

Town of Belmont
Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC)

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Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2018

Members present: Larry Macdonald (Chair), Dana Miller (Vice Chair), Peter Curro, Mary Gavin, Donald Mercer, Sue Pew, Matt Sullivan, Tomi Olson

Ex Officio : Sargent Ben Mailhot (BPD)

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:05 by Chair Macdonald. The minutes of the previous meeting, as amended, pertaining to the referral to the parking division about parking at the corner of Beech and Upland, were approved.

The meeting next turned to a discussion of the traffic on upper Goden Street. Neighbors Steve Sloan (Goden St.), Ray Jackendorf, Betsey Lewis (Goden St.) Mary Wybieralla (School St.) spoke. An incident where boys followed a ball into the street was cited, and mention was made of the number of high schoolers on skateboards. It was stressed that it is the obligation of adults to provide a safe environment, but that it is not safe currently, including that there are no visual clues at intersection of Goden and School Streets and that there is no cross walk at Goden and Orchard Streets. It was suggested that drivers cannot see the children there and that there is a need for traffic calming. It was further noted that there were conversations with households over the past three weekends about these issues, including concerns speed and volume, and the goal of providing a safe environment for all. Further concern was raised about entrance and exit at Goden Street from the proposed new high school, noting that the number of turns onto Goden Street will make traffic impossible-or very difficult. The traffic on the street is not a new problem but the addition of the new high school will exacerbate the situation and the use of online driving, traffic avoidance, tools will also add to the situation. The boundaries of school zones in the neighborhood were discussed. Further note was made of the more difficult driving when there is a football game.

Further discussion ensued. Glen Clancy noted that a temporary light could be placed to monitor traffic. He also stated that the Traffic Manual has rules for the placement of stop signs; that he will look into intersection at Goden and School; and that Mass DOT regulations are in effect on School, Goden and Lexington Street. On the issue of a four-way stop at Goden and Orchard, Clancy stated that he will investigate options.

Bill Lovallo, chair of the Belmont High School (BHS) Building Committee, noted that there will be increased traffic; that the building committee is trying to make the area safer for walkers and bikers; and, that the committee is working with the BSC Group. He noted that funding restrictions limit their work to the BHS campus.

11/8/18 Approved

A discussion then ensued on traffic calming measures. Sgt. Maillot explained applicable budget restrictions. Glen Clancy noted that the Town has adopted the Complete Streets Program, where the Town will generate a list of 15 projects at a maximum expenditure of \$400,000 annually.

The issue of building a tunnel under the railroad track was raised. Clancy noted that there is a discussion about a tunnel relative to the community path, which involves the Board of Selectmen and Senator Brownsberger.

The issue of game day traffic, for all sports, was raised. It was noted that game day traffic and parking creates unsafe conditions on School Street because of gridlock, with Goden Street down to one lane of traffic.

A question about adding a footbridge at Goden and Concord, over Concord Ave.

Sue Pew commented on the traffic study, asking that if the traffic at BHS is from students, how could we encourage more foot traffic.

Dana Miller raised would the burden of traffic be lessened if we could provide buses.

Bill Lovallo noted that conversations are taking place between the Planning Board, BOS, TAC and the School Committee around start times and busing. The core question is "How can we make it safe?"

Mary Gavin moved that the BOS place a temporary traffic signal at Goden and Concord Avenue. The motion was seconded by T. Olson and approved unanimously.

Discussion then turned to drop off and pick up areas on Concord Avenue. Lovallo noted that the Planning Board is discussing it. He suggested that a task force be created between the BOS, School Committee, Planning Board and TAC. Selectman Caputo who was present supported Lovallo's suggestion.

Larry McDonald moved that TAC accept the peer review. Dana seconded and approved unanimously.

Cushing Square Parking Fee. Mary Westcott Thomajan and Lynn Czamamske addressed the meeting on behalf of the Cushing Square Business Association about parking permits for the new lot and requested that they be reduced from \$60 to \$30. After discussion, and a motion by Sue Pew, the TAC moved that there be no fee for Cushing Square merchants. It was discussed that merchants must appropriately display the permits. After further discussion Mary Gavin moved that when space is not available in the municipal lot, merchants should be allowed to park in 2 hour neighboring street parking areas without ticketing as long as their passes are displayed.

BSC next provided an update on the Town Wide Traffic Study, summarizing its findings. Peter asked about Mill and Concord Ave. A question was raised about trucks using Brighton Street and Glen stated he would speak to the Police Chief.

Matt Sullivan raised a question about Beech Street at Dunkin Donuts and Glenn will bring the matter to the BOS.

Upon Dana Miller's motion the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be held on July 11, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Gavin



Traffic Advisory Committee

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Date: June 7, 2018

To: Members – Traffic Advisory Committee

From: Glenn R. Clancy, Committee Liaison

Subject: Agenda for Meeting on **Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in **Town Hall Auditorium, Town Hall**. If you cannot attend the meeting, please contact me via e-mail.

7:00 – 7:05 Minutes (April 12, 2018, May 10, 2018)

7:05 – 7:30 Upper Goden Street Traffic Concerns (Residents – Erin Rowland and Steve Sloan)

7:30 – 8:15 Belmont High School Building Project

- Discussion of Peer Review of Proposed High School Entrance – Goden Street
- Discussion and Vote on TAC Recommended Actions

8:15 – 8:30 Town Wide Traffic Study

- Update

8:30 – 8:45 Cushing Square Parking Permit Fee (Board of Selectmen)

8:45 – 8:50 Old Business

- No Known Items

8:50 – 8:55 New Business

- No Known Items

8:55 Adjourn

Note: Times are tentative depending on the flow of the meeting, the time of any particular item may deviate ten to fifteen minutes from the schedule.


