

Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2021

8:30 AM via Zoom

ITEM 1 / Call to Order

8:32 AM

ITEM 2 / Pledge of Allegiance

Led by: Dan Benjamin

ITEM 3 / Attendance & Approval of Minutes

Present: Joe Anderson, Steve Maio, Joe Conway, William Renault, Dan Benjamin, Lois Benjamin, Matt Kealey, John Connors

Approval of Meeting Minutes September 3rd, 2021, **APPROVED**

ITEM 4 / Public Engagement

Any member of the public who wishes to address the Traffic Advisory Committee is asked to submit any comments or concerns to <https://www.wakefield.ma.us/publicparticipation> at least two hours prior to the start of the meeting. Alternatively, members of the public are invited to participate via the Zoom virtual meeting, using the instructions listed above.

Resident, Daniella, of 240 Lowell Street – voicing concerns about MBTA moving bus stop 237 Lowell Street. MBTA is proposing installing a concrete structure which will interfere with her entering & existing her driveway.

Resident, Laura Smith, Main Street- if the bus stop is moved then she will lose her parking in front of her house for her elderly mother.

Resident, 1184 Main Street, -proposed bus stop move would make it more difficult to exit driveway, along with losing more parking spaces.

Jennifer Butcher of 25 Wakefield Ave is advocating for parking on one-side of street only. Lt Anderson to follow up with her directly.

ITEM 5 /New Development Review & Updates

200-400 Quannapowitt Parkway Updates

Atty. Brian McGrail represented the proposed development. Was first a 485 Unit development consisting of Commercial & Restaurant space.

Revised to 440 residential units and a 2700 sq ft restaurant space, with 704 parking spaces, which exceeds the 693 required.

S. Thorton spoke on the trip generation comparison chart. The proposed 440 unit Residential/Restaurant project traffic volume is compatible to the 2010 office/data center development.

M. Keeley said the restaurant will have a proposed liquor license and it would be a sit-down restaurant.

B. Renault said the project was previously proposed back in 2019 with the Zoning Board of Appeals and was approved for research and development.

The developer has also proposed a shuttle service with will run from this development to the downtown area.

Lt Anderson & S. Maio feel the shuttle service would be a huge potential for the town, helping out local businesses. Also help mitigate traffic concerns.

D. Sullivan requested that the shuttle be 100 percent handicap accessible.

M. Keeley to draft memo to be sent to the ZBA by 11/12/21.

ITEM 6 / Sign Request

- A.** Resident requests No Parking restrictions on Hopkins St. near the Reading town line.

Resident of Hopkins Street is very concerned about all the vehicles parked along the west side of the street, including several commercial vehicles, which belong to a delivery service business. Street becomes a one lane road with poor visibility.

Chris Jones, from the Reading Police Dept will also look into problem into Reading also, but group home needs on street parking.

Moved by W. Renault & J. Anderson All in Favor

- B.** Old Business-Parking restrictions on Wakefield Ave and Jefferson Road were discussed at last meeting. Abutter notifications were sent out for further discussion.

J. Conway received calls from JRM about trash vehicles concerns. They are having trouble going from Jefferson Road and taking right onto Wakefield Ave.

Requesting restricting parking on the right side of Jefferson Ave.

Also looking to remove last space on left from Wakefield Light Dept.

Motion for next week discussion.

ITEM 7 / MBTA Bus Stop Improvements

Old business: Request from the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) to review the following areas for potential bus stop improvements, alterations, reconstruction, additions or eliminations.

- A. Main St. & Grafton St. existing bus stop proposed to be moved 115 feet north. **(Approved)**
- B. Main St. & Forest St. shift existing bus stop about 50 feet south, remove approx. three parking spaces and add bump outs/curb extensions for crosswalk. **(Approved)**
- C. Pleasant St. & Wave Ave. move existing bus stop 65 feet north along Pleasant St. Improve crosswalk and ramps. **(Approved)**
- D. Cordis St. & Court St. move existing bus stop about 40 feet east along Cordis St. Improve crosswalk and ramps. **(Approved)**
- E. Vernon St. & Lowell St. move existing bus stop about 75 feet north along Vernon St. Pedestrian signal and curb ramp upgrades proposed. **(Approved)**
- F. Lowell St. & Magnolia Terr. Keep existing bus stop location add a new crosswalk with curb ramps linking to the southern side of Lowell St. **(Approved)**
- G. Lowell St. opposite Pleasant St. keep existing bus stop location, new sidewalk installed with a new crosswalk and curb ramps. **(Approved)**
- H. Opposite 237 Lowell Street move existing bus stop about 40 feet west along Lowell St. Add a new sidewalk, new crosswalk and curb ramps. **(S. Maio motioned to look for more options, W. Renault seconded)**
- I. Lowell St. opposite Walden Road. Eliminate bus stop.
- J. Lowell St. & Walton Lane eliminate bus stop.
- K. Lowell St. & Drury Ln eliminate bus stop.
- L. Lowell St. opposite Drury Ln eliminate bus stop.
- M. Pleasant St. & Aborn Ave. eliminate 2 bus stops.
- N. Pleasant St. & Lawrence St. eliminate 2 bus stops.
- O. Main St. & Railroad Ave eliminate bus stop.
- P. Main St. & Franklin St. eliminate bus stop.

I-P All in favor to eliminate

ITEM 8 /Matters Not Anticipate for Agenda

Any matters not anticipated prior to the 48-hour public notice requirement necessitating immediate action by the TAC.

Dan Benjamin is requesting we move the stop line back to the edge of the curb on the corner of Richardson & North Ave. Also paint “don’t block the box”.

ITEM 9 / Meeting adjourned at 10:59 A.M.

