

TRAFFIC COMMISSION
AGENDA
TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2022
HYBRID @ 7:00 P.M.

New Business

1. Jefferson Avenue – Excessive Speeding
2. Grand Street – Speeding
3. Center Avenue – Sidewalks/Parking
4. Madison Street between Old White Plains Road and Grand Street - Vehicle Residential Hang Tags
5. 412 N Barry Ave – Install Safety Mirror
6. 745 River Street – No Parking
7. Royal Place – Stop Sign
8. Bleeker Ave – Speed Humps
9. Corner of Mamaroneck Avenue and Old White Plains Road - Parking/Traffic Hazard

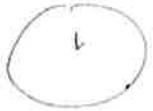
Old Business

1. 1511 Mamaroneck Ave – No Parking
2. Claflin Avenue – Parking Restriction Issue
3. Knollwood and Crown Court– Stop Sign/Speed Bump
4. Mamaroneck Avenue School

Minutes

May 10, 2022

July 12, 2022



Elena Decunzo

From: ALBERT CORTINA <aecortina@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 11:17 AM
To: BoardOfTraffic
Subject: Excessive speeding - Jefferson Avenue

Hello everyone,

I write this letter to try and understand what you as the traffic commission can do to reduce the excessive speeding on Jefferson Avenue between the streets of Hillside and Meadow. It has always been a concern of my wife and I, but has become quite bad the past few weeks as we have been playing in our driveway with our daughter and noticed several cars traveling in excess of 50 mph.

I was thinking any or all of the below could assist in our concerns :

1. Speed limit signs placed on this street stating the 25MPH limit.
2. Children at play signs warning the cars to slow down
3. Speed checks on the street periodically.
4. Speed humps (not bumps) in between the above mentioned cross streets.

Thanks for your attention to the above.

Please let me know if there is anything you need from me as a concerned parent.

Kind Regards,

Albert Cortina

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Elena Decunzo

From: Laura Abbate
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 12:23 PM
To: Domenic Zagaroli
Cc: BoardOfTraffic; Lou Young
Subject: Re: Speeding in residential neighborhoods

Good morning Domenic,

Thank you for your email.

I wanted to be sure to respond and also include the Board of Traffic Committee as your email is very important.

Thank you for continuing to shed light on the situation that plagues the Washingtonville area.

I hope as a Committee we can all collectively address this issue for Mr. Zagaroli and begin to help in the implementation of creating a safe environment for all.

If we can add this to an upcoming agenda for discussion that would be helpful.

All the best,

Laura Abbate

From: Domenic Zagaroli <domzagaroli@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 5:13 PM
To: Laura Abbate <labbate@vomny.net>
Subject: Speeding in residential neighborhoods

Sent from my iPhone

Hi Laura: as you know, speeding is a problem all over especially in residential neighborhoods. I live on Grand Street and speeding is horrific especially after drop off/pick up at the French American school. I think some heavy police enforcement might do the trick.

Thank you,
Domenic Zagaroli

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Elena Decunzo

From: Laura Abbate
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 12:27 PM
To: Liseth Son; BoardOfTraffic; Lou Young
Subject: Re: Unsafe center ave street

Good morning Liseth,

Thank you for your email.

I wanted to be sure to respond and also include the Board of Traffic Committee as your email is very important.

Thank you for continuing to shed light on the situation that plagues the Washingtonville area.

I hope as a Committee we can all collectively address this issue for Liseth Son and begin to help in the implementation of creating a safe environment for all.

If we can add this to an upcoming agenda for discussion that would be helpful.

All the best,

Laura Abbate

From: Liseth Son <lsthson@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 4:59 PM
To: BoardOfTraffic <BofTraffic@vomny.org>
Subject: Unsafe center ave street

Hi-
My name is Liseth Son, I have lived in 439 center ave Mamaroneck for over 5 years. I'm reaching out to you concerning about the safety for my kids and other neighbors kids each day both side of the sidewalks are Unwalkable due to cars park on top sidewalk. People and kids have to walk on street onto oncoming traffic this very dangerous. Also, there is no street parking for residents that live on this street. The auto body shops live cars on street for several weeks to months or swap cars. Leaving residents like I to look for parking on other streets or blocks way this should not be happening with two children needing to carry groceries several blocks away because now it's impossible to get parking near. Neighbors have call police to complain about this over time and nothing really happens, this is why I'm reaching out because all street matters and safety and parking for residents.

Please if you can direct me to whom I need to contact or reach on this matter.

Thank you,
Liseth Son

Sent from my iPhone

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Elena Decunzo

From: Laura Abbate
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 12:30 PM
To: Tim O'Connor; BoardOfTraffic; Lou Young
Subject: Re: Madison Street between Old White Plains Road and Grand Street / Vehicle Residential Hang Tags

Thank you Mr. O' Connor,

Thank you for your email.

I wanted to be sure to respond and also include the Board of Traffic Committee as your email is very important.

Thank you for continuing to shed light on the situation that plagues the Washingtonville area.

I hope as a Committee we can all collectively address this issue for (Mr. O'Connor and the residents of Washingtonville - The Flats) and begin to help in the implementation of creating a safe environment for all.

If we can add this to an upcoming agenda for discussion that would be helpful. If this issue is going to be addressed at this evening's Traffic Commission meeting, I would like to speak as a resident.

All the best,

Laura Abbate

From: Tim O'Connor <tocroc@optonline.net>
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2022 5:23 PM
To: BoardOfTraffic <BofTraffic@vomny.org>
Cc: Tim O'Connor <tocroc@optonline.net>
Subject: Madison Street between Old White Plains Road and Grand Street / Vehicle Residential Hang Tags

July 11, 2022

Village Hall at the Regatta
123 Mamaroneck Avenue
Mamaroneck, NY 10543

Re: Madison Street between Old White Plains Road and Grand Street / Vehicle Residential Hang Tags

Mr. Brian Williams / Village of Mamaroneck Traffic Committee;

As you're well aware there is no "zoning" for residential parking on Madison Street between Old White Plains Road and Grand Street. The situation is getting worse because of it! With dense neighborhoods in the Washingtonville area it has become very difficult and impossible at times to find available parking. Since the inception of the vehicle residential hang tags in the village some time ago this section of Madison Street was never "zoned" and overlooked for residential parking. Madison Street has become a situation where commercial vehicles constantly park, out of state vehicles regularly use this section of Madison Street as a personal parking lot and commuters find this as a "free" parking pass circumventing the public parking lots in the village – a problem! To correct the existing parking issues mentioned above, this section of Madison Street between Old White Plains Road and Grand Street will require to comply with the rest of residential parking throughout the Village of Mamaroneck. Any support from this committee would be appreciative to remedy the situation. Appreciate your time and consideration.

Regards,
Timothy O'Connor
Village of Mamaroneck Resident

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Elena Decunzo

From: Laura Abbate
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 12:38 PM
To: Justin Gonlag; BoardOfTraffic
Subject: Re: 412 N Barry - Dangerous leaving home driveway

Thank you for your email.

I wanted to be sure to respond and also include the Board of Traffic Committee as your email is very important.

Thank you for continuing to shed light on the traffic issue that plagues your area.

I hope as a Committee we can all collectively address this issue and begin to help in the implementation of creating a safe environment for all.

If we can add this to an upcoming agenda for discussion that would be helpful.

All the best,

Laura Abbate

From: Justin Gonlag <justingonlag@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2022 7:42 AM
To: BoardOfTraffic <BofTraffic@vomny.org>
Subject: 412 N Barry - Dangerous leaving home driveway

Hi Village Traffic Commission,

I live at 412 N Barry Avenue. The side of the street where our home is located is the side that cars are allowed to park. When leaving our driveway it is not possible to see oncoming traffic from the Halstead Avenue side. We have had a few near misses of collisions leaving our driveway in the last couple of weeks. I've therefore purchased a traffic safety mirror that I'd like to place on the other side of the road. I called the village of public works to see if I could attach it to one of the large poles across the road but they didn't seem to have a protocol for that.

