

Traffic Advisory Committee - Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 26, 2023

9:10am

1. Open Meeting/Roll Call

Chair, Officer Grace called the meeting to order at 9:00am

Ms. Raffi- present

Mr. Walker - present

Mr. Lindros- present

Mr. Muller- present

Officer Charlie Grace-present

2. Review and approve meeting minutes from March 15, 2023

Mr. Muller made a motion to approve the March 15,2023 meeting minutes.

Mr. Lindros seconded the motion.

All in favor:

Ms. Raffi- yes, Mr. Walker-yes, Mr. Lindros-yes, Mr. Muller-yes Officer Grace- yes

3. Review of Petitions

Petitioners;

A. Boyd- Karen Circle

Proposal: Need a sign to warn dangerous curve ahead and need to consider guard rails on the curve.

Motion by Mr. Walker to recommend S curve signs to be placed both east and west on Gorwin Drive at the cemetery.

All in favor: Ms. Raffi- yes, Mr. Walker-yes, Mr. Lindros-yes, Mr. Muller-yes Officer Grace- yes

Motion by Ms. Raffi for guardrails to be placed on the curve on west side

Seconded by Mr. Lindros

All in favor: Ms. Raffi- yes, Mr. Walker-yes, Mr. Lindros-yes, Mr. Muller-yes Officer Grace- yes

B. Vine St. and Winthrop St intersection (voted at March 15, 2023 meeting)

Add Stop sign to Vine and Winthrop St (on North side).

Moved by Officer Grace to add a Stop sign to the Vine and Winthrop St intersection.

Seconded by Mr. Lindros

All in favor: Ms. Raffi- yes, Mr. Walker-yes, Mr. Lindros-yes, Mr. Muller-yes Officer Grace- yes

C. Holly- 78 Briarcliff - 3 way stop at Mill/N.Mill

Officer Grace provided data from traffic counter along with history of reports on the street- the data does not support the need to place a stop sign at this intersection.

Motion by Office Grace to place "intersection ahead" on both sides of Mill St and increase presence of HPD on Mill St.

Seconded by: Mr. Mueller

All in favor: Ms. Raffi- yes, Mr. Walker-yes, Mr. Lindros-yes, Mr. Muller-yes Officer Grace- yes

Next Set of Hearings:

1. Sarah Baroud - 21 Lowland Street.
2. Defusco- 35 Union St- request for Deaf sign- speed reduction - did not attend
3. Boucher- 52 Willowgate Rise- speed limit signs - did not attend

Baroud- 21 Lowland Street

Located next to the rail trail crossing.

Requesting stop signs on either side of the rail trail. Concern in particular for students who will be using the Rail Trail to get to the Woodland St. campus (increased number of walkers/bike riders with the closure of Woodland St).

- Rob Walker to talk to the Rail Trail Committee about putting barriers.
- Can we legally put up stop signs where a sidewalk is now being added to Lowland St?

Hearings for May meeting:

Kopko-20 Turner Road-

Harrison - 54 Turner Road- speed bumps, closing road,

Cellupica-55 Blittersweet Circle- cross walk to get sidewalk on Hollis St.

Lindsay-170 Adams St- Stop Signs along Hanlon Road

4. Sign Audit Update

Robert Walker, DPW Deputy Director, is maintaining the Sign Audit list.

More auditing of signs. Replacing old signs and fixing signs.

Put a plug in for Public Safety/Touch A Truck on May 6,2023.

5. Matters not anticipated by the Chair at the time of the posting

Winter St- motion to reduce speed limit to 25. MA DOT is putting us in a process as MA DOT wants to put their own study for the area.

Education- can we offer some general driving sessions? Drunk driving/distracted awareness classes?

6. Next Meeting

March 31, 2023- 9:00a HPD

7. Adjourn

Ms. Raffi made a motion to adjourn at 9:55a. Mr. Lindros seconded the motion.All in favor:

Mr. Lindros - Yes

Mr. Muller - Yes

Ms. Raffi - Yes

Mr. Walker - Yes

Officer Grace - Yes

Submitted by, Stacey Raffi