



TRAFFIC SAFETY WORK GROUP

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Nantucket, Massachusetts 02554

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~~ Minutes ~~

Thursday, July 15, 2021

Staff in attendance: Operations Administrator Erika Mooney; Lines and Signs Foreman Ray Sylvia; Town Minute Taker Terry Norton

Attending Members: Arthur Gasbarro (chairman); Jack Gardner (vice chairman); Fire Chief Steve Murphy; Police Chief William Pittman; Commission on Disability Chair Milton Rowland; Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Rob McNeil

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Called to order at 10:31 a.m.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. OFFICIAL BUSINESS

1. Request for "Dead End No Turnaround" and "Slow Children" signage on Millers Lane

Documentation Email from Tom Conti; Plan No. 2008-61

Discussion **Gasbarro** – This road runs behind Nantucket Inn.

Mooney – The Town Manager supports this.

Action **Motion to Install the requested signage at the discretion of the DPW.** (made by: McNeil) (seconded)

Roll-call Vote Carried 6-0//Gardner, McNeil, Pittman, Murphy, Rowland, and Gasbarro-aye

2. Request for signage to deter speeding on Upper Main Street/ New Lane.

Documentation Email from Lisa Rindler

Discussion **Lisa Rindler**, 5 New Lane – She's concerned about the speeding on New Lane particularly making the turn at upper Main Street. There is quite a bit of pedestrian traffic from New Lane to Town. Asked them to consider additional signage.

Gasbarro – Several years ago, we had talked about adding pavement marking in the area to help keep people in their lane; doesn't know if that happened.

Gardner – You need markers in the road but it's only 25' wide with no sidewalk.

Gasbarro – If we don't have a sign above the turn, suggested a cautionary sign.

Patrick McEvoy, 7 Madaket Road – He stopped running that way because he was nearly hit so many times. The biggest trouble is business vans and trucks with trailers. A larger sign might be helpful. He's willing to look at any vegetative overgrowth and notify Ms. Mooney.

Gasbarro – Installation of sidewalks would take a longer planning process. There are some unmarked graves along the road in the cemetery that prevent installing sidewalks there.

Murphy – Asked Mr. Sylvia if the "slow children" signs are still in place. Suggested a warning sign at the turn.

Sylvia – He's sure they are but would have to check if the one on Upper Main is missing.

Pittman – There should be no 20MPH signs because it isn't enforceable. New Lane should be 25 MPH all directions due to density.

McNeil – We'll look at the signage in the area; he would support a warning sign for the curve.

Pittman – Explained the reasoning behind the Town policy for minimal road signs.

Action DPW to review existing signage for visibility and appropriateness.

Roll-call Vote N/A

3. Review request to change speed limit on Madaket Road

Documentation Email from Patrick McEvoy

Discussion **Patrick McEvoy**, 7 Madaket Road – The 20 MPH sign at the beginning of Madaket Road is very hard to see. He sees people speeding past his house; he got a speed gun to confirm it. There are many children in the area. An additional problem is bikers starting out on the road who have to cross over to the bike path at a bad location. This is a ticking time bomb for an accident.

Gasbarro – First step should be look at the signage and ensure appropriateness, placement, and visibility are adequate. Should also look at possible encroachment issues.

Sylvia – The 25 MPH at the beginning, there's a sign on that post directing bikers to the path. He's trimmed back an encroachment issue; he'd like to move it farther down road, but it would be where all the landscapers park.

Tom Jarecki, 8 F Street – There is a “thickly-settled” residential sign and a 40MPH; he doesn't know which speed is correct.

Gasbarro – Speed along that corridor is not consistent. He will send the 1940 Land Court plan to Mr. McNeil and Ms. Mooney.

Pittman – From Crooked Lane to Caton Circle should be 25MPH; west from there, Madaket is a rural road so the speed is 40MPH; any other speed would be advisory.

Action DPW to review existing signage for visibility and appropriateness.

Roll-call Vote N/A

4. Review request to change speed limit on Crooked Lane

Documentation Email thread from Robert Strong, Chief Pittman

Discussion **Gasbarro** – Received an email about the speed; we were considering installing a “caution curve ahead” sign upon Mr. Pittman's recommendation.