Please could you advise on where and how I can install the safety mirror to keep me and my family safe when leaving our driveway.

Thanks,
Justin

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Elena Decunzo

From: Laura Abbate
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 12:46 PM
To: kathy graver; BoardOfTraffic
Subject: Re:

Thank you for your email.

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Thank you for continuing to shed light on the situation that plagues your area.

I hope as a Committee we can all collectively address this issue to help in the implementation of creating a safe environment for all.

If we can add this to an upcoming agenda for discussion that would be helpful.

All the best,

Laura Abbate

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From: kathy graver <kathy.varian@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2022 3:22:37 PM
To: BoardOfTraffic <BofTraffic@vomny.org>
Subject:

My name is Kathy Varian I am looking for a sign to be put in across from my house. I live at 745 river street. A no parking here to the corner. Reason being when there is a car park on the edge of the road. Trucks can't turn without riding up on our walk way and our gas cap . Could you please help. Thank you Kathy Varian

Elena Decunzo

From: Bethany Babchik <bbabchik@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 4:31 PM
To: BoardOfTraffic
Subject: Request for stop sign on OPR at Royal Place

To Traffic Commission Members:

I live on Royal Place, which is off of Old Post Rd. On behalf of myself and other families who live on Royal Pl and Hall St., we are requesting a stop sign be installed on Old Post Rd at Royal Place.

Many children in our neighborhood walk to all 3 schools (Central, Hommocks, MHS). These kids walk up Royal and have to cross busy (especially on school mornings!) Old Post Rd to get to the other side of the street where the pedestrian walking lane is. This is very dangerous!!!

Cars speed on OPR. Cars fly around the corner heading towards Royal. Cars turn onto Royal without looking. ALL THE TIME.

A STOP SIGN with a visible crosswalk would solve an accident waiting to happen. A crosswalk alone is not enough. There NEEDS to be a stop sign here. It would also help to get people to slow down!

We appreciate your attention to this very important matter, and hope a stop sign can be installed prior to the first day of school in September.

Thank you,
Bethany Babchik
917.436.8103

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Elena Decunzo

From: Brian Williams
Sent: Monday, August 01, 2022 7:16 PM
To: Elena Decunzo
Cc: BoardOfTraffic
Subject: Re: Speed Humps for Bleeker Avenue & Sustainable Westchester Electricity

For this issue, I'd like the record to include the following testimony from Andrew Kirwin:

"I hope you are having a nice weekend. **I was just walking our dog with my wife and not surprisingly, a young man driving a Jeep not only raced by once, but was seemingly on a joy ride with his buddy and came flying by in the opposite direction.** Of course, this made me think of the August meeting. Did you add this issue to the agenda?

There is a very good chance I will be away on August 9th. I am happy to do a call or meet with anyone to discuss prior to or after the meeting. I am not sure of the process and what is needed to conduct a study but if that is the first step I would highly recommend that the study be conducted."

Brian Williams
brwilliams@vomny.net
Chairperson, Mamaroneck Traffic Commission

From: Brian Williams <BrWilliams@vomny.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2022 4:36 PM
To: Elena Decunzo <edecunzo@vomny.org>
Cc: BoardOfTraffic <BofTraffic@vomny.org>
Subject: Fw: Speed Humps for Bleeker Avenue & Sustainable Westchester Electricity

Hey Elena,

Can we add this to our **August** agenda?

Brian Williams
brwilliams@vomny.net
Chairperson, Mamaroneck Traffic Commission

From: Brian Williams <BrWilliams@vomny.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2022 4:29 PM
To: Jerry Barberio <jbarberio@vomny.org>; Andrew Kirwin <akirwin@attglobal.net>
Cc: Thomas A. Murphy <tmurphy@vomny.org>; GEORGE MGRDITCHIAN <gmgrditchian@outlook.com>; BoardOfTraffic <BofTraffic@vomny.org>; Daniel Sarnoff <dsarnoff@vomny.org>
Subject: Re: Speed Humps for Bleeker Avenue & Sustainable Westchester Electricity

Hi Jerry, Andrew,

Thanks for bringing this to our attention; we can certainly add this to August's agenda.

Stay tuned to the Village calendar ([linked here](#)) for meeting details once available.

Best,
Brian

Brian Williams

brwilliams@vomny.net

Chairperson, Mamaroneck Traffic Commission

From: Jerry Barberio <jbarberio@vomny.org>

Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2022 1:43 PM

To: Andrew Kirwin <akirwin@attglobal.net>

Cc: Thomas A. Murphy <tmurphy@vomny.org>; GEORGE MGRDITCHIAN <gmgrditchian@outlook.com>; BoardOfTraffic <BofTraffic@vomny.org>; Daniel Sarnoff <dsarnoff@vomny.org>

Subject: Re: Speed Humps for Bleeker Avenue & Sustainable Westchester Electricity

I'm sorry. I should have responded sooner. We will need to do a traffic study and include the traffic commission on this request. If the Chair agreed it's a issue to add to the next agenda, they may contact you to appear.

Thank you,

Jerry Barberio

Village Manager

Village of Mamaroneck

On Jul 14, 2022, at 1:38 PM, Andrew Kirwin <akirwin@attglobal.net> wrote:

Dear Mayor Murphy and Mr. Barberio,

I am resending my email below which I have not heard back on.

On another front, I received in the mail a notice that Cca-Constellation will no longer be the ESCO servicing the Sustainable Westchester group that our Village is participating in. On what is termed a temporary pause, they have not renewed the contract for our territory.

Do you have any information as to whether they are close to a new contract? As you may know, the residents of our Village participating in the program have not seen the large fluctuations in electricity pricing that others have seen in this high inflationary times as the program uses 100% renewable energy suppliers. I am quite certain our next electricity bill for the "pause" period will significantly more expensive.

While I am not sure of the process to enter into a new contract, I do hope that Sustainable Westchester will do so quickly so we do not have a prolonged period of higher electricity rates than we are accustomed to. If you have the ability to influence the process I hope that you do so as it will be of great assistance to many in our community.

Thank you for your time and thoughts.

Best regards,
Andrew

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From: Andrew Kirwin <akirwin@attglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 9:26 AM
To: 'Thomas A. Murphy' <tmurphy@vomny.org>
Cc: 'Jerry Barberio' <jbarberio@vomny.org>; 'GEORGE MGRDITCHIAN' <gmgrditchian@outlook.com>
Subject: Speed Humps for Bleeker Avenue

Gentlemen,

I hope you all had a wonderful 4th of July weekend. The fireworks were wonderful as always. If you recall, I am a trustee on the Orienta Point Association.

I am reaching out to you as the amount of traffic and speeding vehicles on Bleeker Avenue has become a problem and I fear someone will get injured or worse in the future. My wife and I walk our dog on Bleeker regularly as we head to the Orienta Bike path. We had 2 incidents this weekend where speeding cars came perilously close to us. Other walkers and residents on Bleeker have discussed this issue with us many times.

I would like to propose that speed humps be installed. I have attached a website that shows what I am suggesting although I suspect you are well aware of them. 2 humps should do the trick although 3 is probably the optimum amount to slow traffic down. Folks are speeding to their tennis matches and other activities at the 2 clubs and the marinas. Or as I suspect with young drivers, Bleeker simply allows for pushing the proverbial pedal to the metal.

<https://nacto.org/publication/urban-street-design-guide/street-design-elements/vertical-speed-control-elements/speed-hump/>

I am aware that some residents with sports cars would be concerned with speed humps but I believe the newer designs are better suited to reducing speed and protecting the cars that travel at safe speeds. The sports cars should not bottom out on the humps if the driver slows down and goes over carefully.

