

**Town of Winthrop Community Meeting**

**10/25/10**

**Start Time: 1907 hours**

*Topic: Change in Bus Route/Elimination of Hermon St. stops*

-Serious accident: a bus heading southbound on Hermon had to make an evasive maneuver and hit a parked car pushing it 12-15 ft onto the curb

Alan Ferullo- Lincoln and Hermon→ winter time, snow-banks narrow the street

Mike DeLeer- Driver for Paul Revere, bus is 102 inches wide...needs 10 ft to get through, in favor of moving it to Walden St. (not Winthrop→ can't make left at McGee's Corner with the island)

Shelly Flaherty- Lives on Shirley→ buses driving up onto the sidewalk because the street is too narrow with parking

Mr. Gill- Does the town have authority to alter these routes or does MBTA have final say?  
-Winthrop St. is not the solution, concerned about the library parking and businesses in Metcalf Square. The turn from Main to Winthrop is too sharp for buses to go through and it is the direct access route for public safety vehicles.

Mrs. Bailey- Suggests that the buses should travel one way on Hermon and the other way on Walden

Don Talbot- Lives on Hermon→ was struck by a bus a few years ago, doesn't like the idea of Hermon, but dislikes Winthrop St. even more

Diane Sopra- Walden St. is not a good idea, lots of children around, parking spot for emergency snow situation, lots of trucks

Paul Varone's Sister- Concerned about the school on Walden with children around→ lots of children get dropped off, not a good idea to change the route to Walden

Joe Scarpo- Lives at Lincoln and Hermon→ says that if the bus stops to pick up passengers on Hermon, and a car is traveling down Lincoln, accidents are very possible

Larry Powers- Winthrop St. and Walden St. are not viable options→ Walden St. floods on a regular basis, and supplies parking during snow emergencies

A driver for Paul Revere- Walden is the best option from a driver's standpoint

Barbara Woods- Could there be a smaller-sized bus used?

Doc Daley (*in response to Mrs. Woods*) - Right now Paul Revere cannot do that, but they bid every 5 years on what buses to use, could be an option down the road

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Doug Talbot- strongly agrees with Mrs. Bailey (buses traveling one way on Hermon and the other on Walden)

Mary Serianni- Winthrop St. has two churches, the library, and the town hall → not an option

John C.- lost tons of mirrors and had his truck hit 2 times on Walden, not a good alternative

Shelly Flaherty- Why not make Hermon a one-way?

Don Talbot- Would have the same problems if bus route was changed to Winthrop St.

Jack Dowd- believes that this discussion is limited and the decision on the bus route is being rushed → thinks Winthrop St. is just as narrow as Hermon

-Many people on Hermon do not make use of their driveways and choose to park on the street

Jim Sopra- people riding the bus is important, most popular bus stop is in front of the police station, should utilize that stop to create business for the shops near there

Latieri- one-way on Hermon would create a lot of traffic on Walden, thinks a 90-day trial period would be a good idea for whatever choice is made, likes the idea of the bus route being one inbound on Hermon and one outbound on Walden

Diane Sopra- is there a possibility of telling companies that their trucks cannot go on Walden? Trucks often unload right on the street, often blocking pedestrian ways

Mrs. Bailey- wants the town to limit truck traffic on Walden during commuter hours

Frank Danes- Winthrop is not an alternative, but also concerned with Walden during snow storms

Mrs. Griffin- works for the MBTA → service is provided by a private contractor: Paul Revere. She wants to involve those individuals who do use the bus stops on Hermon St. because there are many people who would be inconvenienced if the bus route were to be changed

Mr. Gill (*in response to Mrs. Griffin*)- uses the Hermon St. bus stop but is not opposed to having the bus route moved

Mr. Ferullo (*in response to Mrs. Griffin*) – riders that use the Hermon St. stop would only have to walk a block over to Walden, no one would be inconvenienced → Walden is the best idea

\*TSAC will consider the idea of no parking on Hermon

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Participants;

Please find minutes from tonights meeting at the Senior Center. Please edit it or change it to reflect what was actually stated. Thanks .

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