



TRAFFIC SAFETY WORK GROUP

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~ Minutes ~

Thursday, May 19, 2022

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 Stephen Murphy; Commission on Disability Chair Milton Rowland; Transportation Program Manager Patrick Reed

Members Absent: Police Chief William Pittman; Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Stephen Arceneaux

Late attendee: Jack Gardner at 10:49 am

I. CALL TO ORDER

Called to order at 10:36 a.m.

Agenda adopted by unanimous consent

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

III. OFFICIAL BUSINESS

1. Review request for an additional accessible parking space in front of the American Legion, 21 Washington Street.
 - Documentation Emails: Neville Richen dated March 2, 2022 and Brenda McDonough dated April 19, 2022; GIS aerial map
 - Discussion **Mooney** – Reviewed the request. Commission on Disability is in favor of this request.
Rowland – We think that strip can use another accessible space; we thought of putting it closer to the coffee shop just beyond the yellow line.
Terry Norton, Post 82 Adjutant – Reviewed American Legion Post 82 discussion, which concurred with Mr. Rowland's recommendation.
Gasbarro – He would be inclined to defer to Commission on Disability and the applicant.
 - Action **Motion to recommend installation of a new accessible parking space in front of 17 Washington Street.** (made by: Rowland) (seconded)
 - Roll-call Vote Carried 4-0//Rowland, Murphy, Reed, and Gasbarro-aye
2. Review request for accessible parking space on Sunset Hill Lane at rear of 35 West Chester Street.
 - Documentation Emails: John Tooker dated April 4, 2022 and Brenda McDonough dated April 19, 2022; GIS aerial map
 - Discussion **Mooney** – Reviewed the request; disclosed this property is owned by a distant relative.
Gasbarro – It makes sense to have the accessible parking in the first space after the yellow line so it's easy to get into and out of.
Rowland – He agrees the first space after the yellow line makes sense.
Reed – Asked if a space can be removed once it's no longer necessary.
Gasbarro – Yes.
 - Action **Motion to recommend installation of new accessible parking space in the first spot on Sunset Hill after the yellow line.** (made by: Gardner) (seconded)

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- Roll-call Vote Carried 5-0//Rowland, Reed, Murphy, Gardner, and Gasbarro-aye
3. Review request for “Drive Slow Blind Driveway” sign before the driveway to 107 Madaket Road heading southwest due to overgrown evergreen trees.
- Documentation Email: Dan Brownell dated March 22, 0222; photo
- Discussion **Mooney** – Reviewed the request. Trees are overgrowing and impeding sight visibility. She should probably pass it on to the Real Estate Specialist to research and possibly send an encroachment letter to the property owner; though that can be time consuming. Suggested continuing the discussion on the placement of a sign in the meantime.
- Gasbarro** – The question is if the trees are in the public way or on private property. Survey stakes placed along the road might be in order. This is just west of Maxey Pond Road.
- Murphy** – The visibility line doesn’t look terrible; asked if there is a speed issue.
- Rowland** – In the photo, it seems there is quite a bit of visibility from the driveway; perhaps they are driving too fast. Asked for clarification on what constitutes an encroachment: tree trunks and/or the branches.
- Brownell** – He thinks fixing the issue with the trees encroaching is the correct course of action.
- Action **Motion to defer to the Real Estate Specialist for possible encroachment of trees located at 2 Maxey Pond Road.** (made by: Rowland) (seconded)
- Roll-call Vote Carried 5-0//Rowland, Reed, Murphy, Gardner, and Gasbarro-aye
4. Review request for crosswalk across Airport Road at Miller Lane or Evergreen Way.
- Documentation Email: Kathy Adams dated April 26, 2022; GIS aerial map
- Discussion **Mooney** – Reviewed the request. There is a crosswalk at Nantucket Inn with stairs. There is a bike path access at the end of Miller Lane. We should investigate with the planning office concerning the importance of the crosswalk at Nantucket Inn.
- Gasbarro** – Wonders who a crosswalk at Miller Lane would serve; there is no shoulder on the west side. Evergreen has a sidewalk and more residences and would space them better.
- Murphy** – His concern with Evergreen is its proximity to the curve. He’s concerned a crosswalk would provide a false sense of security for those crossing the street. At Miller Lane, there is a more viable line of sight; though there are drainage points for the Airport.
- Rowland** – He leans more to Miller Lane. The crosswalk at the Inn serves the Inn.
- Discussion about exact location for a crosswalk at Miller Lane: south side between catch basins.
- Murphy** – Suggested engaging the Airport so as not to be working against any of their plans.
- Discussion on the motion:
- Sylvia** – Asked if an asphalt landing on the other side would be part of this.
- Gasbarro** – His thought is to put them in the grass. Landings could be added later.
- Action **Motion to recommend installation of a crosswalk across Airport Road at the south side of Miller Lane.** (made by: Rowland) (seconded)
- Roll-call Vote Carried 5-0//Rowland, Murphy, Reed, Gardner, and Gasbarro-aye
5. Review request to designate Easy Street between Cambridge Street and Broad Street as a No Standing Zone.
- Documentation Email: Art Gasbarro dated May 2, 2022; GIS aerial map; photo
- Discussion **Gasbarro** – He feels the use by delivery trucks in this spot, as well as the back of the Dreamland, causes traffic to back-up along Washington Street as far as Salem Street and affects the overall circulation pattern.
- Murphy** – We created a no-standing zone at the Hub and it’s ignored; he’s leery about the effectiveness of doing this.
- Gasbarro** – He was hoping to make this improvement for this summer; we’d have to talk to the Police about enforcement. He suggested deferring this matter to next month for Police input.
- Reed** – Asked if the Town has pursued no standing zones during a specific time frame.

