



TRAFFIC SAFETY WORK GROUP

Public Safety Facility Community Room

4 Fairgrounds Road

Nantucket, Massachusetts 02554

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Thursday, February 20, 2020

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

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Called to order at 10:32 a.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Jason Bridges, Bicycle, Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) – The BPAC looked at Pleasant Street being one way; other options are also being studied. BPAC wants TSWG to also look at this. It would involve very low infrastructure costs.
Burns – Reviewed the options. Beta Group needs to do a technical memorandum and draft a plan
Gasbarro – We need to look at the global impact.
2. Curtis Barnes – There are two driveway curb cuts on West Chester Street that don't conform: Numbers 9 & 27. The cuts are made but they did not create 2 off-street parking spaces.

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. Chair: Rob McNeil nominated Art Gasbarro as chair. (Seconded) Carried unanimously
2. Vice Chair: Chief Pittman nominated Jack Gardner as vice chair. (Seconded) Carried unanimously

IV. OFFICIAL BUSINESS

1. Continued update on proposed Lovers Lane, Okorwaw Avenue and Monohansett Road improvements.
Documentation None
Discussion **McNeil** – They have gotten the permission of abutting homeowners along Lover's Lane for drainage work. The public information sessions on the upgrade of Lover's Lane will start on Thursday, March 12.
Action **Tabled to March 19th by unanimous consent.**
Vote N/A
2. Discussion regarding moped/scooter parking in the street (tabled from October 17, 2019; November 21, 2019; January 23, 2020).
Documentation Aerial photo
Discussion **Burns** – the area around the Town building has been ID'ed for a moped corral. He would like that permitted before the summer season.
Gasbarro – He would like to start with the space near the NRTA and Health Department offices.
Nat Lowell – He is concerned about mopeds continuing to park in the street. Suggested reaching out to the Dreamland as a site for a corral. Suggested designating spaces on corners of intersections for mopeds. He wants to find something that works. Cole Alley would also be good.

Curtis Barnes – He is going to Bermuda and will bring back photos and regulations on how they handle moped parking.

Jason Bridges – At the Handlebar Café, he allows after-hours parking. It would be good to get more businesses to think like that.

Gasbarro – Let’s start with East Chestnut Street space. We should have a drawing completed for the Select Board.

Murphy – He doesn’t know how/if the spaces will be used.

Pittman – We need to keep mopeds and bicycles separate. Mopeds must have on-street parking spaces since they are motor vehicles. It would help if their parking is free with no-time limit.

McNeil – Asked about allowing mopeds to park within 25 feet of an intersection and how many spaces would be ideal.

Burns – We won’t know until we start.

Discussion about “corner” parking.

Action Motion to create a 3-member workgroup to look into this. **(made by: Gasbarro) (seconded)**

Vote So voted

3. Review of initial design options for intersection of Washington Street and Francis Street.

Documentation Draft design with four options

Discussion **Burns** – Reviewed the options. Pointed out that the traffic flow here does not justify a roundabout; that was looked at through due diligence.

McNeil – He has concerns.

Pittman – Option 4 provided for a 3-way intersection. East-bound traffic should not be turning from the center of Washington Street Option 4 is better as it incorporates pedestrians and bicycles. You should have either yield signs or stop signs, not a mix.

Nat Lowell – He likes the way the other end of Francis Street at Union Street is done.

Murphy – He likes the idea of the 3-way stop and removing the lane on Francis that heads toward Union; when you come up Francis, you should end up in a single lane.

Burns – There is no urgency with this.

McNeil – No there isn’t. Pointed out that about 2% of the traffic comes from Washington Street Extension.

Gasbarro – Option 4 with more work might be feasible. Asked about deflection coming out of the Washington Street Extension and why it isn’t straight.

Pittman – Suggested making Washington no-stop with a stop on Francis.

Burns – Suggested Mr. McNeil work with the designer.

Jason Bridges, BPAC – Provided BPAC’s view of the options.

Action **Tabled to March 19th by unanimous consent.**

Vote N/A

4. Review of application for driveway curb cut at 24 Union Street.

Documentation Curb cut application; photo of existing; and photoshopped with curb cut.

Discussion **Rob Mehr**, owner – Presented the project.

Burns – The project indicates parking for a compact car. Asked how many on-street parking spaces would be lost.

Mehr – It’s a 1 for 1 exchange.

Gasbarro – The parking area should be of adequate depth not to impede the sidewalk. He questions that with the bay window.

McNeil – Also, the curb cut must ensure adequate ADA compliance of the apron across the sidewalk; the DPW can provide that information.

Rowland – The 24 ½ slope doesn’t meet ADA.

Gasbarro – We would be creating more packing out onto Union Street; that’s a safety factor.

Burns – We need the length of the additional yellow lines and more accurate drawings with the slope as well as the length between the existing yellow lines.

MacNeil – He needs to ask if the driveway surface will be impervious and the stormwater management.

Action **Tabled to March 19th by unanimous consent.**

Vote N/A

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

1. None

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of January 23, 2020 were approved by the unanimous consent of the meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 12:01 p.m. by unanimous consent

List of additional documents used at the meeting:

1. Draft January 23, 2020 minutes