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Meeting Minutes Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday April 17, 2019

Members Present: Lt. Skory, S. Maio, M. Kealey, J. Conway, P. Reavis, W. Breault, D. Benjamin, M. Luca

- Meeting brought to order at 1000hrs
 - Topic #1 (998-1000 Main Street)
 - Project team being represented by Scott Thornton
 - Project calls for 27 living units (15 one bedroom, 9 two bedroom and 3 three bedroom)
 - There are 30 resident parking spaces and 3 visitor parking spaces on the plan
 - Plan includes a “horseshoe” shaped driveway at the front of the property
 - The horseshoe driveway would result in the loss of 4 parking spaces on Main Street at the front of the property
 - Thornton is looking for no parking within 20 feet of each edge of the two driveway entrance/exits
 - Thornton states the developer looks for property near public transportation in order to attract people who less likely to own a vehicle and drive.
 - Thornton claims this project would result in a 1% increase in traffic in the area
 - Lt. Skory stated the plan does not meet the by-law requirements for on-site parking
 - The current number of units would require a minimum of 42 on-site parking spaces
 - S. Maio raised the possibility of a deed that only allows for one parking space per unit
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- D. Benjamin voiced his concern over losing four parking spaces on Main Street.
 - Thornton was asked about changing the driveway to a single entrance/exit so that only two Main Street parking spaces are compromised.
 - S. Maio asked about parking in a storm water area
 - M. Luca asked about HP parking and Thornton stated the two spots closest to the elevator
 - S. Maio states the current plan only meets 70% of the parking needs
 - W. Breault recommended scaling down the number of units to meet the parking requirements
 - Breault also asked Thornton about upgrading the current crosswalk on Main Street at the Greenwood School. He wants the developer to take care of this as well as having the crosswalk moved further north on Main Street
 - Breault is looking for an "in-lay" crosswalk
 - Thornton states that since this is a 40B project, the parking by-law doesn't apply
 - Thornton is looking for a letter from the TAC for the May 8th ZBA meeting
 - We recommended that Thornton come back before the TAC on May 7th with a revised plan that includes a single driveway with a loading zone, more parking or fewer living units.
 - Lt. Skory read a letter from Resident that voiced concern over the impact this project will have on parking and traffic in the area.
 - Thornton received a copy of this letter
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- 178 Albion Street (Harvard Mills Project)
 - W. Breault brought up Main Streets project and the part of the plan that affects Albion Street and the intersection with Gould Street and Murray Street. Suggested the Harvard Mills project should assume
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financial responsibility for that part of the Main Streets project as well as cover the cost of utility improvements in the adjacent area

- M. Luca asked if we do traffic counts following the completion of a project and the answer was no. We use traffic counts from new projects in the same area.
 - Luca wants to know the cumulative effect of multiple projects.
 - M. Kealey states he looks at future counts in presented traffic studies
 - We will ask that Taurus look at a wide radius when they do their traffic study for Harvard Mills.
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- No Parking Here to Corner on Water Street where it meets Melvin Street
 - Citizen complaint of a lack of sight distance eastbound when exiting Valley Street onto Water Street due to vehicles parking too close to the southeast corner of the intersection.
 - All TAC members viewed the area with an aerial photo from Google Earth.
 - TAC agrees and recommends a “No Parking Here To Corner” sign be installed on the south side of Water Street, twenty feet east of the intersection with Valley Street.
 - This recommendation will be forwarded to the Town Council for final approval.
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- Parking on Eaton Street at the corner of Crescent Street
 - This was generated from a complaint by Resident.
 - Multiple visits to this site have not found an issue that warrants action
 - TAC will table this topic to a future meeting if a need is identified.
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- Greenwood Ave (yellow lines)
 - S. Maio continues to receive complaints from the residents of Greenwood Ave about the double-solid yellow lines
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- M. Kealey states there are no standards that require the painted yellow lines.
- DPW has no explanation for the yellow lines.
- It was agreed that when the line painters are in town in the spring that they will paint over the yellow lines with black paint.

Meeting adjourned at 0945hrs by Lt. Skory