I had read about a dog being hit in the last few years and I fear it will happen again and perhaps take a person down as well.

Please let me know what the appropriate steps would be to have this issue looked into and hopefully resolved.

Thank you in advance for your thoughts and assistance on this matter.

Best regards,
Andrew

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Elena Decunzo

From: Laura Abbate
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2022 2:46 PM
To: BoardOfTraffic; Brian Williams; Lou Young
Subject: Parking/Traffic Hazard (Corner of Mamaroneck Aveune and Old White Plains Road) To add: MHS/Washingtonville traffice Safe Streets Concerns.
Attachments: 2.jpg; 3.jpg; 4.jpg; 5.jpg; 7.jpg; 8 Signage.jpg; 1.jpg; Possible Solution.jpg; Possible Soutlion.jpg

Good afternoon,

I have taken to the streets gathering supportive documentation and to help shed light on a corner of the Flatts/Washingtonville that is a growing concern. My hope is that we can help to collaborate and produce supportive data along with Barbara Micheletti/MHS. The Flatts/Washigntonville as a whole has a laundry list of parking and trafiic issues to address, for now I bring to light: Corner of Mamaroneck Avenue and Old White Plains Road.

Corner of Mamaroneck Avenue and Old White Plains Road, a hazardous corner that would need attention and assistance.

Several issues are of concern I will list them below:

Vehicles are continually parked in the (no Parking from here to corner sign).

Daily, vehicles are parked corner to sign, parked to patronize adjacent stores in the no parking zone.

Vehicles parked in this area are effecting the following:

- Proper use of the crosswalk.
- Pedestrian Safety.
- Obstructing the view of pedestrians and children as they walk to and from school and various locations within the village.
- Obstruction of motorist views that are attempting to make the right hand turn off of Mamaroneck Avenue onto Old White Plains Road.
- Motorists are forced to pull into oncoming traffic that is heading from Old White Plains Road through the triangle to Mamaroneck Avenue or attempting to make a right hand turn onto Center Avenue. Center Avenue is backed up with cross traffic that is avoiding Mamaroneck Avenue as well.
- Motorists are forced to navigate around and away from the obstructed corner to make this turn as visibility is masked by the illegally parked vehicles.

I have included a possible solution: (Parking Polls, in various locations village wide). My thought is that this would ensure continuous unobstructed views for a high traffic and walking area.

Also please take note of the crosswalk, the streets are uneven and in need of repaving. This particular crosswalk is a safety hazard to pedestrians and vehicles alike.

I look forward to discussing this issue further with the Board of Traffic Commision.













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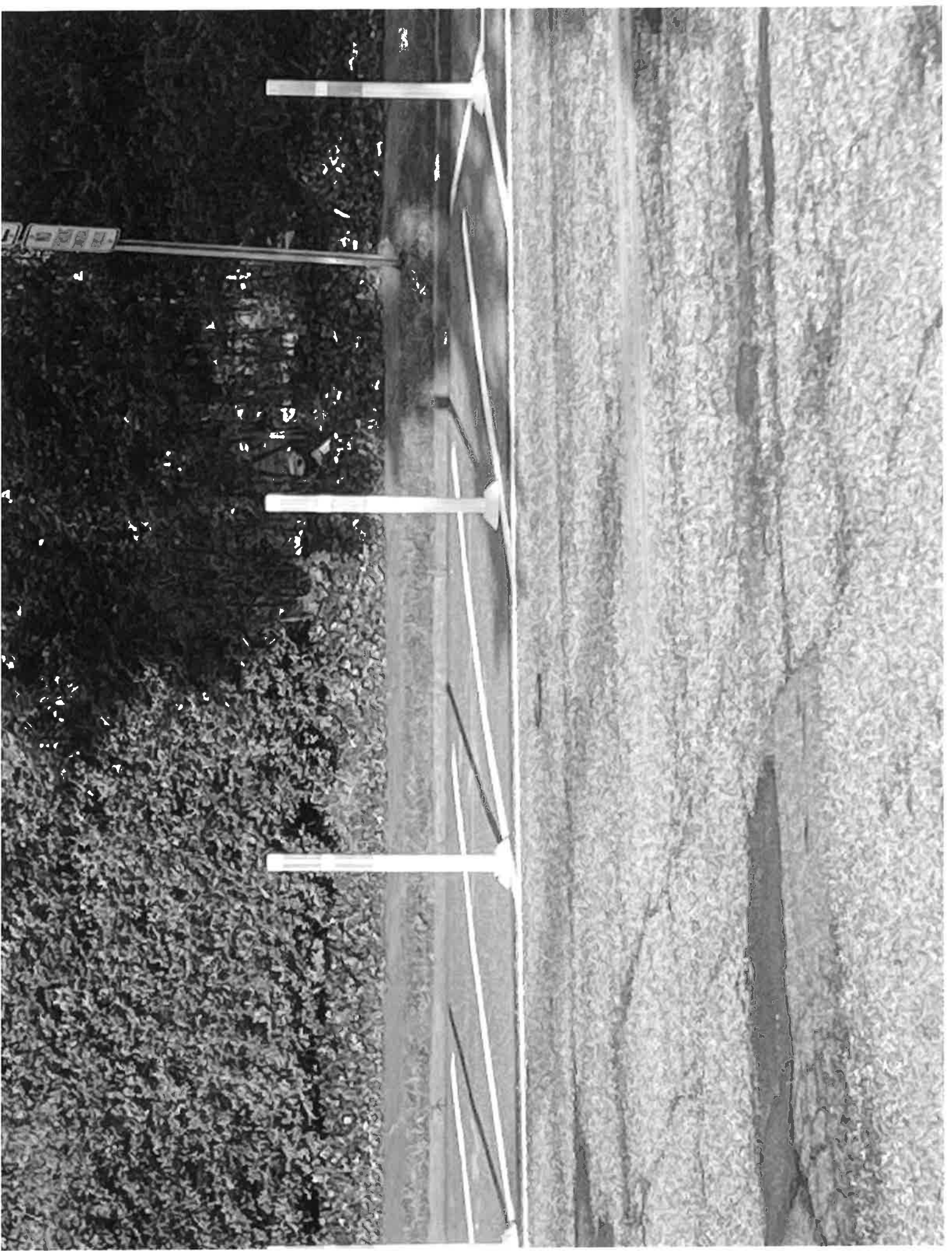
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Mamaroneck Avenue School PTA

850 Mamaroneck Avenue
Mamaroneck, NY 10543
Maspta850@gmail.com

June 9, 2022

Brian Williams

Chair, Village of Mamaroneck Board of Traffic Commissioners

Dear Mr. Williams,

The issue of traffic safety at and around Mamaroneck Avenue School has been a longstanding problem that we are eager and hopeful to find a solution to. Our school, of nearly 700 students, is situated in the center of narrow one-way streets and faces Mamaroneck Avenue, a major roadway funneling heavy traffic and tractor trailers to I-95. As a neighborhood school, we have a large community of over 200 walkers from kindergarten through 5th grade. We strongly urge the Board of Traffic to examine our issues and help with remediation as we fear for the safety of our children if these issues are not addressed.

