date: Thursday, 17 January 2008

Subject: **TSAC Minutes from Thursday, 17 January 2008**

In attendance:

Michael Diluiso – Resident  
Fire Chief Larry Powers  
Police Chief David Goldstein  
Ed Cox – Resident  
David Hickey – Director of Public Works  
Michele Karas – Parking Clerk

The TSAC met on Thursday, 17 January 2008 at 8:00 AM in the Joseph Harvey Hearing Room of the town hall to discuss the following issues:

### **Agenda Item # 1**

**Request:**

Resident requests to discuss the possibility of installing a sign at Terrace Avenue facing NORTH directing pedestrians to use the sidewalk on the opposite side of the street; and, to paint a white line in the northbound lane opposite/along the wall that would guide vehicles to stay safely out from hugging the wall.

**Discussion:**

Mr. Robert M. DiMento of 89 Cottage Avenue suggested erecting a “CAUTION BLIND INTERSECTION” sign on Shirley just before the curve going northbound.

Mr. Jim LeBlanc of 225 Woodside Avenue agreed with Mr. DiMento’s suggestion.

In addition, on an unrelated issue, Mr. DiMento requested to review the area of Park and Terrace; he believes there is a missing STOP sign, which was taken down by a motor vehicle accident and never re-erected.

**Recommendations:**

David Hickey has asked the Committee to be removed from voting on this issue; he was a recipient of an abutter's letter.

The Committee is in full agreement with Mr. DiMento's suggestion.

David Hickey, Director of Public Works will have the DPW install a sign just before the curve on the northbound side reading "CAUTION BLIND INTERSECTION" or something similar along those lines.

**Agenda Item #2****Request:**

Resident requests to discuss the possibility of installing a NO TURN ON RED SIGN at the intersection of Main and Pleasant Streets.

**Discussion:**

Mr. Jim LeBlanc of 255 Woodside Avenue asked if the committee had reviewed his letter outlining his request. The letter explained how Mr. LeBlanc was "almost rear-ended by a driver as Mr. LeBlanc stopped at the light before turning right-on-red."

Mr. Robert Indresano of 63 Paine Street whom is also the administrator to a piece of property located at 626 Pleasant Street agreed with Mr. LeBlanc of the issue. In addition, Mr. Indresano stated he too has encountered motorists not stopping at that light before taking a right-on-red almost causing accidents, involving both motor vehicles and pedestrians.

On an unrelated issue, Mr. Indresano complained of traffic at Dunkin Donuts backing up due to timing of lights at Main and Pleasant.

The Chair, Chief Goldstein agreed that there is an issue with regards to motorists not stopping at that light; enforcement is ongoing in that area; the WPD does stop and cite violators on a continuous basis.

The Chair also recognizes that there is an issue with the syncing of our lights with Boston. Both the Chair and Director of Public Works, David Hickey has corresponded to Boston Public Works to try to rectify this problem with no avail. In addition, studies have been conducted in that area with findings that state increased development will not impact that area regarding parking or traffic flow. They fail to recognize that because it was already a problem these are the skewed findings they present.

**Recommendation:**

The Committee is unanimously in FAVOR of supporting this request contingent on the completion and findings of an engineering study for that intersection/area.

## **Open Comment Session:**

### **Request:**

Mr. DiMento asks what the Town, Committee or School Department is doing to solve or come up with a solution to the issue ongoing regarding the Gorman Fort Banks School.

### **Discussion:**

The Chair explained that the school was built with no concern for parking and/or traffic flow. He states, the principal has done a tremendous job regarding safety for the children and he commends her for her ongoing efforts.

He stated there are on-going meetings as well as the Town Manager and Town Council that are open to suggestions. He suggested for Mr. DiMento to form and chair a civilian/resident group to help devise a solution to their problem.

In addition, there are currently three options, which were presented to the Council. There has not been a determination to date if any of these will solve the issues.

The Chair also stated he will be holding a COMMUNITY MEETING more towards the issues raised pertaining to Golden and Overlook. That meeting will be held on January 29, 2008.