Pittman – It looks like the speed should be 25MPH based upon the density. His suggestion is install the “caution curve ahead” sign with a 20MPH speed advisory.

Action Follow Chief Pittman's suggestion.

Roll-call Vote N/A

5. Discuss changing Candle Street taxi stand to 1-hour parking and/or drop-off/pick-up zone

Documentation Email from Nat Lowell with photo

Discussion **Gasbarro** – It seems there is very little utilization by taxis of this stand; his thought is to change it to 1-hour parking and/or pick-up/drop-off for the Hyline.

Nat Lowell – The cab area by Capt. Toby's is being heavily utilized by cabs; he's been watching it every day and not seen any in this stand. Salem Street is 30 minutes parking. Suggested the 1st half of this section as parking and the 2nd half as a pick-up/drop-off zone.

Murphy – Asked which parking time restriction would be better for enforceability. We need to have parked cars on that section of road but wants the lowest parking time. If no cars are parked there, it's used as a turn lane.

Pittman – Suggested 1-hour parking. He agrees the stretch is under-utilized and a pick-up zone is intriguing; suggested pick-up in the afternoon with parking in the evening.

McNeil – He has been talking with Mr. Lowell about the high turnover in the area. Likes Chief Pittman's suggestion. He can review this and come back with suggested signage for the area.

Gasbarro – If we go with 30 minutes, it would eliminate the need for split usage as a pick-up/drop-off section. He likes keeping things simple.

Sylvia – 30 minutes would work well there. When we split usage, we have two signs, and it's confusing.

Lowell – The little spot next to Vineyard Vines where school buses park, that could be a pick-up/drop-off.

Pittman – That has to be kept open for school buses to drop of teams.

Action **Motion to Recommend changing to 30-min parking.** (made by: Rowland) (seconded)

Roll-call Vote Carried 6-0//Gardner, McNeil, Pittman, Murphy, Rowland, and Gasbarro-aye

6. Review request for 3-way stop at Fairgrounds and Old South Road

Documentation Email from Ralph Protsik

Discussion **Gasbarro** – This suggestion was from Ralph Protsik.
No comments.

Action Take no action

Roll-call Vote N/A

7. Review road shoulder parking for Yummy/63 Surfside Road

Documentation Emails from Sallyanne Austin with photos; ZBA Special Permit; suggested draft sketch

Discussion **Gasbarro** – We’ve discussed this in the past. This is already dedicated as no-parking and Town Manager supports keeping it that way.
No comments.

Action DPW to review no-parking signage.

Roll-call Vote N/A

8. Review request of additional speed and/or slow signs on Miacomet Road

Documentation Minutes from 7/23/2020; emails from Paul Gaucher, Kevin Green

Discussion **Gardner** – He thinks it’s more the beach-goers than the residents. Brush cutting would help.
Gasbarro – Suggested cutting back the brush to create a pedestrian refuge.
Murphy – Asked for additional signage and visibility.

Action Add to the DPW brush-cutting list and review signage.

Roll-call Vote N/A

9. Review request for yellow no-parking line across from 8 F street

Documentation Email from Tom Jareki with photos

Discussion **Tom Jarecki**, 8 F Street – This problem has been going on this year, but it got worse when they repaved the curbing. When trailers are there, we can’t get in and out of our driveway.
Gasbarro – The balance is the need for parking of boat trailers. Asked if the area behind the curbing were leveled out for parking.
Jarecki – The DPW has cut back the foliage as far as possible. He’s asking to take away one car space to allow him to make the turn in and out of his driveway.
McNeil – When we first looked at this area, there was a Madaket Conservation Association request to install the berm and improve the shoulder behind it. It naturally became a parking area for boaters with trailers; a better solution is to get them out of the way with a more convenient parking location.
Murphy – He doesn’t support a yellow line there.
Pittman – It’s not legal to leave a boat parked on the roadway; the Police should have been called.
Gasbarro – If there’s no truck attached to the trailer, call the Police.

Jarecki – We are always calling the police and we feel like we’re being a nuisance; they are ticketing all the time. That road is 13’ wide with a lot of traffic.

Action No action taken.