Specifically, we encourage the Village and the Board of Traffic Commissioners to evaluate and help remediate the following intersections near MAS:

- Mount Pleasant Avenue and Mamaroneck Ave. (between Smashburger and the train tracks)
- Hoyt Avenue and Mamaroneck Ave. (between the train tracks and the Mobil station)
- Mamaroneck Avenue and the driveway adjacent to Bilotta Kitchens
- Waverly Avenue and Mamaroneck Ave.
- Old White Plains Road and Mamaroneck Ave. (the multi-point intersection at the traffic island)
- Southbound I-95 exit ramp 18A and Mamaroneck Ave.
- 5-way intersection at Old White Plains Road/Grand St./East Old White Plains Road

Six of these seven intersections are on Mamaroneck Avenue, our Village's main thoroughfare. The Village has publicly estimated that Mamaroneck Avenue sees an average of 20,000-25,000 vehicles each weekday (data from 2019), while at the same time serving as the primary walking route to school for the nearly 700 elementary school students that attend MAS. These intersections (as currently structured) were simply not designed to accommodate current traffic levels, and merit re-evaluation and re-design as our population grows, new construction comes on-line, and traffic increases even more. Pedestrian safety at these

problematic intersections appears to have not been a priority as our Village has grown. But the time has come to re-evaluate them, as we embrace our Village's walkability.

We understand that the board has already discussed the traffic problems at Ralph Avenue where the French American School has their bus arrival and dismissal which coincides with the arrival and dismissal of MAS. This year, we have seen a surge in traffic issues here.

In addition, the traffic light on Gertrude Avenue and Mamaroneck Avenue has a very short green period. At times only 5 cars can make it through. Gertrude is also where our buses pick up and drop off, further exacerbating congestion. As a result of this light, our entire drop off/pick up line gets backed up and cars have no option but to block intersections and one way roads around MAS. This creates a very unsafe environment for pedestrians as well. We urge the traffic board to evaluate this issue and work with the village to assign a police officer to help with traffic at arrival and dismissal.

We thank you for your attention to this matter, and for all that you and your Commission are doing to keep Mamaroneck a safely walkable Village.

Sincerely,

MAS PTA Co-Presidents
Tanny Petchor & Barbara Micheletti

MAS Building Administration
Sandra Zadrina, Principal
Maria Albano, Assistant Principal

Village of Mamaroneck
Tuesday May 10, 2022, 7:00pm
Traffic Commission Meeting, Hybrid – MINUTES
(Minutes prepared by Laura Abbate)

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Brian Williams
Trustee Liaison, Lou Young

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Ryan Buck (via Zoom)
Robert Stark (in person)
Michael Star (in person)
Gary Kligman (via zoom)
Laura Abbate (in person)
Police Officer: Dominick Falcone (via zoom)
Fire Dept.: Andy LaRocca (via zoom)
Asst. Village Manager: Dan Sarnoff (via zoom)

ABSENT: Commission Member Andres Garcia

Chairperson Brain Williams: called meeting to order at 7:10 PM, Michael Star second, all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: Drury Drive

Mr. Gerard Fraioli of 1247 Drury Drive spoke at length regarding the parking issue that has affected the residents of Drury Drive. Mr. Fraioli explained that Drury Drive is a narrow dead-end street with a barrier in between, broken into two separate smaller narrow dead end side roads.

Mr. Fraioli expressed the issue as follows:

After review, of in-depth description, emails, photos, and resident presentation Mr. Gerard Fraioli spoke regarding the following:

- Safety hazard and urgency to adjust a remove parking spaces and to assign (No Parking Restriction Signage) on or about the area of 1247 Drury Drive.
- There is currently no parking on the right side of the street. The current signage allows two parking spaces on the right side.
- On the left side of Drury Drive, there is a sign on the island that states, (No parking on the left side).
- The problem is Residents Park on the left side without taking note of the sign in place.
- Mr. Fraioli requests to designate on both side of Drury Drive, (No Parking Signage) for accessibility and safety to allow vehicles, trucks, and emergency vehicles to pass without restriction of parked vehicles.
- Mr. Fraioli stated that the current parking situation hinders the accessibility of emergency vehicles to gain access to his residence when he or family members call for EMS or other emergency services.
- A specific issue occurred when EMS was unable to reach Mr. Fraioli homes because of the current parking situation. The current locations of parking spots hindered the accessibility to his home. Forcing EMS to park and walk on foot to gain access to the emergency 911 call.

Daniel Sarnoff stated that: With the use of GIS tools, he can acquire measurement for the adjusted parking spots.

Trustee Young, Traffic Commission Liaison: suggested that the resolution should state that we will send one of your workers down there to estimate it and take the appropriate action.

Daniel Sarnoff replied, the resolution must be specific as to the distance from the street. Resolution would say something to the effect, you know, parking from a point on the I guess it would be the east side of Drury Drive, twenty feet south of the intersection with Norwood to a point one hundred feet south as an example.

Fire Chief LaRocca inquired as to how long the recommended “No Parking” Signage would take to implement?

Robert Stark inquired as to the process of moving this item forward for resolution.

Daniel Sarnoff stated: As soon as we present the resolution to the board, once it is approved, it could be within a couple of weeks.

Village of Mamaroneck
Tuesday May 10, 2022, 7:00pm
Traffic Commission Meeting, Hybrid – MINUTES
(Minutes prepared by Laura Abbate)

Committee Chair and Traffic Commission after review of back up along with presentation agree and recommend that the following action should be taken:

ACTION ITEMS:

Assistant Village Manager Dan Sarnoff created a resolution for, no parking accommodations on Drury Drive to be reviewed at the May 23, 2022, work session (for potential action on June 13, 2022). The existing restriction is seventy-eight feet south of the intersection. Although not lined, a typical length provided for an on-street parallel parking space is nineteen feet. If the goal is to reduce the parking by two spaces, I am recommending that the restriction begin forty feet from the intersection as opposed to seventy-eight

NEW BUSINESS: U Turn, Mamaroneck Avenue and Knollwood

Brian Williams: Addressed Mr. Fraioli's additional concern, mentioned in one of several emails, No U Turn Sign on Mamaroneck Avenue South bound and intersection of Knollwood Avenue.

Mr. Fraioli:

- Stated a concern as well as a dangerous situation. It is a dangerous U Turn with a potential of accidents. He has experienced this firsthand because encountering a situation where he experienced being hit by a vehicle broadside.
- **Example:** Traveling northbound on Mamaroneck Avenue, vehicles are making left hand turns onto Knollwood as traffic is approaching south bound on Mamaroneck Avenue. The issue of concern, traffic traveling south on Mamaroneck Avenue approach the turn where the light is. They pull in before the light, right were the curve ends, and they are blocking our view when attempting to making a left into the oncoming traffic.

Robert Stark: Presented historical data from Agenda Archives. The Traffic Commission goes back to 2019. Robert Stark reviewed old traffic minutes from April of 2014. The issue that Mr. Fraioli is discussing was addresses in 2014 and the Traffic Commission determined that it was appropriate to put a no U-turn sign, and that action was taken. Mr. Fraioli had made the traffic commission aware that this sign was knocked down and never put u/replaced. The traffic commission previously has already rendered a decision about putting in place a U-turn sign in this location. The sign was removed. It is suggested that the Traffic Commission vote/suggest reinstating what was previously determined that a no U-turn sign should in place.

Daniel Sarnoff: Will need to review this request if the signage was there previously. A no U-turn sign will need to be replaced as it is a moving violation.

Lieutenant Falcone: confirmed a "No U Turn Sign" is a moving violation and would need to be replaced.

Dan Sarnoff : To enforce the signage this item would have been promulgated and in the code if the signage were previously knocked down as stated by Mr. Fraioli. Mr. Fraioli placed a request with DPW to replace the sign and was informed that they could not replace the signage. The only reason you could not put a sign back up would have been if the promulgation were rescinded.

Robert Stark: followed by stating he read the minutes following April 2014. There was nothing in the traffic minutes that was noted read that had dealt with this issue.

ACTION ITEMS:

Dan Sarnoff: will check the code to see what it states and to use some of those passed resolutions and minutes to get a better understanding of that. In summary: if the signage were promulgated, that means that the traffic commission would have recommended that it be promulgated if it were rescinded. After that, the traffic commission would have recommended that it be rescinded.

