

Traffic Roadway Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2017

Committee Members Present: DPW Director Ray Tattersall, Police Chief Dan Hanavan, Selectman Chairman Larry Gomez

Absent: Fire Chief John Schilling

Meeting Called to Order by Larry Gomez at 11:06 am

Next Meeting: Next meeting date to be set as needed

Scope of Committee:

Larry spoke to the responsibilities of the committee, which is to review requests and make recommendations to the Selectman. Requests for stop signs, speed signs and traffic and safety concerns are all considered.

Appointment of Chairman:

Ray offered to be the Chairman, Larry made the motion to nominate Ray and Chief Hanavan seconded.

Larry, Dan voted yes

Ray took over the meeting

Dan made a motion to accept Lt. Eerik Meisner as his alternate in his absence.

Larry seconded, Ray, Dan and Larry all in favor

Request:

Main and Greenwood Ave Stop sign:

Larry recommended for review. Larry says it had been there for 5 years, it was put in for traffic calming and to support a crosswalk. Ray says that Environmental Partners consultant Jim Fitzgerald he said it is not a legal sign.

Larry made recommendation to keep the inbound stop sign but eliminating the outbound sign, all agreed.

Irene's Way Stop Sign:

Larry said there use to be a stop sign where Irene's Way meets up with Greenwood Ave. Ext., Ray suggested the DPW could put one back and send the bill to install to the property owners. Ray said he will get history from employees on history of putting this sign up.

Add Stop Sign at Spring and Franklin:

Larry recommended the committee review adding a stop sign at this location. There is potential for an accident due in part to sight line issues, but we do not recommend eliminate parking. Larry suggests speed coming down Spring also an issue.

Chief Hanavan says not much traffic in winter, only June, July and August Larry mentions mostly seasonal people would be the ones that would need adjusting.

Larry suggests installing the sign in the off season, would like to reach out to the neighbors and he would be the contact for any concerns prior to installation.

Ray worried about potential back up on Spring Street.

The committee agrees to recommend this change to the Selectman.

Beach Access Wayfaring signs for Tashmoo Beach:

Ray and Larry recommend adding signage directing people to the beach down Daggett Ave ext.

Larry says people also go Tashmoo Cove and Mink Meadows Golf Club road entrance, Larry will speak to Bruce Llewelyn and the golf course about putting NO Beach access at the end of the entrance to their private roads.

Larry suggested adding a 2nd Beach access sign at the entrance to Herring Creek.

Ray said he will get approval from the Selectman on the signage to be used, and will confirm the proper color coding of the signage.

The committee is recommending the change be made directly through the DPW.

77 Edg/VH Road requests adding no Parking:

Ray has been requested to add no parking along Edgartown/ Vineyard Haven Road as cars parked there block the view of cars coming off Roger's Farm Road.

Ray says he can paint no parking to see how it will work before putting signs up.

The committee agrees to approve the DPW to go ahead.

Add Stop sign at Moonstone Way and Lake Street:

Danielle Ewart the Towns Shellfish Constable asked to have it installed.

The committee discussed very minimally and agreed to just have the DPW to install.

Continue Water Street walkway pattern across street to North side of Water Street towards SSA:

Selectman Melinda Loberg made request.

Ray asked if Town can make decisions on crosswalk placement

Group agrees it will be safer and allow for a location for pedestrians to cross safely

Ray says there needs to be add ADA structures put in to make it a legal crosswalk

Ray also suggests it may need to be re-engineered when the road is repaved

Larry asks if we will be doing green like the DPW had done around the school and Ray said he could.

Committee agrees to recommend

Final recommendation to the Selectman will be Main and Greenwood stop sign removal, adding the stop sign at Spring and Franklin and to add crosswalk across Water Street from the Water Street parking lot to the North side towards the Steamship authority drop off lot.

Next Meeting Agenda item:

Review eliminating exit onto State Road from Look St.

Meeting adjourned September 9, 2017 at 11:51 am

Motion to Adjourn by Larry Gomez, 2nd by Chief Dan Hanavan

Approved: All in favor