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Gasbarro – Right now the only one with a time-limit is at the Hub; he’s seen no change in behavior. We have provided quite a few loading zones and some with time limits. The more frequently conditions change, the harder enforcement gets

Rowland – This is a bad situation all summer; he would like to deal with it now.

Discussion on the motion by Mr. Rowland to approve the request; seconded by Mr. Murphy for discussion.

Murphy – We were successful once in bringing trucking company representatives to the table to provide them the opportunity to correct the situation. Those companies need to buy into this.

Gasbarro – He would recommend making the designation then informing the delivery companies.

Mooney – Noted the closest loading zone would be on the strip and South Beach Street extension, which is a long way to haul some deliveries.

Gasbarro – They could park in front of the old Schooners, or on Oak Street; an alternative is for the companies to adjust their delivery time not to conflict with the arrival of the ferry. We need to consider the overall public good regarding traffic downtown and getting to and from the boat.

Gardner – Explained why the truck which delivers at the Hub sits there so long.

Reed – Agrees with the intent but he doesn’t have enough context at this time. He wants to hear from the Police regarding that approach since it would involve enforcement. He also wants to know how companies would service that location.

Action Motion to Recommend approving a no-standing zone. (made by: Rowland) (seconded)
 Withdrawn
 Deferred to next month for by unanimous consent.

Roll-call Vote N/A

6. Review request for crosswalk across Prospect Street at Joy Street.

Documentation Email: Natalie Barrett dated May 4, 2022; GIS aerial map

Discussion **Mooney** – Reviewed the request. People tend to speed going toward Milk Street.

Rowland – Crossing Prospect is a hazard with quick moving traffic; he supports this. Suggested putting it at the driveways on Prospect to the north side of Joy Street, where there is no parking.

Gardner – Agrees that’s a good spot.

Murphy – Asked which is better regarding line of sight.

Gasbarro – Feels there is more visibility of and for the pedestrian on the north corner.

Reed – He thinks two crosswalks would be in order: at the south side of Joy then crossing Joy. Doing that puts the crosswalk for Prospect going to the sidewalk.

Rowland – He prefers the north side; those aprons are on Town property.

