

Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

April 29, 2022

8:30 AM via Zoom

ITEM 1 / Call to Order

8:32 AM

ITEM 2 / Attendance & Approval of Minutes

Present: J. Anderson, S. Maio, J. Conway, W. Renault, D. Benjamin, L Benjamin, M. Kealey

No Meeting Minutes approved at this meeting.

ITEM 3 / Pledge of 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.

Resident Maureen Holland was voicing concerns over heavy commercial vehicles entering onto Common Street.

ITEM 5 / Parking

Resident Lincoln Street residents be approved to purchase parking permits for Lincoln Street time restricted parking.

21 Lincoln Street – Multi resident building - 3 family dwelling

Owner of 21 Lincoln Street, Carol Sanahan, is requesting more available parking for tenants. Currently 4 spaces available in driveway, all single filed, one behind the other.

Lt Anderson said the parking is consist with the parking by laws, but this is a very unique situation. Suggesting 2 vehicles per unit, total of 6 parking spaces. Move 2 spaces to Crescent Street.

M. Keeley supported the additional spaces as well.

Motioned by W. Renault and S. Maio too. All agree to “no commercial” vehicles.

ITEM 6 / Old Business

MBTA Bus Stop Modifications Lowell Street between Main St and Pleasant St.

Natasha Vance-transit project manager for MBTA gave an overview for the Main St and Pleasant St stops. Proposed 4 options.

Option 2 seems to be the option the Town and Residents both agree on. Eliminate stops on Walden Road and Walton Lane.

Resident Daniella feels by eliminating these stops the town would save time, money, and resources to use somewhere in town.

Karen Faylor (81 year old resident) also agreed the best option would be eliminate the 2 above mentioned stops also. The other option would interfere with her existing circular driveway: entering on Lowell Street would become dangerous.

Natasha Vance would prefer to keep all stops but would agree to remove if residents feel this is the right decision.

Motion to eliminate stops. W. Renault, S. Maio

All in Favor

ITEM 7 / New Development Review & Updates

7A- 572-590 North Ave – Traffic Assessment for proposed 38-unit multi-family residential building

Atty Jesse Schomer said project at 596 North Ave has been reduced from 38 units to 36 units. Front access to North Ave, back to wetlands.

Committed to providing 59 parking spaces, which is above the 56 required. 3 handicap and no electric stations as this time.

Lt. Anderson concerned with no visitor parking, no on-site parking, or electric spaces.

Amazon deliveries will be directed to the rear of the building, may need signage on North Ave to direct vehicles.

Chief Sullivan concerned with emergency vehicles. May need to provide a space to for vehicles to turn around.

Resident Jake Connelly, 2 Fielding Street, concerned about traffic pulling out of 596 North and onto North Ave.

Scott Thorton was speaking about adjusted traffic volumes. Continue to next meeting.

7B - 356 Lowell Street. Nouria Energy Corporation. – Redevelopment of existing Shell Station.

Atty. McGrail representing Nouria Energy. Previously was approved in 2001 but ran out of time.

Proposed to expand from 3 pump stations to 6 pump stations, remove 3 service bays and add 5000 sq ft building to include a convenience store. No more drive-thru. Application for that was withdrawn. Building to be set back on land to provide a more spacious lot. Current fuel tanks will remain. Keep the 2 curb cuts on Vernon Street, but get rid of 1 of the 2 on Lowell Street, to add more sidewalks and green space. Will include 18 striped parking spaces.

Enhance landscaping and provide a fenced in area for dumpster behind building.

Chief Skory was concerned about convenience store that will remain open 24 hours.

Dan Benjamin addressed concerns about selling diesel fuel and late night traffic.

Lt Anderson would like a contribution from the developer of \$25,000 to redo signals at the intersection of Lowell St & Vernon St. Any left over money should be used on future projects around the town.

Atty. McGrail feels that selling diesel will not attract large tractor trailers to this location.

B. Renault is pleased that the drive-thru is no longer part of this project and is ok with the station selling diesel fuel.

S. Maio is concerned about not adding a charging station for electric cars.

Chief Sullivan like the design of the project and does not have any concerns about selling diesel fuel.

No public comment as this time.

Item 8 / Matters Not Anticipated for Agenda

Any matters not anticipated prior to the 48-hour public notice requirement necessitating immediate action by the TAC.

Richardson Ave and North Ave- moving stop line & handicap sign

Meeting adjourned at 10:59 A.M.