Traffic Safety Work Group Agenda
Thursday, January 23, 2020 - 10:30 AM
Town Building Conference Room
16 Broad Street
Nantucket, MA 02554

I. Call to Order

II. Public Comment

III. Official Business
1. Continued update on proposed Lovers Lane, Okorwaw Avenue and Monohansett Road improvements.

2. Review requests to make section of Center Street from India Street to Hussey Street one-way towards northwest towards Hussey Street; and, for new short-term loading zone by tree in front of Roberts House on Center Street (tabled from October 17, 2019; November 21, 2019).

3. Review request to keep the loading zone on Broad Street adjacent to Glidden’s office until the current time and change time of newly approved loading zone on Broad Street in front of Brotherhood to end at 12 noon (tabled from October 17, 2019; November 21, 2019).

4. Discussion regarding moped/scooter parking in the street (tabled from October 17, 2019; November 21, 2019).

5. Milestone Road - Discussion of consequences of converting to locally-controlled roadway.

IV. Other Business*

V. Approval of minutes of November 21, 2019 at 10:30 AM.

VI. Adjournment

*For topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting.
Hi. I’d respectfully request adding several items to next meeting.

1 - I propose to make small stretch of Center St from India intersection to Hussey St One-Way towards west to Hussey. This area is tight and unnecessary spot where people try to force their way towards India to circle around when it’s much easier to go towards Broad St. This will improve traffic flow and help with people trying to park in front of Roberts House spaces.

2- I propose keeping the loading zone on Broad St adjacent to Gliddens office till current time. I propose that the new approved loading zone in front of Brotherhood end at 12 noon. This will serve the needs of this street better as there is a need for 2 zones but not both till 4. I have spoken to both Languedoc and Brotherhood along with multiple drivers. This will work well along with relocating the bizarre crosswalk down to the Corner Table.

3- I would like to revisit the Moped/Scooter parking in street issue. There are more types of motorized bikes coming our way which may wind up in the street like the mopeds. I have several ideas we could try for coming summer if we could draft some reasonable language for summer specials to pass along to riders and also speak to bike shops about this issue. There are many solutions to this that require little education.

4- I’d like to discuss a short term loading zone by the tree in front of the Roberts House for a future meeting if we approve the one-way section of Center. This would be a huge improvement for 4 deliveries in this area.

Thank you for your time, Nat Lowell

Sent from my iPad
Center St two-way traffic between Broad St & Hussey St only

Proposed short-term loading zone

Make section of Center St between India St & Hussey St one way in northwest direction - currently two way from Broad St to India St
At its July 10, 2019 meeting, the Select Board voted to relocate loading zone on Broad Street at Center Street to north side of Broad Street east of the existing mid-block crosswalk and relocate the midblock crosswalk to the west side of Broad Street at the Federal Street intersection.
Option 1 - Relocate Loading Zone to Mid-Block Crosswalk

Lowell Broad St Loading Zone Proposal to TSWG

- New Loading Zone - change time to 8AM to 12PM (2 Parking Spaces)
- Install Crosswalk
- Keep Existing Loading Zone, 8AM to 4PM (2 Parking Spaces)
- Remove Crosswalk

Crosswalk
Parking Restrictions
Enforcement Times
15 Minute
20 Minute
30 Minute
1 Hour
2 Hour
Disabled Parking
Restricted
Taxi Zones
Loading Zones
Erika – as we discussed, and to assist with a request from the NP&EDC, please add an item to the TS January agenda regarding Milestone Road and the consequences associated with changing the designation from a state highway to a Town/County controlled roadway. It would be helpful to get input from the members concerning any added local obligations with maintenance, enforcement, etc.

Below is the approved action from the draft minutes of the NP&EDC’s November 18, 2019 meeting:

Judith makes motion to ask Staff to give us a report on what consequences would be of taking Milestone Rd. back from State.

VORCE this would be a research project that we would have to undertake. May not be a burning priority. This would go to the County.

Judith amends MOTION commenced within next 6 months

Passes by MAJORITY Vote

Jack and Bert opposed

Thanks.
Mike

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~~ Minutes ~~
Thursday, November 21, 2019

Staff in attendance: Sign Technician Ray Sylvia; Town Minute Taker Terry Norton
Attending Members: Transportation Planner Mike Burns (chairman); Arthur Gasbarro; Fire Chief Steve Murphy; Police Chief William Pittman
Members Absent: Commission on Disability Chair Milton Rowland; Jack Gardner (vice chairman); Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Robert McNeil

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Called to order at 10:31 a.m.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT
None

IV. OFFICIAL BUSINESS
1. Continued update on proposed Lovers Lane, Okorwaw Avenue and Monohansett Road improvements.
   Documentation None
   Discussion Burns – This is from the DPW, and their representative is not here. From his recent discussion with Rob McNeil, he doesn’t believe there are any updates at this time.
   Action No action and tabled for December meeting.
   Vote N/A

2. Review requests to make section of Center Street from India Street to Hussey Street one-way towards northwest towards Hussey Street; and, for new short-term loading zone by tree in front of Roberts House on Center Street.
   Documentation Nat Lowell email dated 10/9/2019; GIS map re: Center St proposed changes; traffic volumes
   Discussion Burns – We talked about this last month and held this for Chief Murphy’s input. There is new information in the packet with traffic counts.
   Curtis Barnes, Sunset Hill Lane – His concern is the 1-way proposal creates a trap; if there is a no entry at Hussey toward India Street, the only option is to go right up Hussey, and loop back in down India Street. It should all be one way up to Broad Street.
   Murphy – He supports this. The 2-way to Hussey provides us access up Hussey. He’s not in favor of the loading zone; there is a fire hydrant and tree and loading zone across India.
   Burns – If there was a need to block Broad Street between Federal and Center Streets, asked if there is a work around.
   Pittman – The last option for a detour is to change directions of a one-way road. The only other option would be the loop around Hussey to India. We could reverse lower Chestnut back to the other direction as it originally was; it could be used to get into Town as an alternative to India.
   Murphy – He supports the proposal of 2-way to Hussey, but it’s important to keep Chestnut as it is to access Hussey from Town.
   Gasbarro – He supports the proposal. If all Center Street were one way, we still have Gay Street to get out of Town; that eliminates conflicts between Hussey and Broad.
   Murphy – His concern about using Gay Street to leave Town is making the turn onto Gay.
Burns – That section of Center Street is broad; if it were one way, he’d want to repurpose the area.

