



## Meeting Minutes

DATE: January 20, 2010

SUBJECT: **TSAC Minutes from January 20, 2010**

**Meeting called to order by Chairman / Chief Delahanty at 8:07 am..**

**Members Present:**

- Police Chief Terrance Delahanty, Chair
- Fire Chief, Paul Flannagan
- David Hickey, DPW Director
- Mike Dilusio, Resident Representative (arrived a few minutes late)

Note: Michele Karas, member and parking officer was absent but forward comments and her position on the 2-4 Highland St item via email

The Traffic Safety Advisory Committee met on January 20, 2010 at 8AM to discuss the following issues brought before us:

**Continuation / discussion and recommendation on traffic safety issues / recommendations for a recent use change at 2 / 4 Highland Ave.**

Chairmen Delhanty explained that this agenda item had been effectively tabled from the December Meeting to allow all members to conduct a site visit, after which he offered comments from the public and from which there were none. The item was opened for discussion and Dave Hickey expressed concerns with safety and an expansion of the use citing standards of separation between driveways at 30' and separation from intersections of 40' and expressing a favorable position to close the driveway opening. Chairman Delahanty followed with comments that the driveway had been in use for some time and that there was no accident history / increase that could be associated with the use of the driveway. He stated that the site visit raised some concerns with too much use of Quincy Pathway, that the existing drive exit seemed to sync up with the lights fairly well and that some signage asking business users wait for the light would help. Michele Karas' comments <APPENDIX A> were read into the record, which stated that she felt the use of the driveway together with some signage appeared safe. Chief Flannagan followed stating that he was in favor of leaving things as they are because the Quincy Path use and the potential for an increase in illegal "U-turns" at Revere and Dean Ave likely represent a less safe positions. Mike Dilusio followed saying that he did not see a problem, the use was fairly low and two access points represented the best of the available options.

A motion was made by Chief Flannagan to recommend to the Town Manager that the TSACA did not find significant safety concerns with the use of the driveway for 2/4 Highland Ave.

The motion was seconded by Mike Dilusio and a vote of 4 in favor (including Michele Karas vote by proxy) and 1 against followed.

**Agenda Item #1 – A request / discussion to make Cross Street a one-way street to address the speeding vehicles on Shirley Street especially at the Cross Street intersection.**

Dave Phips, a Winthrop resident, inquired about the limits of the possible one-way and what the purpose was. Having no answer he expressed a opinion against the request.

Diane Beaudin, a Winthrop resident, informed that TSCA that she is a direct abutter to the Shirley St / Cross St intersection and that horns sounding and minor accidents are a somewhat frequent occurrence, but that she did not see how a one way would reduce those.

Chairman Delahanty asked if parking was a contributing factor.

Nancy Valys another nearby abutter stated that she doesn't feel a one way makes any sense.

Dave Hickey stated that both streets are 27' paved which is slightly larger than the Town average and that previous calls to the owner of 93 Shirley St, to trim back shrubbery had been effective in the past and that this appeared to be the most limiting factor affecting sight distances in the area.

With no further comments Mike Dilisio made a motion to deny the request. The motion was seconded by Paul Flannagan and a unanimous vote of 4 in favor and none against was cast.

Old Business – The committee reviewed a recommendation to limit parking on Harvard St, copy attached, to 1 hr between 8am and 5pm and voted to approve it and forward it to the Town Manager for further action.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:38AM.**

## APPENDIX A

From: **Michele Karas** [mailto:[mkaras@town.winthrop.ma.us](mailto:mkaras@town.winthrop.ma.us)]  
Sent: **Tuesday, January 19, 2010 2:10 PM**  
To: **tsac@town.winthrop.ma.us**  
Subject: **Wednesday 01/20/10**  
Importance: **High**

TSAC,

I will not be able to attend tomorrow's meeting.

In my absence, I would like to ask that my decision be read into record re: 2-4 Highland Ave.

Based on no historical data of motor vehicle accidents, I do not see any issues with the driveway remaining and be used as a right of way of entering and exiting the rear parking facility from the rear of the property. I feel signage could be placed at the exit of the right of way (driveway) exit to which way the motor vehicle should precede when light is green to help the traffic flow from the property.

As for So. Main Street – I would like to ask that David Hickey please call Mr. Russell Lloyd of 28 South Main Street. Mr. Lloyd has submitted a request for public records to the Town Clerk on that agenda item which was on the January 21, 2009 TSAC agenda. Since then, letters to that neighborhood were to be sent. I agreed that letters should be sent to the neighborhood so the results could be reviewed by TSAC and could better base our decision. The progress of this issue should be brought into the record and if there is a resolution or a deadline we should state it and then work to meet it.

Attached is a pdf document that has the request for public records along with the email from June 2009 with the draft letter to neighborhood of So. Main.

Thank you.

Michele

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