



MEMORANDUM

To: James M. McKenna, Town Manager
From: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC)
Date: 8 November 2010
Subject: **TSAC Minutes from Wednesday, 20 October 2010**

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The TSAC met on Wednesday, 20 October 2010 at 8:00 AM in the Joseph Harvey Hearing Room of the town hall to discuss the following issues:

Agenda Items:

- Parking on Terrace Avenue; and
- Should the STOP sign remain at Hannaford Park? It was vandalized and the pole needs to be replaced.

Chief Terence Delehanty, Chairman of the TSAC – motion to start the TSAC Meeting of October 201, 2010 8:06 am - There is a quorum. **VOTE:** Yes; Unanimous.

Chief Delehanty: This is an open meeting; discussion between board to which topic agenda item to take up first.

TSAC members are in agreement to discuss the STOP Sign at Hannaford Park, then, Terrace Ave.; meeting minutes as follows:

Request:

Should the STOP sign remain at Hannaford Park? It was vandalized and the pole needs to be replaced.

Discussion:

Mr. Alan Peabody states, the stop sign should be replaced.”

Motion by Delehanty:

“This is not in the jurisdiction of TSAC and can be referred directly to the DPW.”

Motion 2nd by Steve Calla

VOTE: Yes; Unanimous.

Recommendations:

This request has been directed to the DPW for follow-up to do a site-review of the place where the sign has been knocked down; re-erect it in same location.

Request:

Parking on Terrace Avenue.

Discussion:

Chairman Delehanty: This is a Public Meeting with notices sent to abutters.

Entered into the Record by Chairman Delehanty:

1. Email from Hough to TSAC - appendix 1 - opposing
2. Letter from DiMento, Scanned & Email forwarded by Town Manager's Office to TSAC - appendix 2 (a & b) - opposing
3. Letter from Vecchio - appendix 3 - opposing
4. Letter from DiBattista – appendix 4 – opposing traffic – visits area

Mr. Anzalone – please get the record straight – both [Vecchio & DiBattista] don't live there now but they do visit.

Chairman Delehanty researched to see if there was history of a change and why in 2005. There was nothing in Town Manager's records that indicated reasons of why it was or on what basis why it was changed for 2005. But, there was documentation found dated in 2004, from the Board of Selectmen, where it outlined a request to change (see appendix 5 pages 1 thru 5).

Chairman Delehanty: Reviewed to see if there was anything in our Administrative Policy – There is nothing significant to report.

Diluiso: In 2006 – previous members of TSAC Goldstein & Powers recommended to previous Town Manager White – positions that TSAC was opposed – due to line of site issues with emergency vehicles.

Meeting is Open for Public Comment by Chairman Delehanty:

Mr. Sturgis – Entered into Record – turned into TSAC member Karas for committee review – appendix 6 pages 1 thru 13 – people signed petition that want it reinstated – same material presented at the last meeting.

Mr. Sturgis stated he measured streets, as did Mr. Calla, Operations Manager of DPW.

Discussion of left side parking on terrace going up – same as Circuit Rd & Cliff, other areas of town. The curvature in road and parking on the left is in those other areas of town, so presence has been established

Question from TSAC Board, “Is there the swing onto Cottage with fire apparatus is an issue?”

Chief Flanagan - Yesterday’s Test – There is no problem with apparatus getting by – getting on to cottage at the time of the test which was at 11am on workday and it is maneuverable at that time. Currently, the fire safety vehicles and apparatus swing off of cottage on to terrace with no issue. But, it was a hard one yesterday during the test maneuvering on Harborview. And Faun Bar is an issue too. The BIG concern is a 16 ton / 32-ton vehicle accelerates to get up the hill – no concern if it was a one way – but if you take away Terrace Ave – the winter time may be an issue if bad weather ...

Mr. Sturgis stated that he did, in the past, hit black ice and took out his front end of his car – the hill in bad weather is an issue no matter what.

Fred McGah stated to keep it a two way street – Terrace Ave – with no parking.

Chief Flanagan stated “if using “line of sight” – the parking would be limited to the average midsize compact vehicles.”

Chief Delehanty stated “that the line of sight would not only be for public safety issues but the general public.”

Chief Delehanty – referred to Mandate that came down – August 2004 (See appendix 5 pages 1 thru 5) – BOS – no parking on both sides – prior to that there was parking on one side.

Chief Delehanty will research the WPD computer system [IMC] which has data from 1996 to present – look at traffic accidents on Terrace Ave.

Research Criterion: 3 years prior to 2004 and 3 years after 2004

Chief Delehanty stated he is not ready to vote now.

Chief Delehanty stated - Public comment is still open for comment.

Mr. John Anzalone is opposed;” the change will make it a speed way. There are no houses on that street anyway – there are no homes ...”

Chief Delehanty – Would anyone else like to be heard for Public Comment?

Mr. Sturgis stated to look for criteria in article 10 for the width of streets;

Chief Delehanty: Will also have to look at article 17 and get information from Soper [Building Inspector].

Chief Delehanty: **Public comment is now closed.**

Chief Delehanty: **Open for Board discussion** at 8:35am

Chief Delehanty request to Diluio – accident history is good; he will see if he can pull tape from weat – will need a range of dates

Chief Delehanty request to Calla – Can you talk to your drivers of the salt-trucks and plows – see what their opinions

Chief Flanagan – said he has nothing else to add for discussion

Michele – has nothing to add for discussion

Motion by Delehanty:

“To table this agenda item: **“Parking on Terrace Avenue”** –
to next meeting with further documentation and information. “

Motion 2nd by Diluio

VOTE: Yes; Unanimous

Mr. Anzalone asked question regarding abutters; who was sent the abutters letter for this meeting.

Ms. Karas will research this and send answer to Mr. Anzalone via email and post to the web at a later date (Appendix 9)

Chairman Delehanty: Motion to adjourn.

So moved by Calla

VOTE: Yes; Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 8:42am

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Other:

- Appendix 7 – TSAC Agenda of October 20, 2010
- Appendix 8 – Sign-In Sheet of TSAC Meeting of October 20, 2010