



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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To: Board of Selectmen, Arlington, Massachusetts
From: Transportation Advisory Committee
Subject: Appleton Place
Reference: Resident Request for One Way Designation
Date: September 28, 2009

A resident on Appleton Place has raised a concern related to difficulty of two-way travel along Appleton Place between Burton Street and Massachusetts Avenue. It was stated that the existing pavement width (approx 20') and the presence of vehicles parked along the west side of the road make the two-way travel difficult (currently, parking along the east side of the road is prohibited). In addition, vehicles parked along the west side of the road opposite driveways make it difficult to exit these same driveways.

The TAC has reviewed the existing conditions and traffic patterns along this stretch of Appleton Place. Peak hour traffic counts were recorded on 11/29/07 at the intersection of Appleton Place and Massachusetts Avenue. On this day, traffic counts were also recorded on the north and south side of the Acton Street intersection. Additional traffic counts were taken during the peak morning hour of January 22, 2008.

Making Appleton Place one-way would significantly modify traffic patterns around the Ottoson Middle School, already a difficult area, and the church. This step should not be taken based on just local concerns, but should be included in a larger study of the area."

At its meeting on 4/15/09, the TAC voted unanimously on the following recommendations.

- 1) **Leave Appleton Place two-way**
- 2) **Place "Do Not Park Opposite Driveway" signs at appropriate locations to prevent parked vehicles from impeding access to driveways (see attached figure).**
- 3) **Include further study of this area when the Ottoson School is evaluated as part of the Safe Routes to Schools Program**

Respectfully Submitted,

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