

Minutes of Meeting – December 19, 2018; meeting called to order at 2:30pm. Present: Ken Fowler; Dave Roche; Ed Lane; Neal Maxymillian; Warren Archey.

Chairman Fowler announced the purpose of this special meeting was to discuss the closure of the median at Hubbard Street and Routes 7/20. He stated that this is a special meeting, but that he will allow all in attendance to speak.

Several individuals spoke to the need to close the median off completely, perhaps planting it with colorful perennials. There was also a suggestion to lower the speed limit to 45 MPH and to install a traffic light. It was further suggested that a traffic study be done of the entire downtown area to determine where the traffic would now go. The general consensus was that action needs to occur quickly, and that everyone was very pleased at how quickly the board set up a meeting. It was also mentioned that it is important that the state know what was said today, and what suggestions/concerns were discussed.

All of the Board members thanked everyone for attending the meeting, and assured them that quick action will be taken. EL stated that MA DOT stated that once they receive a letter from the Board seeking to close off the median, they will place barriers up ASAP with a more permanent fix in the spring. MOTION by DR, seconded by EL to direct the TM to make written request to the MA Department of Transportation that the Route 7 & 20 median at the intersection with Hubbard Street be closed. 5/0 vote.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.

Minutes Taken By: _____	Minutes Accepted By: _____
Mary Ellen Deming	Clerk
Director of Administrative Services	Board of Selectmen

List of Documents: None.