

## Town of Arlington

### Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes of 5/14/14, 7:15 pm to 9:30 pm, Town Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room.

Minutes submitted by Laura Wiener.

**Members and Associates Present:** Wayne Chouinard, Jean Clark John Hurd, Jeff Maxtutis, Marjorie Moores, Jeanette Rebecchi, Victor Rivas, Scott Smith, Richard Turcotte, Laura Wiener

**Missing Members and Associates:** Howard Muise, Corey Rateau. Scott left at 8:30. Jean left at 9:00.

**Members of the Public Present:** Steven Byrne (Selectman), Elisabeth Carr-Jones (former TAC member), Anne-Marie Hilbert (126 Jason St.), Elizabeth Dray (130 Jason St.), Amy Markow (125 Jason St.), Robert McKersie (197 Jason St.), Jay Eberle (87 Bartlett Ave.), Mark Spengler (189 Jason St.)

1. Jason Street. Anne-Marie Hilbert spoke on behalf of Jason Street residents. They are concerned about speed and safety. Their requests include increased enforcement, islands, crosswalks, installation of a permanent radar sign, remove double yellow line, signage, curbs. Jeff noted that based on volumes a double yellow line is within guidelines. Neighbors don't favor roundabout near Menotomy Rocks Park because headlights will shine into houses and it will change drivers' orientation away from park crosswalk. Motion to accept Jason Street Working Group recommendations of 5/14/14 plus advanced yield lines northbound on Jason Street before the crosswalk at Irving St., and trim plantings at traffic island to improve sight distances. Voted unanimously. Phase 2 will include studying roundabout and raised crosswalks. Wayne noted that if Selectmen approve recommendations it will get done this season.
2. Pedestrian Flag Program. Elisabeth and Jeff presented "Pedestrian Flag Guidelines". Motion to approve guidelines and policies, plus adding reflective element to flags or sticks, voted unanimously. In the future, when someone requests a flag location they will be sent guidelines.
3. Administration.
  - a. Minutes of 4/9/14 meeting were approved unanimously.
  - b. Correspondence and handouts were reviewed.
  - c. Town Reports. Laura reported that East Arlington Mass. Ave. Rebuild construction is going to start in June, with a public meeting scheduled for June 16. Project oversight is moving from Planning Dept to DPW. Lexpress bus service to Arlington Heights was approved by Selectmen. Parking Study recommendations will move forward after Town Meeting ends. Wayne delivered his staff report. "Lake Street signs" referral from Selectmen, Committee voted to concur with report and recommendations of Police Department.
4. Lake Street. Unanimously voted to increase the amount for consultant from \$750 to \$1000, to update the model and add new data.
5. Acorn Park. Wayne contacted head of MEPA at State Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. Waiting for direction.
6. Mill Street Flashing Beacon. Wayne reported that he expects work to be complete within 2 weeks.
7. Safe Routes to Schools. Marjorie reported on a meeting at Stratton School. The group developed a comprehensive list of conditions and recommendations. DPW priority is wheelchair ramps and road system. Wayne will respond to report with timeline. Jeff noted that Stratton has the most deficient sidewalk system in the Town. Marjorie will send maps for review to all TAC members.
8. Lowell and Mass. Ave. Won't be ready for this year.
9. Adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Meeting Materials:

- Meeting Packet for April: Agenda 5/14/14; Members of Arlington Transportation Advisory Committee, dated 5/8/2014; Minutes of 4/9/14; Project List dated 5/14/2014; Individual Action List from 5/14/14;
- Memo from Marie Krepelka to Richard Turcotte and Howard Muise re. Lake Street Signs dated April 15, 2014; Memo to Marie Krepelka from Officer Corey Rateau re. Amending of Lake Street Signs, dated March 26, 2014; Letter to Board of Selectmen from Leslie Bennett dated March 3, 2013
- Pedestrian Flag Program Guidelines, May 6, 2014, Draft V2
- Jason Street Working Group, 5/14/2014, Recommendations
- Schedule 1: Parking
- Safe Routes to School Stratton School Priorities, 5/12/14
- Memo from Wayne Chouinard to TAC, Re. TAC Update Items, dated May 14, 2014.
- Letter to Transportation Advisory Committee from Anne-Marie Hilbert, Elizabeth Dray, Amy Markov, Scott Lever, re. Jason Street Neighborhood Traffic Issues, dated May 13, 2014