Brian Williams: suggested: To review the archived board minutes and the traffic minutes. For further reference asked if Mr. Stark would take on this task.

Robert Stark agreed.

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NEW BUSINESS: **North Barry and Brook Street (Stop Sign)**

Brian Williams: noted tonight's meeting having eight attendees and moved to address the next item, new business item from this Sasha Sadikot. Shasha addressed the Traffic Commission with the issue of high-speed vehicles on North Barry Avenue. Request Stop signs to be placed for safety.

Brian Williams gave a summary of Sasha Sadikot's email as follows:

- Intersection of North Barry Avenue between Halstead and Boston Post Road and routinely observed cars traveling down this block at dangerously high speeds.
- Cars fail to yield to pedestrians at the marked crosswalk where North Barry intersects with Brook Street despite the signs instructing them to do so.
- Difficult to turn onto North Barry Avenue from Brook Street given the parked cars obstructing the views combined with the cars traveling at high speeds.
- North Barry Avenue is residential neighborhood with an abundance of children.
- Residents are requesting a need for a stop sign to slow traffic and culture drivers to respect the crosswalk and be more in tune with their surroundings.
- Many neighboring streets of a similar length have Stop Signs allocated in the middle of the block, example: Melbourne, Beach, Carol, Wagner, and Frank Avenue, except for North Barry Avenue.

Ms. Sadikot requested that the additional signage be considered (adding a stop sign) and to be treated the same as all neighboring streets of a similar length.

Daniel Sarnoff: Discussed the possibility of pedestrian accelerated processing, flashing light signage. This item is on the work session for the past two meetings. There is a memo with estimates for seven intersections that we have discussed installing these at one of which, being the North Barry Avenue and Brooke intersection.

Shasha Sadikot: expressed the following concerns:

- Currently there is just a cross walk in place
- There used to be a pedestrian sign that was in the middle of the street (no longer there)
- During school hours, the traffic guard is present helping the kids cross the street
- There is currently no yield to pedestrian signage in place.

Daniel Sarnoff Stated that what might have occurred, the yield signage might have been knocked over which happens often. Traffic committee viewed intersection on screen of the intersection

Brian Williams and Gary Kingman: stated they are both familiar with the issues at this intersection:

Viewing the intersection, the committees viewed the following:

A stop sign, from Brook Street to North Barry

Issue:

- No stop signs on either side of the street on North Barry Avenue to help mitigate the traffic
- Vehicles are travelling the road at a high rate of speed endangering, pedestrians, small children, and infants in strollers.
- Residents walking dogs
- Problematic and dangerous
- Spoke regarding proposition of alternate signage (Flashing LED signage) to provide

Gary Kligman: North Barry Avenue has become another cut through street, especially with the bridge out down behind the village and that street where the kids enter the school, Gary Kligman Agreed with resident.

Robert Stark inquired as to how:

- Pedestrians would be notified to utilize the signage:
- Will residents need to be trained to press the button to activate? Parent/Guardians will assist their child/children?
- Do you expect kids walking alone to do it?
- How will we address crossing in between intersections and designated crosswalks?

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Lou Young Suggested incorporation of motion detectors.

Daniel Sarnoff gave summary of TAPCO Memo (Cross Walk Signage).

- Stops Signs are not always the answer people want to hear.
- Studies have shown “Stop Signs” are not meant as a speed control device.
- LEDs around signage and then flashing lights above the sign.
- This type of device, the operation of it would make it a more conscious.
- A pedestrian crossing the street would set the signage in motion by pressing button States alternate signage is being considered at similar locations within the village.
- Examples of crosswalks along the Central business district, Halstead, and Florence Avenue and then Fenimore Road, Prospect, Fenimore Road, Stanley Avenue, which is located near the Stanley Avenue playground. North Barry Avenue, Brooke Street is one of the locations that we would be looking to install this type of device at.
- Stops Signs are supposed to provide traffic control at intersections where you have no accident or sever significant accident history of visual obstruction

Daniel Sarnoff: What is proposes in the TAPCO memo is to have a basic combination of signage.

- LED lights around the signage and flashing yellows above the sign, are proposed.
- LED lighting is what will be activated a visual cue to the motorist that there is someone processing and preparing to cross.

Ryan Buck: Added, elementary school children, in his experience walking in urban and suburban spaces, children fight over who is going to press the button on crosswalk signage.

- They are aware of how to utilize these tools.
- Feels that this type of singe would not be any different and children that are unaware would not be moving around town alone.
- Crossing safety is part of the education process that is happening. among our elementary school population widespread basis.

ACTION ITEMS:

Daniel Sarnoff:

- Removal of visual obstructions caused by vehicles that are parked in the vicinity of intersection at North Barry Avenue. (Removal of parking spots)
- Shrubbery that is close to the corners (overgrown, removal)

Mario (Last Name ?) Concern this intersection is that close to FE Bellows Elementary School. This area receives an abundance of foot traffic.

- Fully Supports and requests a “stop sign” this area is high foot traffic from students to and from school, carvel, and surrounding area.
- Most of the time, a crossing guard is on duty doing an excellent job. She also recognizes vehicles will not stop unless she is forceful with her hand signage.
- Suggested monitoring Speed
- Suggested Speed Humps as an option.

Daniel Sarnoff: There is currently a pilot program in place regarding Speed Bumps/Humps: The appropriate location for Speed Bumps/Humps is typically on smaller residential roads. North Barry Avenue is known as a collector road and Speed Bumps/Humps are not applicable; they are for residential streets that feed into Collector Streets.

KBR (resident): Stated she is a resident of Melbourne Avenue with two kids who walked to school to a FE Bellows daily and the middle school.

- Supports Sasha's concerns and supports the installation of a stop sign at North Barry Avenue and Brook Street.
- States Union, Melbourne, and Beach Avenues are all filled with students who walk to school daily. Walking is one of the benefits of our community.
- Echoing the concerns of other parents, feel the flashing signage would not be much of some help. From her experience at this location drivers do not seem to care much about slowing down or the pedestrians crossing (adult or child).
- Supports a STOP sign as more an official directive, more formal than a Flashing Crossing Sign that presents as optional.

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Delia Osgood: Resides on Melbourne Avenue and has two children that walk and attend the Rye Neck School District.

- Has observed the introduction of a “Stop Sign” in front of Dance Cavise and sees that the signage is working at this location.
- Feels it would be beneficial to install ‘Stop Sign at Barry Avenue and Brooke Street.
- States that drivers are not obeying the current signage and is afraid that if a Stop Sign is not installed other signage is going to provide little benefit.
- Welcomes solutions and discussions all the input to achieve a safer neighborhood.
- Supports the implementation of a Stop Sign.

Tim Grant:

- In total agreement with all my neighbors.
- Feels strongly that a stop sign is the best solution at this location it is a large stretch of road between Boston Post Road to Halsted Avenue, along with Melbourne, Beach, Carol, Wagner, and Frank Avenues.
- All have stop signage mid-block of each long stretch of street slowing traffic, except for North Barry Avenue.
- In full favor and support of installing a stop sign mid-block at the intersection of North Barry and Brooke as Street.

Ruth Homberg: Resides on North Barry Avenue and has two small children, is also echoing statements from her neighbors who have spoken tonight.

- Installing a “Stop Sign” is the only way to enforce the speeding.
- Vehicles are speeding with pedestrians in proximity. This is a hazard and safety issue.
- Wanted to ensure her voice was heard and is in full support of a “Stop Sign” at Barry Avenue and Brook Street Intersection.

Mark Bronnimann: Resides on Melbourne Avenue.

