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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES
Remote participation via ZOOM
Tuesday, May 11, 2021 – 7 PM.

Present: John Bethoney, Chair
Jim Antonizick, P.E. Vice Chair
Charlie Packer, P.E. Member
Dimitria Sullivan, SB

Jason Mammone, P.E., Director of Engineering
Joseph Flanagan, Director of Public Works

Absent: Dan O'Neil, Member

Mr. Bethoney opened the meeting at 7:00 PM and reviewed the virtual meeting guidelines and protocols.

A roll call attendance was taken- above listed TAC members present.

Agenda Item # 1 – Traffic Calming Request #2021-002, 25 Hillside Road, Ashley Schell (Applicant) Vote to conduct Initial Evaluation.

Mr. Bethoney recognized the applicant, Ashley Schell of 25 Hillside Rd. Ms Schell stated she was concerned about the speeding from Hillside Rd to Needham St in such close proximity to a school. Ms Schnell submitted the application without any signatures from neighbors due to her concerns with Covid and her young children being unvaccinated. She stated she has only lived on the street for a few months but has spoken with long time residents who share her concerns.

Mr Bethoney opened to TAC questions and comments.

Dimitria Sullivan stated Ms Schell reached out to her prior to submitting the application and was informed that submitting the application without accompanying signatures was acceptable.

Charlie Packer thanked Ms Schell for bringing the matter to the TAC and mentioned he does not believe the area to be a cut-through and wonders if the traffic could be area residents.

Dimitria Sullivan mentioned she is a long time resident of Riverside Drive. She recalled that Hillside Rd may have had speed humps in the past and ask if Jason could confirm. Jason stated that over 10 years ago (prior to Hillside Rd being done over) the road had speed humps. The residents did not wish to have them remain once the road was re-done.

Ms Schell asked if other traffic calming measures (other than speed humps) would be considered.

Jason stated that once the Initial Evaluation is conducted, he can identify what the problems are and what the mitigation will be.

Jason stated that Hillside Rd does meet the eligibility criteria of the TAC Traffic Calming policy if the TAC determines it worthy of an Initial Evaluation.

Charlie Packer mentioned that TAC may want to consider reevaluating the application policy as to not set a precedent that individuals can submit applications without the support and signatures of neighbors. Mr Bethoney concurred and will take it under consideration.

Mr Bethoney sought a motion to perform and Initial Evaluation on Hillside Rd, Jim Antonizick , 2nd Dimitria Sullivan – by roll call- vote all in favor.

Jason reminded the Ms Schell that applications are processed in the order they are received, and it may be a few months before hers is complete. Jason will communicate with her as to the timeline, but she can rest assured that a study is forthcoming.

Approval of meeting minutes from April 13, 2021

Mr. Bethoney sought a motion to accept the minutes as drafted from April 13, 2021 Motion, Jim Antonizick, 2nd Charlie Packer - Roll call vote —all in favor to accept as drafted.

Old/New Business

Jason mentioned the next meeting was scheduled for June 8, 2021.

Being no further business Mr. Bethoney sought a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn at 7:20 PM Charlie Packer, 2nd Dimitria Sullivan -roll call vote – all in favor.

