

Approved 9/20/23
9:00 AM

Traffic Advisory Committee - Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 31, 2023

9:00am

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- absent

Officer Charlie Grace-present

2. Review and approve meeting minutes from April 26 2023

Mr. Walker made a motion to approve the April 26,2023 meeting minutes.

Mr. Lindros seconded the motion.

All in favor:

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

3. Review of Petitions

Petitioners;

A. Baroud -21 Lowland St.

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?

According to MA DOT, in order to put up stop signs, we need to fulfill one of the following:

- 6,000 vehicles- our highest was 2,100 vehicles
- response to crashes - no crashes in the past
- restricted view exists- there is no restriction

Rob Walker talked to Rail Trail- there are regulations on what can be placed on rail trail (MUTCD (7), the R5-3.

Can we have SRO/Crossing Guards stand on the Rail Trail to re-educate the pedestrians on the trail?

Lt. Barrett will be reaching out to the Safe Routes to School Committee to review if there are any options for this particular instruction.

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4. New Petitions

A. 55 Bittersweet Circle (off Hollist St) - R. Cellupica

Asking for Crosswalk from the end of their sidewalk to the opposite side of
Flashing Pedestrian sign
Signage to indicate the crosswalk

B. 54 Turner Road - E. Harrison

Lower Turner Road was built as a cul de sac where it ended at the stream.
Increased traffic when the condos went in at the top of Turner Road
Increased landscapers, Amazon trucks
Concern about 22 new single family homes, 2 duplexes being built off of Indian Ridge Rd

Proposal:

1. Return lower Turner Road to a cul de sac design (it was designed this way originally and changed when the condos were built)
2. Maintain road connection between lower Turner Road and Indian Ridge South. End upper Turner Road at the condominium complex, redesigning upper Turner Road as a cul de sac. Connect upper and lower Turner Road via a walking path.
3. Add sidewalks and 4 speed bumps along lower Turner Rd

*TAC felt that these proposals fall under the purview of the Planning Board, Directed petitioner to Karen Sherman/Karen Langston and Planning Board and Town Administrator Travis Ahern.

Next Set of Hearings:

1. Matthis- Rockland St
2. Annie Lindsay- Adams St.(stop signs at Hanlon St/intersection)
3. Kattman- Grove St - no parking signs (Nursing Home)

4. Sign Audit Update

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

Very successful with replacing old signs with new ones.

Still working through the list- they are now in very busy season with Spring/Summer weather and the projects that are scheduled to be completed.

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

6. Next Meeting

June 28, 2023- 9:00a HPD

7. Adjourn

Ms. Raffi made a motion to adjourn at 10:15a. Mr. Lindros seconded the motion.All in favor:

Mr. Lindros - Yes

Ms. Raffi - Yes

Mr. Walker - Yes

Officer Grace - Yes

Submitted by, Stacey Raffi