



Town of Falmouth
Traffic Advisory Committee
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Minutes

September 17th, 2018

Time: 9 A.M. – 11 A.M.

Location: Falmouth Town Hall, Selectmen's Meeting Room

Members in Attendance: Barbara Pratt, James Porter, Ahmed Mustafa, Nick Croft

1. Old Business:

Review Town Manager actions on recommendations from last meeting

- A. Request for a crosswalk warning sign before the crosswalk at the intersection of Central Ave. and Rt. 28. **TAC recommends no action be taken as this is not a mid-block crosswalk. A stop sign is present at this intersection. TAC recommends Police enforcement.**
- B. Request for a 4way stop or a "caution children" sign at the intersection of Crystal Springs Ave. and Laura St. **TAC recommends no action be taken.**
- C. Request to add a crosswalk at the staircase at the Old Silver Beach Resident lot to the salt marsh across the street. **TAC recommends no action be taken.**
- D. Request to add "No Parking 2am-6am" as well as "Tow zone" to Peg Noonan Park, the Recreation Center and other Municipal lots. **TAC recommends delaying this matter until September when more information becomes available. This request was made as a precaution to avoid future parking issues. The TAC recommends no action until after the Senior Center is relocated.**
- E. Request to discuss speeding concerns on Mill Rd. with the possibility of adding a speed limit sign. **TAC recommends police enforcement. TM: Approved**
- F. Request to change section 5-1 paragraph "f" of the Traffic Rules and Orders to read: Upon any roadway where the parking of a vehicle will not leave a clear and unobstructed lane at least ten (10) feet wide for passing traffic **in each direction.**

TAC recommends changing the above paragraph as suggested. TM: Recommends this item be sent to town council and the BoS for approval.

- G. Request to change the no parking zone around the outside of Chappoquoit beach to no parking “tow zone” to include the turn around area. **TAC recommends this change. TM: Approved. Engineering advises that the work has been completed.**
- H. Request for two “Dangerous curve” signs in the vicinity of Nobska Rd. and Fay Rd. **TAC recommends no action be taken.**
- I. Request to discuss safety concerns regarding the crosswalk at Grand Ave. and Fairmont St. **TAC recommends a sightline study be conducted by Engineering to determine if it is possible to move the crosswalk to the Western corner of the Wyoming intersection to allow better visibility. If this is deemed not possible the TAC recommends the appropriate cross walk warning signage be added. TM: Approved**
- J. Request to discuss safety concerns regarding pedestrians crossing Rogers Rd. **TAC recommends no action be taken.**
- K. Request to discuss traffic concerns regarding the County Rd. bike path parking lot. **TAC recommends a meeting be set up to include the Town Manager, DPW, Bikeways and MA DOT to discuss traffic and safety improvements. TM: DPW should review the appropriateness of the Bikeways way-finding signage. The DPW will set up the above recommended meeting.**
- L. Request to add no parking signs in Goodwill Park. **TAC recommends adding the loading and unloading zone as proposed with a 15 minute time limit. TAC also recommends the additional No Parking signage be added. Officer Pike (FPD) should be consulted before adding signage as he is most familiar with the needs of this area. TM: Requests a follow-up meeting with Chief Dunne and DPW before moving forward.**
- M. Request to discuss traffic safety in New Silver Beach. **TAC recommends “No Parking between signs” be added on West St. near the Ocean View Ave. intersection. These signs should be placed in a way which would preclude vehicles from parking on West St. in a fashion which would impede the sightline of vehicles stopping at the intersection of Ocean View Ave. and West St. TM: Approved. Engineering advises the above recommendation has been completed.**
- N. Request to discuss restricting commercial truck traffic on Worcester Ct. **TAC recommends restricting commercial truck traffic on Worcester Ct. and suggests researching the potential of having a weight limit applied to the signage. TM: Approved**
- O. Request to add “No Parking” sign at the end of Blacksmith Shop Rd. **TAC recommends police enforcement.**

- P. Request to move the 35mph (SB) and 45mph (NB) signs North of Woodview Drive on Gifford Street in conjunction with requesting the town to conduct a speed study on Gifford Street. **TAC recommends the proposed change in conjunction with a speed study. If a crosswalk is added the TAC suggests the addition of lighted crosswalk warning signs. TM: Approved**
- Q. Request to discuss possible road closure on Great Bay St. **TAC recommends a meeting be held including the Town Manager, FPD, FFRD, DPW, and the neighborhood association to discuss this matter. TM: The DPW will set up the above mentioned meeting.**
- R. Request to add 2 stop signs to the intersection of Surf Dr. and Shore St. **TAC recommends the intersection of Surf Dr. and Shore St. be controlled with 2 stop signs due to the fact that this is a busy pedestrian crossing point and a narrow corner for motorists to navigate. TM: Not approved. The DPW has a plan forth-coming to address this intersection**

2. New Business:

- A. Request for “caution children” signs on Crystal Springs ave. near Lara Ln. and Quaker Rd. **TAC: Recommends no action be taken.**
- B. Request to discuss speeding motor vehicles on Maravista Ave. **TAC: Recommends police enforcement and data collection utilizing the radar recorder.**
- C. Request to discuss speeding motor vehicles on County Rd. **TAC: Recommends police enforcement and data collection utilizing the radar recorder.**
- D. Request to discuss speeding motor vehicles on Chester St. and safety concerns at the intersection of Chester St. and Wild Harbor Rd. **TAC: Recommends a four way stop be implemented at this intersection.**
- E. Request for “caution children” signage on Mass. Ct. **TAC: Recommends no action be taken.**
- F. Request for “caution children” signage on Chapel Park. **TAC: Recommends no action be taken.**
- G. Request to discuss traffic / safety concerns at the intersection of Palmer Ave. and Rt. 28. **TAC: Recommends replacing the missing sign on the island, checking the visibility and structural integrity of the island, and checking to see if there is a nearby LED street light which could be made brighter. TAC further recommends checking the state and town layout to see what jurisdiction this island falls under. Finally, the TAC recommends the State explore adding a left turn lane at this intersection.**

3. Announcement of Next Meeting: **October 22nd.**

