Traffic Safety Committee Joint Meeting with Harwich Select Board

July 24. 2023

Present for TSC: J Beltis, L Hooper, L Cebula

Meeting: opened at 651 pm

**Cross Street (from Route 28 to Pleasant)**

SB Chair Anderson asked TSC Chair Cebula to present the proposal for this section of Cross Street as outlined in the letter from TSC dated July 11, 2023. (see attached for this letter). Cebula noted that the inclusion of Lincoln Hooper from DPW and Sgt. Aram Goshgarian from Police department was invaluable in understanding the rules and process for traffic issues.

Discussion and comments from public:

\*Police Chief Guillemette, full support for proposal.

\*Several comments on the issue of removing parking for vibrant Harwich Port.

Town keeps awarding new business permits but is removing parking access.

\*Posts and large rocks placed on the strip between the road and sidewalk forces vehicles

to park further in the street. Is this legal for a resident to do? (Hooper asked to review

this situation)

\*Why making this section one way not being considered? Solves many issues.

\*How long and at what cost for this proposal to be executed? Response is short dollars

for a few signs and some line painting.

Select Board approved the proposal with stipulation that TSC return in fall after considering

other options. Vote by Select Board unanimous.

**Intersection of Route 39 and Old Chatham Road**

TSC had no additional proposals for this intersection. Discussion ensued on planning for this intersection, costs and how/when to obtain the engineering specs needed to be able to talk to property owner. Hooper noted that property owner is amenable but wants to know how much land is being requested. TA Powers said that he expected to be able to get engineering and property issues set, anticipating a possible article for May 2024 Town Meeting to fund the actual construction with a bid date of 7/1/2024.

Suggestion for making access to Old Chatham Road one=way from Route 39 was discussed. Trucks delivering supplies to Water/Wastewater would have difficulties turning onto Lovers Lane and then onto Route 39. Turing radius issues and size of trucks. Public comment wanted to know why a few trucks were dictating the town’s safety issues.

Conversation continued the funding for the engineering study. Pressed to fund from Chapter 90 and/or road maintenance funds, Hooper said that the study could be funded that way but not the physical construction. DPW needs to do drainage work on roads being sewered: do not want to have road pulled up, sewer pipes laid and road refinished, only to do the drainage later on

( pull up road again). Select Board agreed to pursue and get this done.

Meeting Adjourned 805 pm minutes by Linda Cebula minutes approved 10/31/2023