



Meeting Minutes

DATE: July 20, 2011

SUBJECT: **TSAC Minutes from July 7, 2011**

Meeting called to order by acting Chairman Flanagan at 8:30 am.

Members Present:

- David Hickey, DPW Director
- Mike Dilusio, Parking Enforcement
- Chair Paul Flanagan, Fire Chief
- John Eade, resident member

The Traffic Safety Advisory Committee met on July 20, 2011 at 8:30 am to discuss the following issues brought before us:

- **Emerson Road resident petition to make street one way and add speed bumps to reduce speeding and improve safety**
- **Winthrop Street at Revere & Main, proposed 15 min parking zone**
- **Hermion St bus route**

Emerson Road - TSCA committee discussed the request for speed bumps and more caution children sign and recognized that the request to make the street into a one way had previously been withdrawn. The following motions were made on the subject.

- 1) A motion was made by Mike Dilusio not to install speed bumps in accordance with long established policy re: speed bumps on public ways, the motion was seconded by Dave Hickey and voted unanimously.
- 2) A motion by Mike Dilusio not to install more "caution children" signs until speed spy or other data definitively shows the existence of speeding, and the Police department has a chance to target enforcement, the motion was seconded by Paul Flanagan, during discussion the motion was modified to include a request to the Police Department to place the portable speed warning sign in the area to encourage good practices, hopefully before school starts, the motion was voted unanimously.

Winthrop / Revere Street (McGhee's Corner) – a motion was previously made and will be formed in the manner of a recommendation to the manager shortly.

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Hermon St – a discussion regarding the experience associated with the temporary bus relocation occurred, overall the re-route work without major issues however there was some feedback that users around the Town Hall area, including Center, Lincoln, Belcher, Cora and beyond expressed frustration with the added distance. There was a brief review of the most recent transit user counts (winter 2011), which the DPW will forward electronically to members. There was some discussion about how to proceed with given the remand of the issue from the Council's subcommittee with a general feeling that the next most logical safety improvement would involve consideration to restrict parking, particularly in between School and Lincoln Streets.

There was some discussion about changes for the committee to improve efficiency. Specifically the following ideas were discussed;

- Creation of a checklist or other practice to assist the Town Managers office in assuring that items are worthy of consideration and/or can not be resolved at the department level,
- A mechanism to reduce repetitive items, for instance a prohibition of re-consideration of items that have been considered within the last 3 years without a determination that there are new facts or that the request is adequately dissimilar,
- Changing the meeting time to facilitate the use of a clerk.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 am