TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR JULY 11, 2023

Meeting opened 10 am. Minutes by A Goshgarian

Members in attendance: Linda Cebula, Gerry Beltis, Lincoln Hooper, Aram Goshgarian, Selectboard Liaison Jeff Handler

Minutes for December 8,2022 approved, motion by Beltis, second by Hooper.

Linda read a traffic safety petition proposed by a group to improve safety in Harwichport, motion by Beltis second by Hooper, to send to SelectBoard.

Linc clarified that the Town of Barnstable controls 6A in Barnstable Village and did not need DOT approval for the speed tables. Harwich would need DOT approval to install speed tables in Harwichport.

Committee voted unanimously to send the petition to the Selectboard.

A citizen raised concerns about the number of “sandwich” boards in Harwichport which impeded walkers and anyone that has sight issues. The committee was advised that the issue was addressed via citations issued by the appropriate town department.

Update on Miles/South/Pleasant

Linc spoke to a contact at Comcast who said that Comcast has moved their equipment and we are waiting for Verizon to move their lines.

Fran Salewski from the Bikeways Committee was present to give an update on the new Vulnerable Road User law. Selectboard Member Jeff Handler offered the parking area at the former Handlers property along Route 28 to place message boards to advertise the law.

Intersection of Bank and Pleasant Streets

Comment made by meeting attendee that vehicles are parking too close to the intersection. Area to be monitored by the police and request for people to call when they see an issue.

Meeting attendee Bob Piantedosi cited heavy vehicle and pedestrian traffic on Bank Street and requested that the possibility of having a permanent speed monitoring sign placed in the area.

Depot and Old Chatham Intersection

Committee received a complaint about the line of sight at the intersection. The committe voted to make no changes.

Chatham Road and Route 39 Intersection

Committed currently waiting to hear from the Town Administrator on further action

Discussion to make Chatham Road a one-way from Route 39 south onto Chatham Road.

Committee consensus that we not propose changing the traffic pattern.

Potential for article for town meeting and the committed does not support temporary measures and is looking for concrete steps to be taken to help with the safety of the intersection.

Cross Street

Linda reviewed the proposals that were brought forward from residents and offered potential compromises.

Several people spoke about the lack of room for two vehicles to safely pass especially near the intersection with Route 28.

Committed voted to send the following proposal to the Selectboard:

1. No parking on the east side of Cross Street.
2. The first two spots next to Dune will be designated as “Live/Delivery” parking only. Live parking was defined as a vehicle with a person sitting in the vehicle.
3. All exiting 2hr limits for parking would be reduced to 1hr.

End Meeting 1140 am. Minutes approved 10/31/2023