

Traffic Safety Committee

Minutes for December 17, 2024

Members present: J Beltis, L Cebula, A Goshgarian, L Hooper

Alos present members of community

Meeting called to order at 9.02 am by Chair Cebula. Quorum present

Minutes not available for September 9 2024 meeting. hold til next meeting

Correspondence

- a) Courtney Road. Hooper reported on improvements made concerning signs , vegetation trimming all done by A Goshgarian and M Holmes. Town public road is off Long Pond Drive and does not exit onto another road(dead end), some modest hills and curves on 2way residential street. C Berner spoke to many large vehicles (mostly landscaping) that take up one of the 2 travel lanes, children walk to school bus stop at Courtney and LPD, people drive too fast, no sidewalks. Questioned if it was legal to park on the road and in a travel lane: per Goshgarian it is unless posted for no parking.

Berner requested permanent radar signs on PBR to alert drivers to their current speed. Goshgarian will speak to Chief as to availability of funds as these cost approx. \$ 4 000 and the solar/battery powered ones do not last long. The few that the town owns were funded through a grant. Goshgarian will also review the speed limits but did mention that the signs themselves cannot be moved unless approval is received from state, a lengthy process.

Berner also requested consideration for a stop sign at end on Courtney, and children present signs on LPD.

Hooper responded as to why no sidewalks on PBR: shoulders were part of the plan for the project that was proposed for route 124 which did not go forward due to neighborhood opposition. Opposition has derailed sidewalks and shoulders in other areas of town.

- b) Safety issues at Depot/Uncle Venies/Route 28. Hopper noted prior reviews of this intersection by Mass DOT departments: poor line of sight, hill, no ADA crosswalks. A full signal light would be costly and route 28 is a state road so town cannot make changes. Hooper will check on whether anything is included on state project scheduled for 2029.

Channel 8 station director Jamie Goodwin requested that the TSC consider moving their meetings to a room that would allow taping and subsequent replays on channel 8.

Old Business

- a) Hooper reported that only Comcast remains for the moving of wires to new pole. Not getting any response.
- b) Continued speeding issues.
Only Dennis has accepted MGL C90 to allow for lower speed limits on residential streets (defined as houses less than 200 feet between each house for ¼ mile). While accepted by

Dennis, no streets identified as of this date. Committee to pause and review in future. No other towns on Cape have accepted this provision of MGL.

South/Forest: Goshgarian will investigate feasibility for advisory signage. Goshgarian noted that current Chief has stressed traffic enforcement and more tickets have been issued.

Route 39 from rotary to intersection with 137: Goshgarian will check on the speed zone To see what that stretch is for a limit. At some point, there was an attempt to have route 39 be a uniform 30 mph but state did not permit the change.

- c) Committee agreed to hold on any changes until after this intersection is completed, to then review the impact of closing the slipper lane and widening the access onto South
- d) Old Chatham Road and Route 39: preliminary design expected in February 2025 with final in April 2025. Then town will approach the property owner re the impact on privately owned property.

Public Comments

Additional on Courtney- can there be those advisory signs? Goshgarian to review.

Other business

Committee agreed to schedule regular quarterly meetings for 2025: March, June, September and December. Second Tuesday of that month at 10am. Will allow for more regular meetings and for residents to plan to attend

Cebula will check on where to meet to accommodate the request for taping of meetings.

Motion to adjourn made by Beltis, second by Goshgarian, unanimous

Meeting ended 10.35 am

Minutes by L Cebula