- Echoing his support for the “Stop Sign” to be installed at Barry Avenue and Brook Street Intersection.
- There is already a crosswalk which people are supposed to respect because pedestrian should have the right of way.
- States at present there is already a big yellow sign stating: crosswalk adding additional signage and noting a crosswalk will not aid the matter further.
- Stop Signs do seem seem to slow people down and Barry Avenue and Brooke Street is the only street in the area without that option.
- The only locations where you can cross at present are at Halsted Avenue or Post Road.
- At Brook Street there is a cross walk and no Stop Sign.
- “Stop Sign” to be installed at Barry Avenue and Brook Street Intersection.

Brian Williams: suggested collect and review traffic data to support stop signs and their effectiveness.

Daniel Sarnoff: will provide studies from engineers that talk about stop signage and data to support.

Lou Young: Inquired that the two solutions are not mutually exclusive one or the other, could you do both?

Daniel Sarnoff: Thinks this might be a bit confusing to have, two different traffic control devices at a at an intersection.

Brian Williams: Acknowledged that there is a situation here that needs to be remedied. Does not think we have a solution right here and now.

KBR: Inquired to how long it would take for us to get to a solution. She appreciates all the data points and what actions will be the outcome and how long does that normally take to get resolved?

Ryan Buck: Clearly there's concern in the Community that is understandable and justified, you know you have a lot of concerned parents.

- What is the ETA on getting the proposed crossing signage at the North Barry Avenue and Brook Street Intersections?
- Is there a way to know when that that interactive crosswalk is going to be implemented and to somehow measure the impact of that and some type of pre posttest fashion?

Daniel Sarnoff:

- Would need time to gather information to answer the above question.
- He would need to speak with the BOT to discuss funding to move forward with a project as proposed.
- Supply chain issues, material, will need to have these discussions

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Ryan Buck: Is there partial funding available for some of the Cross Road Signal Projects, for example: Fenimore Road Crossing is Barry Avenue not drawn from the same funds?

Daniel Sarnoff:

There's funding, we have funding for the construction of the intersection improvements, the ball bolls, the plantings and the paint the lane markings, after designing we thought that we could budget the improvements. We have not actually received funding for that, yet.

Daniel Sarnoff: Gave a quick update on that project on Waverly and East Prospect Avenue. The contractor who is doing our sidewalks on Waverly Avenue and East Prospect Avenue, he will be doing that work as well. That is going to be the last stage of work he does I am going to issue a notice to proceed, and he is preparing to start his work in the village on May 23rd.

Delia Osgood: Spoke in full support of a "Stop Sign" at Barry Avenue and Brook Street Intersection.

- The practicality, implementing a stop sign would be easier and simple more soon than later.
- The stop pause that this intersection is a needed addition.
- The implementation of that rather than waiting for months and months for a more sophisticated solution that you know most of us are not in favor of.
- A Stop Sign is a well-known, well-tried solution for what we are trying to accomplish in here, thank you very much for the time.

Brian Williams: agrees the outcome is to meet the needs of the community would be to install a "Stop Sign" to be installed at Barry Avenue and Brook Street Intersection.

Ryan Buck: Recognizes an urgent concern for immediate action.

ACTION ITEMS:

Brian Williams:

- Next steps to take, including working with the police department, as well as reviewing studies, looking at other solutions, and continuing the conversation.
- Suggestion to speak with our traffic consultant and get her input as well.
- Seeking to remedy and arrive at a solution, sooner rather than later.

Daniel Sarnoff: expressed some concerns in implementing a Stop Sign as a speed control device.

Will need to explore the discussion if that is an avenue to pursue. Before the request becomes a part of a public record to provide certain of right of way at certain intersections.

Lou Young: We are not able to obtain the Pedestrian Devices (signage in timely fashion) would it be fair to say that a "Stop Sign" is better than no signage or prevention?

OLD BUSINESS: Hawthorn Gardens

Daniel Sarnoff:

- Noted that he will prepare a resolution regarding Hawthorn Gardens for the next BOT meeting on June 13, 2022.
- Dan Sarnoff visited with Mr. Lipman and Meg Yergin in late February early March of 2022.
- Reviewed the site and took measurements.

Brian Williams: Mr. Lipman was unable to connect and speak on the meeting. Mr. Williams requested that Mr. Lipman's attendance be noted on record that Dan Sarnoff will contact Mr. Lipman by phone on 5/11/2022.

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OLD BUSINESS: Stanley Avenue and Mt. Pleasant (Blind Turn)

Brian Williams suggested beginning with pressing old business items and starting from the top of the list with Stanley Avenue and Mt. Pleasant. Situation warrants some type of action, whether it is peeling back or removing some of the cars and addressing the parking.

Laura Abbate:

Last evening 5/19/2022 I had an (near miss – traffic incident) experience driving on Mount Pleasant heading North with Stanley Avenue on my right-hand side. *I agree with the residents' concerns.*

As a solution, I suggest to delete/minus the corner, parking on both the left and right side of Mt. Pleasant.

This area has several blind spots which cause vehicles to overextend from Stanley Avenue onto Mt. Pleasant due to the blind spot cause by the parked vehicles, forcing them to accelerate, attempting to get onto Mt. Pleasant before being able to view safely right or left and proceed without looking left or right for oncoming traffic.

To avoid being hit (right side), I had to swerve over into oncoming traffic to avoid this vehicle's left-hand turn and collision. I mirror the residents concern and I agree that spots need to delete and have a better visual and a better formatted stop sign and marked no parking area for the safety concern.

Brian Williams: Agreed to removing the suggested parking spots as a start.

Ryan Buck: Also agreed and stated as follows:

- Commutes to NYC daily, this area is his walking route and walks to and from the train station up and down Mt. Pleasant Avenue.
- After much thought this area is a bad spot filled with blind spots making it impossible for both vehicles and pedestrians to maneuver daily.
- Concerns are parking, obstructed vision and vehicles drive at a high rate of speed. It is always dangerous intersection at any point in the day or evening.

Brian Williams: asked Daniel Sarnoff to make recommendations?

Daniel Sarnoff:

- Stated it would need to be a no parking restriction.
- Make a motion and have a vote on the recommendation.

Daniel Sarnoff: Confirmed with Laura Abbate the suggestion of two spaces on Mount Pleasant Avenue and either side of the Stanley Avenue intersection?

Laura Abbate: As you approach the Stop Sign on Stanley towards Mt. Pleasant you can either make your right or your left. It would seem at the very least, remove two spaces on Mount Pleasant to your left and two spaces on Mt. Pleasant to your right.

If driving on Stanley Avenue, you approach a stop sign on your right. The driver needs to past the Stop Sign to view oncoming traffic on Mt. Pleasant from both North and South. Also, from Mt. Pleasant coming into you have the same issue.

Suggestion would be to remove the possibility of six parking spots:

- 2 On Mt. Pleasant North of Stanley Avenue
- 2 On Mt. Pleasant South of Stanley Avenue
- 2 On the corner of Stanley (meets Mt. Pleasant)

Daniel Sarnoff: Quoted what the parking allowance is specifically parking within either 15 or 30 feet of a stop sign. State law does not allow you to park within specified amount.

Laura Abbate: Agreed and stated currently there is only one stop sign and three other sections that do not have a stop sign.

Ryan Buck and Daniel Sarnoff; discussed painting (No Parking) and or if there is already painted areas on the street.

Daniel Sarnoff: Referred to Google Maps to look at the street view. For Stanley Avenue and Mt. Pleasant.

Ryan Buck: Stated on Stanley Avenue at the Stop Sign there is a Fire hydrant there is and a painted (yellow no parking) spot in reference to the hydrant.

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Daniel Sarnoff: Stated that usually where we have parking meters, we have painted parking lines.

Ryan Buck: Noted there is no there is no lines painted on the street.

Daniel Sarnoff: I can follow up on that and clarify it we just talking about removing the two parking spaces on Stanley Avenue.

