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Date: 11/05/2015 07:05 PM
Subject: Formal Request to the Board of Selectmen

Dear Selectmen,

Please accept this as my formal request for traffic calming along Gray Street pursuant to the Town of Arlington Traffic Advisory Traffic Calming Guidelines approved by the TAC December 8, 2010.

As I understand it, Arlington is considering adopting the Complete Streets program sponsored by MassDOT, currently in development. As I understand it, this program would provide funding for complete streets interventions, including traffic calming.

In order to save money or avoid wasting money, as an immediate first step, I would ask that no "improvements" be made to Gray Street until the Complete Streets program is adopted by Arlington and a comprehensive Complete Streets Plan is developed for Gray Street, perhaps in the context of a Complete Streets master plan for the Town. The exception being safety related spot repairs or pavement patching related to utility work.

Gray Street is remarkable.

A 1 ½ miles straight shot with, by my count, only two stops (Highland and Jason).

Gray Street has virtually no traffic calming characteristic, On the contrary:

- Lane widths are generous and conducive to higher speeds than posted or appropriate for this residential neighborhood.
- Double yellow line, suggesting Gray Street is built for speed.
- Virtually only car traffic, unlike mixed-mode streets that tends to slow traffic.
- Virtually no on-street parking than can serve to slow traffic.

- o Anecdotally, calming elements and characteristics along the same parallel length of Mass Ave are pushing traffic volume to the largely unimpeded clean-shot along Gray Street. At a minimum, this traffic should be slowed down and, hopefully, some diverted back to Mass Ave or Route 2 where it would be more appropriate.

My immediate request is that spending on "improvements" to Gray Street be postponed until a plan for effective traffic calming measures can be incorporated.

Thank you,

Greg Thompson

249 Gray Street

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Greg Thompson
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Dear Mr. Thompson:

We are in receipt of your correspondence of November 5th in which you request traffic calming along Gray Street.

Thank you for writing to the Board of Selectmen. Your correspondence will appear on the November 23rd Selectmen's Agenda under "Correspondence Received". Although it is not necessary for you to attend the meeting, you may do so if you are so inclined.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Very truly yours,
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marie A. Krepelka".

Marie A. Krepelka
Board Administrator

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