

## MINUTES

### Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC)

Marblehead, Massachusetts

May 20, 2024

This hybrid TSAC meeting was held at 4:00 p.m. at Abbot Hall, 188 Washington Street, Marblehead and publicly via Zoom Meeting.

The following TSAC members were in attendance which constitutes a quorum:

David Kucharsky, resident	Present
Rick Smyers, resident	Present
Gary Hebert, resident	Present
Dennis King, Police Chief	Present
Jason Gilliland, Fire Chief	Present
Amy McHugh, Director, Department of Public Works	arrived at 4:09pm
Charles Quigley, Town Engineer	Present
Thatcher Kezer-Ex Officio, Town Administrator	Present

#### 1. Call to Order

Gary Hebert called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and announced it was being recorded.

#### 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

**Motion** To approve meeting minutes (4-22-24) made by Rick Smyers and seconded: David Kucharsky 6 in favor 1 Absent.

#### 3. Quarterly Report # 2

Rick Smyers suggested appendix be added to future Quarterly reports that lists recommendations and progress.

**Motion** To approve Quarterly Report #2) made by Jason Gilliland and seconded: David Kucharsky 6 in favor 1 Absent.

#### 4. Public Comment

**Weston and Ocean** – more no parking striping, leave as is

2 residents spoke in favor of adding no parking stripes by Weston Rd

**Peach Highlands** speed bumps - People spoke in favor of speed humps and opposed.

One resident – lower speed limit, No signs wanted on peach highlands – speed table

One resident not in favor of speed bumps

**Beach street area** signs relocations request.

**Heritage Way** parking spoke against request for one side parking and no trucks

#### 5. Peach Highlands hill crest traffic calming treatment.

**Discussion – Police Chief update:** Historically, a small number of Marblehead drivers have jumped the Peach Highlands hill crest. Following complaints, the Town installed temporary seasonal speed humps on both sides of the hill crest in 2021. Peach Highlands' Speed Limit is 25 MPH, but its hill crest has an available sight line adequate

for 10 miles per hour, its advisory speed. The Town has not received complaints since the seasonal speed humps were removed by a local resident and returned to Marblehead's Highway Department. Recent multi-day radar observations found travel speeds at hill crest typically exceed its advisory speed of 10 miles per hour. Residents have said hill jumping stopped when temporary seasonal speed bumps were installed on both sides of the hill crest. Enforcement has increased. No reported crashes have occurred with or without the speed bumps. Another local Resident has pointed a camera at the hill and provided the TSAC with a thumb drive of hill-jumping videos from 2020 and earlier, prior to the placement of the temporary seasonal speed humps

### **Options presented for Traffic Calming**

**Option 1** – Do nothing

**Option 2**- Signs and lines added to top of hill area, gives the illusion of going faster than you are. Signage 10 mph Hill blocks view- speed hump

**Option 3** – put speed humps in rather than speed bump - follow federal best practice and install on correct grade.

*Motion to recommend Option 2 with minimal signs and stipes with monitoring and review* made by Dennis King and David Kucharsky seconded: All in favor.

## **6. Discussion of Traffic Change requests involving on street parking**

**Bylaw section 264-5. This bylaw does not allow** visitors or residents to park on a sidewalk, within 10 ft of hydrant, to block a public or private driveway, It also prohibits parking within 20 ft of a corner or leaving a travel lane less than 10 ft wide.

- a. Beach street at Orchard no parking sign - Motion to recommend - Move sign to 20 ft back from corner made by Dennis King seconded by Jason Gilliland - All in favor.
- b. Gregory St. @ Hawke St – Motion to recommend No Parking sign be moved to 20 ft from corner made by Rick Smyers seconded by David Kucharsky - All in favor .
- c. Waldron CT #12- Tabled for review current signage is as voted in past.
- d. Waldron Ct #9 – Tabled for review to confirm sign movement can be done without losing a parking spot.
- e. Heritage Way - Motion made to recommend for Town Staff to Review corner by Heritage Way and Bessom St and curve by ½ house. Made by David Kucharsky and seconded by Dennis King. All in favor.
- f. Ocean Ave @ Weston Street - Tabled - Have Chair to look at site line to see if there is an issue look at parking loss. Take up at next meeting.
- g. Lindsay St @ Hawke Street - This is an issue for Fire Truck passage. Motion made to move No Parking Sing on right hand side of Lindsay back to 20 feet. Made by Rick Smyers and seconded by David Kucharsky All in favor.

## **7. Next meeting date, potential agenda items, and TSAC assignments**

June 17, 2024 Focus on sidewalks, pedestrian safety

8. **Adjourn 5:16pm. Motion to Adjourn made** by Rick Smyers and David Kucharsky seconded: All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy McHugh  
Secretary