Robert Stark: Asked for clarification, how the two suggested vehicles are creating visibility issues coming off Stanley?

Ryan Buck: Clarified **Robert Starks** question: Your line-of-sight travels through the columns in what the portico (noted on the screen) of the dwelling on the corner of Stanley Avenue and Mt. Pleasant. When you are approaching that intersection your eye travels to the left to see oncoming traffic right.

Robert Stark questioned, if you stop at the Stop Sign is the view obstructed?

Ryan Buck: That is correct and when you stop you must move forward and pass the parked vehicles causing the visual obstruction.

Laura Abbate: I was able to avoid an accident in this area because being a part of this commission I was aware of the issue before hand and was alert and able to maneuver my vehicle without incident. Others will not have that option. Vehicles are parked from corner to corner leaving no space and causing along with and influx of visual obstruction. This is increasing, frequently throughout the village.

Brian Williams: Suggested the possibility of designating a "No Standing Restriction."
Raising concern 'with "No Parking" restriction because of deliveries.

#1 ACTION ITEM – Mt. Pleasant:

Brian Williams: Made a motion for the Traffic Commission to make a recommendation to the board to:

- Remove the two-metered parking spots on Mount Pleasant Avenue.

Ryan Buck: Second, All in favor.

#2 ACTION ITEM – Stanley Avenue:

Daniel Sarnoff asked for clarification as to the amount of spot suggested for removal or adjustment on Stanley Avenue?

Robert Stark : asked for clarity regarding the suggestion and will go with whatever the majority wants to do as far as that location is concerned.

Michael Star: Not sure why the parking would need to be removed. Suggested if there was enough space , he would recommend the "No Standing area."

Laura Abbate: Suggested to find a medium and paint lines in that area, so we can least enforce those cars on that corner and start there.

Clerk Treasurer: or. **Clerk Treasurer:** Rather than ruble despite we could make it the no standing just from that sign that would keep cars and they would ensure that cars could not be stopping beyond that point, or it would be against the law to do so at the very least that is a good place to start.

Brian Williams:

- Proposed to make a motion to modify to leave the parking spots.
- Change the sign to reflect "No Standing" from that location to the corner, to prevent the pickups and drop offs and really any obstruction of driver's views.

Michael Star: Second.

Brian Williams : All in favor

Commission: All in favor

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Daniel Sarnoff: Requested to give the floor to Robert Stark: I know there's a couple of things that he wanted to talk about.

Robert Stark - Archived Traffic Minutes:

- Discussed the accessibility of the archive Traffic Minutes, dating back to 2009.
- Robert has read over most of archived documentation. What Mr. Stark discovered was the commission is revisiting the same issues that were discussed 10 and 12 years ago.
- Suggest the issue is that we are addressing old items as if they were new when they were addressed thoroughly years ago and now, for some reason they are coming back to revisit and review.
- A record of these previous issues that we have discussed is on file for reference. To search this information, you need to go into each document individually.
- Reference the archived documents was suggested to address in future meeting

Safe routes to School:

- Brian Williams attended the meeting for Safe Routes to School which is a federally funded Program.
- The meeting addresses exactly what it says, trying to make routes that kids used to give it is safe and federally funded.
- Mr. Stark has reached to the committee and is hoping that the Traffic Commission can involve them specifically in our Rockland Avenue location, which we all agree requires effort so going forward.
- Suggested that Brian Williams communicate Safe Routes to School organization and meet with them try to come to a solution for Rockland Avenue.
- Referenced Michael Starrs March 2022 meeting notes: extremely detailed and he had a running list of action items we need to go over.
- Suggestion to be more mindful of time limitations to cover more of the agenda.

Ryan Buck: agreed as a best practice, Time Management during the Traffic Commission meetings is of essence. We are getting backlogged because we are moving into a new agenda when we have no time, for discussion. We need to organize to meet goals and deadlines during each meeting.

Suggestions to improve meetings and timelines:

- Time limits on speakers
- Shifting the agenda New Business vs Old Business
- Adding additional meetings (as a work session structure)
- Noted any additional meetings are to follow meeting structure/protocols and procedures.

Daniel Sarnoff: any meeting of the Board. Is an official meeting and minutes are required to be taken and reported after the actions taken and the vote?

Lou Young: Supports time limits, suggest protecting time during meetings while being mindful to help and support resident issues and concerns.

Brian Williams: Noted **Robert Stark:** We appreciate you doing the research and taking time to review the archives beforehand. You have provided valuable information to support the Traffic Commission workload.

Laura Abbate, Michael Starr, Gary Kligman and Ryan Buck all agreed that this tool is valuable to support cross referencing information, instead of recreating the wheel.

Brian Williams: Thanked everyone for joining in and made a motion to close the meeting at 9:20pm.

Ryan Buck: Second, all in favor

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**VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK
BOARD OF TRAFFIC COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MINUTES FROM TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2022**

PRESENT: Chairman Brian Williams, Lou Young, Trustee Liaison to Traffic Commission, Commission Members Laura Abbate, Ryan Buck, Gary Kligman, Michael Star and Robert Stark, Police Department representative Dominic Falcone, Fire Department representative Andrew La Rocca, Dan Sarnoff, Assistant Village Manager

ABSENT: Commission Member Andres Garcia

In the temporary absence of Chairman Williams, member Robert Stark called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Michael Star made a motion to open the meeting, seconded by Laura Abbate and unanimously approved. After discussing two old business items, Chairman Williams appeared at 6:12 pm and chaired the rest of the meeting.

Old Business Items Discussed

Drury Drive - Resident requires access for Emergency Vehicles

- As per Dan Sarnoff, the requested No Parking signage has been approved and the location for the No Parking signs has been staked out. The signs will be installed shortly.

North Barry and Brook Street - Safety Issue of Kids Walking to School

- On motion of Michael Star and seconded by Robert Stark, the Commission unanimously voted to establish an all-way stop on North Barry Avenue at Brook Street.
- Dan also discussed installing flashing pedestrian light signal at that location to improve safety. The flashing light signal works when a pedestrian presses a button which tells a driver that someone is in the crosswalk. The VOM BOT will consider funding a capital project to purchase and install this traffic control.
- The Commission will consider installing the flashing pedestrian light signal at North Barry and Brook at future meetings.
- According to Dan, other locations that may have this traffic control installed are:
 - Mamaroneck Avenue and Spencer
 - Mamaroneck Avenue and Palmer
 - North Barry and Brook
 - North Barry and Jefferson, and
 - Prospect and Fenimore.
- Dan is requesting updated information on the cost of this apparatus including solar cell batteries.
- Brian Williams stated he would follow up with residents on N. Barry.

Mt. Pleasant and Stanley

- Dan discussed with Westchester County Planning Department about painting a crosswalk across Mt. Pleasant at Stanley Avenue. According to Dan, the cost of this work will be

covered by the Community Development Block Grant. The County Planning Department will design the crosswalk and the work is expected to be done next summer.

- The parking restrictions on the corners of Mt. Pleasant previously recommended by the Traffic Commission will be included in the design of the crosswalk across Mt. Pleasant.
- Dan will also look into the No Standing sign on Stanley Avenue.

1511 Mamaroneck Avenue – Resident Cannot See Oncoming Traffic When Exiting Driveway

- The issue is whether or not to remove a parking space by the owner's driveway. The resident complained of a lack of visibility when exiting her driveway due to cars parked too close to her driveway. The Commission has not reached a consensus resolution and will continue to discuss at a subsequent meeting.

Harmon Drive – Truck Restrictions

- According to Dan, The Town of Mamaroneck has harmonized its truck restriction with the Village, which restricts trucks altogether on Harmon Drive. The solution to the problem appears to come down to police enforcement. The VOM Police can only enforce violations in the VOM section of Harmon Drive.
- It does not appear that the Traffic Commission can improve the truck issue. The VOM Police Department needs to determine whether it wishes to devote more resources to enforcement.