Cc: Patrice Garvin, Town Administrator
Sgt Ben Mailhot, Belmont Police Department
Richard McLaughlin, Belmont Police Chief
Jay Marcotte, Director, Department of Public Works



OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MEMO

MEMO TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: Glenn R. Clancy, P.E. 

SUBJECT: Traffic Advisory Committee – Traffic Recommendations

DATE: June 18, 2018

The Traffic Advisory Committee at their June 14, 2018 meeting voted unanimously to recommend to the Board of Selectmen the following:

That a feasibility study be made for the placement of a temporary traffic signal, to be located at the intersection of Goden Street and Concord Avenue. Should said study find it feasible to install temporary traffic signals, the installation will be placed for a period of time to be determined by Town officials.

The committee voted to endorse the findings of the BSC Group peer review of the Belmont High School Building Committee recommendation to locate the high school entrance/egress at the intersection of Goden Street and Concord Avenue. The BSC Group supports the building committee recommendation.

The committee also voted to continue studying drop-off and pick-up options on Concord Avenue and to continue working with the school department on possibly adding additional bus service to help alleviate some traffic to and from the high school site. These additional study items do not require a board vote. I am reporting these items to keep the board informed.


The Traffic Advisory Committee is committed to continuing the study of traffic impacts related to the high school and Town wide.



OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MEMO

MEMO TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: Glenn R. Clancy, P.E. 

SUBJECT: Traffic Advisory Committee – Municipal Parking Lot Policy

DATE: June 15, 2018

The Traffic Advisory Committee at their June 14, 2018 meeting met with merchants from Cushing Square to discuss a policy to provide permit parking for merchants and their employees at times when the municipal parking lot is unavailable.

After discussing the matter the committee respectfully recommends the following policy that would be applicable to the three main commercial areas with municipal parking lots:

In cases where the municipal parking lot is not available for at least 30 days, permits will be provided, subject to the current capping limit, at no charge. The monthly fee will remain waived until the lot is available. Further, permit holders will be allowed to park unrestricted in designated 2 hour restricted areas, exact locations to be determined by the Belmont Police Department.

The committee believes it is appropriate to account for the lack of a designated, convenient place to park during periods when the municipal lot is unavailable. This recommendation is aimed at achieving that goal.

\$ 30

TAC Sign in Sheet

6/14

Name

address

Harry Stoddard
Tom Caputo
Sheila Connors LeDuc
FIELDING LEWIS
Betsy Lewis
JACK JURRAS
Linda JURRAS
Catherine Ois-Cote
PLATO SpiliOS
WILLIAM HORNE

70 Goden St.
63 Richmond Rd.
264 Concord Ave.
154 GODEN ST
154 Goden St.
82 GODEN ST
82 goden St
23 Flett Rd.
74 GODEN ST
79 School St.

6/15/

Traffic Advisory Sign In Sheet

Name

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Michael McAllister (CMS
Principal)

Chenery Middle School

GERARD KEEGAN

16 WEST ST.

Marg. Randa Keegan
Gary Kallanian
Regina Kallanian16 West Street
90 WASHINGTON ST.
90 WASHINGTON ST

Mary Dominguez

22 West St

Lena Wong

11 Selwyn Road

GIORD KULLER

12 Selwyn

Dr. Kuller

12 Selwyn Rd.

Hathen Gorman

35 Hurd Rd

MARY GORMAN

35 Hurd Rd

JOHN CARUSO

36 SELWYN RD

John Caruso

36 Selwyn Rd.

Paula D. Lyons

18 Hurd Rd

John Malone

18 Selwyn Rd

Chris Messer

60 Selwyn Rd

Jeff Cadin

18 Garden ST

Tom Kuller

11 Ridge Rd pr 4

Dawn Messer

60 Selwyn

Jeremy Silverfine

163 Oakley Rd

John Rokos

10 West St.

Lebra Rokos

10 West Street

Mark Robbins

35 Selwyn Road

TAC mtg 6/15

name	address
Sarah Keniston	45 Selwyn Rd
Bob Singler	53 Selwyn Rd
Peter Struzziero	Belmont Public Library Director
Brook Ovingley	2 Selwyn Rd
Kate Rouhana	29 Hurd Rd Belmont
Karen Twietmeyer	53 Hurd Rd.
Emilia Twietmeyer	53 Hurd Rd.
Peter Whitmer	41 Horn Road.
Heather Barr	180 School St.
Florence Farrell	35 Selwyn Road

TAC mtg.

Name

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Richard H. Howard	789 Belmont Street
Tom Killian	11 Ridge Rd. Prov 4
MIKE DEMARCO	BELMONT SAVINGS BANK
Diana Shaginian	22 Ridge Rd
Joanna Dunn	24 Ridge Road
David Engelman	17 Ridge Rd.
Carrie Redi	16 Ridge Rd.
Lara Hirner	234 white st (driveway on Ridge Rd)
Jason Reed	234 white St.
Eileen Hanson	238 White St
EDWIN KARAT	
Rickland Powell	7 Oak Ave
MARK CARTMY	21 STONE RD
Ellen Schreiber	49 Sandrick Rd
Odetta Marra	Belmont Savings Bank
Ernest Log	16 Sharpe Rd
Maureen Loukas	42 Sharpe Rd.