Murphy – Trucks take that space to make the turn onto Broad Street.

Pittman – One-way to Broad makes a loop around town; that might be beneficial for trucks by keeping them off Federal.

Burns – He’d like to get input from the absent members on this. Asked members if this should be held.

Pittman – If this is to be implemented, it should be done in February or March; the sooner the better to get the locals used to it.

Gasbarro – He thinks all of Center Street being one way is the cleanest way without adding the loading zone; there is a conflict at that location.

Action
No action and tabled for December meeting.

Vote
N/A

3. Review request to keep the loading zone on Broad Street adjacent to Glidden’s office until the current time and change time of newly approved loading zone on Broad Street in front of Brotherhood to end at 12 noon.

Documentation
Select Board approved loading zone changes on Broad St; Lowell-proposed changes to Broad St loading zones

Discussion
Burns – This is an option previously discussed and wasn’t approved because the concern was trucks turning from Center onto Broad. We currently have the lower loading zone at the Brotherhood useable until 4:00 p.m.

Murphy – The upper loading zone always backs up into Center making it hard to make that turn.

Pittman – Agrees.

Barnes – He sees a lot of trucks in the upper zone until 4 in the afternoon; if you close out the Brotherhood one at 12, you eliminate trucks from unloading.

Burns – He wants input from the proposer on why the loading times should be changed.

Action
No action and tabled for December meeting.

Vote
N/A

4. Discussion regarding moped/scooter parking in the street.

Documentation
Parking Time Limits and Enforcement Areas map; photos

Discussion
Burns – We talked about Town property for scooter/moped parking; he looked into that but there aren’t a lot of available Town properties. We are in favor of finding a moped lot site.

Pittman – He doesn’t think it will solve the problem of parking in the spaces.

Burns – The carrot was the moped lots would be exempt from time limits.

Gasbarro – He was thinking of pocket-type spaces within the layout. Suggested on spot might be by the NRTA office lawn area.

Pittman – Could tuck one in at Center and Chestnut.

Murphy – The hardest part will be maintaining driveway access, fire hydrants, and turning radius.

Burns – Suggested everyone note areas good for moped parking for the next hearing.

Action
No action and tabled for December meeting.

Vote
N/A

5. Review new recommendation regarding request for yellow no parking lines in front of Brant Point Courtyard archway and in front of unit 5A at 15 Swain Street.

Documentation
Email re: 15 Swain St with proposal; aerial photo of proposed solution; Steve Mailloux letter dated 8/12/2019; photos; Brant Point Courtyard aerial view; plans and photos

Discussion
Burns – Ken Beaugrand confirmed there is no encroachment at this site; however, there is encroachment is on the other side of the road. Suggested striping a sidewalk and having a parking lane. There would still be room available in the road layout for 2 traffic lanes.
Steve Mailloux, Manager Brant Point Courtyard – His board of directors is anxious to get this resolved. For years it wasn’t an issue, but it recently changed because there is now all-day parking allowed here and increased traffic.

Gasbarro – Thanked Mr. Mailloux for getting the additional information. If you just put in a white pedestrian line, it will get covered with sand and people will park there. The proposed solution as drawn would be good. He supports a yellow line in the interim and putting this as a planning project to build a sidewalk and widen the road.

Mailloux – He suggests putting in the sidewalk on the north side and relocating the parking to the south side. An interim action might be a yellow line in front of the arbor and Unit 5.

Burns – It should be in place before the Summer season.

**Action**

**Motion to place a yellow line front of the Arbor and in front of Unit 5 with the line as short as possible to allow for access.** (made by: Gasbarro) (seconded by: Murphy)

**Vote**

So voted unanimously

6. Discussion regarding long-term parking on Candle Street and possible installation of accessible parking space.

**Documentation**

Email re: Long-term parking on Candle Street

**Discussion**

Burns – He discussed the accessible parking with Mr. Rowland; this is for the food pantry, which has a limited operation time. Suggest, if they are authorized, they could set cones to allow for flexible accessible parking.

Pittman – All they need for that is a street-blocking permit with the dates and times. Part of the issue is cars park there to leave on the boat; that is an issue of enforcement. We would have to prohibit long-term parking. Noted he is requesting in his budget for the addition of two parking enforcement officers.

**Action**

**Motion to Recommend the Food Pantry apply for a street-blocking permit.** (made by: Pittman) (seconded by: Murphy)

**Vote**

So voted unanimously

V. OTHER BUSINESS (Topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting)

1. Burns – Next meeting is December 19; to allow for people’s travel plans, suggested moving it up to December 12.
   Consensus agrees.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of October 17, 2019 were approved by the unanimous consent of the meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion to adjourn at 11:15 a.m.** (made by: Gasbarro) (seconded by: Murphy) So voted unanimously

List of additional documents used at the meeting:

1. October 17, 2019 draft minutes