Action **Motion to recommend installation of a crosswalk across Prospect Street at the northwest side of Joy Street.** (made by: Rowland) (seconded)

Roll-call Vote Carried 4-1//Rowland, Reed, Gardner, and Gasbarro-aye; Murphy-nay

7. Discussion regarding possible loading zone on Federal Street from Noon to 4:00 PM to replace “No parking or standing” area by The Hub.

Documentation Email: Ray Sylvia dated May 9, 2022; GIS aerial map

Discussion **Gasbarro** – Reviewed this request; on the south side of Federal Street, the loading ramps extend into the crosswalk. The Main Street loading zones are sometimes not used in favor of using the space at the Hub.

Sylvia – They are having issues with the delivery at that corner; they just take and pay the tickets. The current location makes it very difficult to turn off Federal from Main due to lack of visibility. It might be good to look at overhauling all the Town loading zones and including the delivery companies in that discussion.

Mooney – Suggested deferring this to next month to get the police and delivery companies involved in the discussion.

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Gasbarro – Thinks that's a good suggestion as well as looking at loading zones in the core district.

Murphy – This committee has been very kind with loading zones. He's not in favor of this change; we have a no standing and no stopping area, which is being disregarded. Moving it across Federal still makes that corner very tight. Officer Mack should be included in this discussion since he's down there all the time.

Action **Deferred to next month by unanimous consent.**

Roll-call Vote N/A

8. Review request to eliminate on-street parking on Coffin Street – or – make Coffin Street one way running from Union Street to Washington Street and keep on-street parking on west side of road – and – mark the dedicated loading zone on the pavement by the Lobster Trap.

Documentation Email: Gary McCarthy dated May 12, 2022; photos

Discussion **Gasbarro** – Disclosed he did work for Mr. McCarthy at this address in the past. With one-way streets, you have to consider the flow of traffic.

Sylvia – The trailer in one of the pictures is usually left there for several hours using the loading zone as a personal parking space. With the cones, it makes it difficult to deliver to the American Legion and The Lobster Trap.

Murphy – There is a similar situation at the Brotherhood. He feels the police should be in this discussion as well.

Gasbarro – He would have a hard time with the number of parking spaces that would be lost with eliminating parking.

Mooney – She will ask Mr. McCarthy to be here for that discussion as well.

Action **Deferred to next month by unanimous consent.**

Roll-call Vote N/A

9. Review request for curb cut at 26 Easy Street resulting in elimination of one offstreet parking space.

Documentation Letter from Art Gasbarro dated April 11, 2022; GIS map; Curb Cut/Driveway Access permit application; site plan; photo; GIS aerial map

Discussion **Gasbarro recused himself from this matter and Mr. Gardner acted as Chair for this item.**
Arthur Reade, Reade, Gullicksen, Hanley, & Gifford LLP, for Not-so-Easy, LLC – Reviewed the request. The net result is no loss to street parking since the eliminated spot would be picked up closer to Easy Street.

Rowland – He's not opposed due to the net gain. Asked why parking is on the north side; the south side would allow parking the full length of Oak Street.

Reed – Generally he agrees with the intent; from a best practices perspective, introduction of curb cuts into walking areas is not advisable. He would want to abstain from voting.

Rowland – His concern is would the curb stones allow the 3' required for wheelchair access.

Art Gasbarro, Nantucket Engineering & Survey, for the client – Explained how walkability would be maintained.

Action **Motion to recommend approval of curb cut application as long as the sidewalk maintains accessibility.** (made by: Murphy) (seconded)

Roll-call Vote Carried 3-0//Murphy, Rowland, and Gardner-aye; Reed abstained and Gasbarro recused

IV. OTHER BUSINESS (To include topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting)

1. None

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. The minutes of October 21, 2021.

Action **Adopted as drafted by unanimous consent.**

Roll-call Vote N/A

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Action **Motion to Adjourn at 12:13 pm (made by: Rowland) (seconded)**

Roll-call Vote Carried 5-0//Rowland, Gardener, Murphy, Reed, and Gasbarro-aye

List of additional documents used at the meeting:

Draft minutes of 10/21/2021