Roll-call Vote N/A

10. Discussion on Old South Road pavement markings.

Documentation Old South Road Sign and Pavement Markings plans; email from David J. Armanetti

Discussion **Gasbarro** – Included in our packet are the marking plans. He wants to know the schedule for getting this done: crosswalks not installed, area more utilized leaving motorists confused about where they are supposed to be. We should have a discussion on how long it will take for the markings

Edward Pesce, Town Engineering Consultant – It has been a problem since day one; the temporary markings help. Read highlights from Mr. Armanetti’s email regarding issues with installing the markings; now is not a safe time of year and suggests early September. He endorses waiting to September, but suggested they give Richmond Development deadline. If the TSWG wants other markings or features in place, it’s a good point to carry that message

back to Richmond Group. He's going to push them to get pavement marking and landscaping in place in the fall; suggested a 1 October deadline.

Gasbarro – Asked why they can't install the markings at night; with the extended shoulder season, that road will continue to be heavily used into the fall.

Pittman – Right now, you can't get a vehicle here before September if you don't have a reservation. We've been dealing with night work in other locations; people don't understand the officer's directions or cages aren't positioned properly. Though it's not being used to optimal capacity, suggests wait for September to get the lanes in properly.

Pesce – What's out there now is temporary; the permanent markings would go down in the Fall. Victor Brandon put those down to meet minimal safety requirements. Suggested an email to follow this meeting telling Mr. Armanetti to schedule the work for early September and markings and landscaping are to be in place by 1 October.

Action **Motion to Recommend that Richmond Development complete required improvements regarding pavement markings by October 1, 2021.** (made by: Gardner) (seconded)

Roll-call Vote Carried 6-0//McNeil, Pittman, Murphy, Rowland, Gardner, and Gasbarro-aye

11. Review petition to make Mount Vernon Street on-way heading north.

Documentation Petition from residents of Mt. Vernon St; abutters list

Discussion **Robert Kaufman**, 32 Milk Street – Yesterday there was an accident supporting why this is necessary; my wife got hit by a car turning from Milk Street. Mount Vernon used to be one way. Feels a serious accident is waiting to happen at this convergence of Quaker Road, Prospect Street, Mount Vernon Street, Milk Street, Saratoga Lane, and the bike path.

Rowland – He has to recuse as he's a property owner; stated he supports the Kaufmans' suggestion.

Pittman – A decision needs to be made based upon the impact of traffic on the other roads. He doesn't know what that would be. Suggested making Mount Vernon no parking.

R. Kaufman – No parking would be quite a burden for residents.

Anne Kaufman, 32 Milk Street – Our neighbor on that corner said vehicles turning left on Mt. Vernon plug up the Quaker intersection.

Gardner – He lived on that street 30 years ago; it has changed over the last 10 years with increased traffic. He supports this, but noted that if this change is made, Joy Street will jam up and someone will want that to be one way.

Sylvia – We repainted the yellow line on Joy Street; there is a better flow going both directions now.

Gasbarro – He supports this, and one-way north makes the most sense.

Mooney – This will have to go through a public hearing process.

McNeil – He hears a Transportation Manager is on the way. A bike path is proposed through Prospect to Hummock Pond Road using Mount Vernon. Cautioned making recommendations before the new Transportation Manager comes on board.

Pittman – We would have a real issue with putting a 2-way bike path on the one-way street unless its pavement is separate from the road way. Given Mr. McNeil's information, suggested tabling this for more information. Mike Burns put a lot of work into this and there will be movement on this in the future.

Action **Motion to Take no Action.** (made by: Pittman) (seconded)

Roll-call Vote Carried 6-0//Pittman, Murphy, Gardner, McNeil, and Gasbarro-aye//Rowland recused.

V. OTHER BUSINESS (Topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting)

1. None

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. The minutes of April 15, 2021

Action **Motion to Approve as drafted.** (made by: Pittman) (seconded)

Roll-call Vote Carried 6-0//Pittman, Murphy, Rowland, Gardner, McNeil, and Gasbarro-aye

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Action **Motion to adjourn at 12:16 pm.** (made by: Pittman) (seconded)

Roll-call Vote Carried 6-0//Pittman, Murphy, Rowland, Gardner, McNeil, and Gasbarro-aye

List of additional documents used at the meeting:

1. Draft TSWG minutes for April 15, 2021