



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2023

ITEM 1 | Call to Order

ITEM 2 | Attendance

Committee Members: John Connors, Joe Conway, Steve Maio, Bill Renault, Dan Benjamin, Lois Benjamin, Matt Keeley & Lieutenant Joe Anderson

ITEM 3 | Pledge Allegiance

Led by Dan Benjamin

ITEM 4 | Public Engagement

- Any member of the public who wishes to address the Traffic Advisory Committee is asked to submit any comments or concerns to <https://www.wakefield.ma.us/publicparticipation> at least two hours prior to the start of the meeting. Alternatively, members of the public are invited to participate via the Zoom virtual meeting, using the instructions listed above.
 - No public engagement.

ITEM 5 | Approval of Meeting Minutes

- June 23, 2023 meeting minutes have not been completed.

ITEM 6 | Stop Sign Request

- Resident of Crescent Street requested a stop sign at the bottom of Eaton Street and Crescent Street. This will end the rolling through onto Crescent Street. Engineering recommends the stop sign. Steve asked if the whole intersection will be reevaluated. Bill mentioned there is water main replacement and will address the intersection at that time.
- Motion to approve a stop sign at the bottom of Eaton Street and Crescent Street by Steve. Seconded by Bill. Unanimous approval by the Committee.

ITEM 7 | Parking Complaint - Audubon Road

- Area businesses shared concern about ongoing out of area trucks/18 wheelers parking and creating a difficult situation driving beyond the circle. There are also issues with parking violations and excessive trash. No parking signs have been posted and DPW has painted lines with "No Parking" on the road in the past. There are several signs missing and the painted lines are faded. Police have been there for many calls and unable to monitor on a continuous basis.
- Businesses in the area wrote a letter to Traffic Advisory sharing their concerns with the conditions and what the Town has tried to do. Reinstallation of the signs is requested and faded lines repainted.
- Josh, the in-house attorney for Maddox at 360 Audubon Road, spoke about a letter written to the TAC on behalf of Maddox and Extra Space Storage at 400 Audubon Road. Josh shared concerns about trucks visiting West Rock that are not allowing vehicles to enter their parking area. Trucks use the circle to stop and block other vehicles from entering Maddox and Extra Space Storage.



This is disruptive to the businesses and looking for assistance and community engagement with West Rock.

- Lieutenant Anderson confirmed the Parking Enforcement Officers will increase visits to the area.
- Bill recommended reaching out to West Rock. DPW is planning to do paving work on Audubon and re-painting will be completed then.
- Mehreen Butt recommended working with the Building Inspector to reach out to the business.
- Steve recommended including No Littering signs as well as No Parking.
- Deputy Chief Purcell spoke about a recent incident at West Rock and shared concern with accessibility. Recommended visiting with West Rock as they have always been a good partner with the community. It is an issue with apparatus gaining access to the facility.
- Lieutenant Anderson wrapped up with action plans including signage reinstalled, fines and penalties for illegal dumping, re-striping, parking enforcement visits and include Building Department in a visit or phone call. A formal letter will be sent with this information and a follow up to reassess will be scheduled.

ITEM 8 | Crosswalk Requests - Oak Street near Melrose Ave

- Bill explained there are a couple of challenges with the location and is in support of the crosswalk. Bill will look to include this in the Capital Budget in the Spring. All crosswalks will be ADA compliant.
- Lynette is a Wakefield resident and shared concern with the increased traffic from 128 and the rate of speed of cars in the area.

ITEM 9 | Matters Not on the Agenda

- Mehreen Butt asked how the Pleasant Street stop signs are doing. Lieutenant Anderson has patrols in the area reminding drivers of the new stop signs.
- Mehreen requested an update on the crosswalk functionality at Quannapowitt Parkway and North Ave. An update on the timing issue and bulbs being replaced will be discussed at the next TAC meeting.

ITEM 10 | Adjournment

- **10:03am**