

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Town of Arlington
Planning and Community Development Department, 730 Mass Ave,
Arlington MA, 02476
c/o Daniel Amstutz

To: **Select Board**
From: **TAC**
Subject: **Traffic Calming on Thorndike Street at Magnolia Park Entrance**
Date: **April 8, 2019**

At its October 22, 2018 meeting, the Select Board voted to forward to TAC a request for traffic calming on Thorndike Street at the Magnolia Park entrance. The request was made by Bill Palmteer, a resident of Thorndike Street. Dan Amstutuz, Senior Transportation Planner with the Planning Department, met with Mr. Palmteer to better understand his concern, which primarily involved making drivers more aware of the Park entrance, especially for drivers who may not use the street regularly. Thorndike Street adjacent to Magnolia Park south of Herbert Road is a dead end street. At the end is a gravel roadway and path leading to Thorndike Park. Thorndike Street is sometimes used by drivers to drop off and pick up people accessing Alewife Station. Also, people using the dog park or the playing field may park on Thorndike Street and use the Thorndike Street entrance to the park.

Based on Mr. Amstutz's site visit and meeting with Mr. Palmteer, the TAC voted to recommend the following:

- The Select Board should establish a no parking area 20 feet either side of the park entrance on the southbound side of Thorndike Street. This would eliminate parked cars blocking driver's view of people exiting the park entrance.
- The Department of Public Works should install playground warning signs on both approaches to the park entrance.

Respectfully submitted,

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Howard Muise, TAC Chair

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