Jefferson Avenue and North Barry Avenue - request for a 4-way stop - Safety Issue of Kids

- The problem with installing a four-way stop sign at that location is that it would impede the movement of fire trucks out of the fire house. Therefore, the request for a four-way stop has been rejected.
- Brian stated that he will follow up with the resident.

Rockland Avenue from Waverly to the Start of the Rockland Avenue Bridge – Safety of Kids walking to School

- Tina Maresca, Chair of the Safe Routes to School for Larchmont and Mamaroneck organization, participated in our discussion. She noted the dearth of sidewalk at that location, the large boulders on the north side of the street and that the road is very narrow and becomes more of a problem when cars are parked on Rockland. Question was raised whether it would be better to eliminate parking altogether at that location.
- Tina also suggested crosswalks be painted at all four locations at the intersection of Waverly, Rockland, and Harmon to provide more safety for school kids.
- Tina also recommended that the bushes at the corner of Waverly and Rockland be trimmed so that the Stop Sign is visible.
- Dan suggested that a dual recommendation from Safe Routes to School and the Traffic Commission asking the VOM to look at this stretch of road on Rockland from Waverly to the start of the Rockland Avenue Bridge.
- Ryan strongly recommended that the crosswalks be painted and the need for installing sidewalks at this location.

- On motion of Chair Williams and seconded by Laura, the Commission unanimously voted to paint crosswalks at each of the four corners of Waverly, Rockland and Harmon.
- The Commission also requested that Dan speak to Ben Carmody, the VOM Traffic Consultant, for suggestions on improving parking issues at this location.

Carpenter Place from Rockland Avenue to Fulton Road - Safety Issue of Kids Walking to School

- On the recommendation of Tina Maresca of Safe Routes to School, a motion was made by Chair Williams, seconded by Michael and approved unanimously to amend the timed parking restriction on Carpenter Place from Rockland Avenue to Fulton Road, Monday through Friday on school days. Instead of from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm the new hours will be 7:30 am to 3:30 pm.

Fenimore Road and Prospect Avenue

- Ryan commented on the transformational impact on traffic and pedestrian safety due to the recently completed Fenimore Project. All Commission members agreed and complimented the VOM for doing such a terrific job. The narrowing of the street on Fenimore at Prospect has made it safer for both vehicular traffic and pedestrians.
- Dan commented that making drivers uncomfortable and turning driving from an unconscious activity into a conscious activity promotes greater traffic safety.
- Dan also stated that when the \$4,000,000 Community Development Block Grant is implemented the safety for both pedestrians and vehicles throughout the VOM will be greatly improved.

Claflin Avenue - Parking Restriction Issue

- Julian Buchbinder appeared before the Commission to discuss restricted parking on both sides of Claflin Avenue near Rushmore. This issue was first raised last year by another resident from Claflin who complained about cars parking on his lawn. As a result, the VOM implemented parking restrictions and installed a No Parking sign that covered a larger section of the street than just the home of the original complaining homeowner. Dan will investigate whether the No Parking sign was placed in the correct location. The current location of the No Parking sign impacts ten (10) homes on Claflin down to Rushmore.
- An additional issue is whether the road is wide enough to permit emergency vehicles to pass while vehicles are parked on the street. Fire Chief LaRocca will make a site visit with his fire truck and measure the width of the street.
- After considerable discussion, the Commission has not reached a consensus as to how to resolve the parking issue. Chief LaRocca will report to Dan after his site visit and the matter will be discussed at our next meeting.

Hawthorne Gardens – Parking Garage Issue

- Traffic Commission previously approved removal of parking spaces on Boston Post Road next to entrance to the parking garage and No Parking signs to ensure vehicles can exit parking garage safely.

- As per Dan Sarnoff, the work order for the signage was requested in June and will be installed shortly.

South Barry Avenue and Guion Drive - Residents Cannot See Oncoming Traffic When Exiting Guion Drive

- Mr. Trifiletti appeared before the Commission. He originally requested removing one parking space on Guion Drive and one on S. Barry Avenue. He withdrew the request for removing the space on Guion and now only requests removal of a space on S. Barry.
- On motion of Chair Williams and seconded by Robert, the Commission unanimously voted to restrict parking on South Barry Avenue from the driveway at 235 S. Barry to the corner of Guion Drive and install a No Parking Sign.

Mamaroneck Avenue School (MAS) and the French American School (FAS) – Safety/Gridlock During Dismissal Time

- On the previous joint recommendation of the VOM Police Department and VOM Fire Department to effectively deal with a safety/grid lock situation during dismissal times at the MAS and FAS schools the VOM will expand a one-way street on Ralph Avenue Extension from Elliot Avenue to Gertrude Avenue to New Street to Gertrude Avenue. Dan will communicate with Lt. Gatta.
- Dan he will inform the officials of MAS and FAS of this change when he meets with them at the quarterly meeting, which will be held shortly.

Knollwood and Crown Court – Stop Sign/Speed Bump - Safety Issue Kids Playing

- At previous meetings, due to kids playing at the intersection of Knollwood and Crown Court, parents requested the installation of a Stop Sign on Knollwood at the top of the hill for cars coming off Mamaroneck Avenue. Tina commented that a Stop Sign would likely cause vehicles coming up Knollwood from Mamaroneck Avenue to be backed up.
- Dan recommended following the Manual of Uniform Traffic Code, which states that certain traffic signs are appropriate if there are five (5) crashes in a twelve (12) month period or if there is some visual obstruction. According to Dan, since there is no accident history at that intersection he does not believe installing a Stop Sign is warranted. Dan will check if there are any visual obstructions at Knollwood Avenue and Crown Court to warrant installing a Stop Sign. This issue will remain on our Old Business agenda.
- Brian suggested that the area be “cleaned up”.

Light at Palmer Avenue and Rockland Avenue – Request to Change Light Signal to Allow for Left Turn from Palmer on to Rockland

- Dan explained that to add a dedicated turning phase to the traffic signal would require a hardware upgrade that would be very costly. Since there is no history of crashes/accidents at that intersection due to vehicles making the left turn, and based on a cost/benefit analysis, the Commission unanimously agreed that it was too expensive to change the light signal.

- Brian Williams stated he would follow up with the complaining resident.

Tompkins Avenue/Spruce Street – Crosswalk

- According to Dan, this issue was raised by the former Chief Del Bianco and our Traffic Consultant will review it.

Taylor's Lane/Boston Post Road- Safety Issue of Kids Walking to School

- This location is in Rye Neck. It was suggested that the parents from that area should contact the Rye Neck PTA. Dan also stated that he would contact Judge Gallagher who was involved in the Safe Routes to School for that area.
- Dan Sarnoff will follow up to review the visual obstructions that make this road hazardous for children walking to and from school.

West Street – Speeding Issue/Request for Stop Sign

- Resident had previously requested installation of a Stop Sign at the corner of West and Park. After considerable discussion, on motion of Michael Star and seconded by Chair Williams, the Commission unanimously voted to not recommend the installation of another Stop Sign at this location. It was recommended that more police enforcement was required.
- After considerable discussion, on motion of Michael and seconded by Chairman Williams, the Commission unanimously voted not to recommend the installation of a Stop Sign at this location.
- Brian Williams stated he would follow up with the complaining resident.

Mamaroneck Community Nursery School at Tompkins Avenue - Safety of Kids walking to School

- Dan will speak with our traffic engineer on the formal recommendation to improve the signage by changing the color and size of the signs, adding striping and hatching at that location.
- On motion of Chair Williams and seconded by Michael, the Commission unanimously voted to recommend that Dan will follow up to implement improved high visibility signage, striping and hatching at that location.
- Brian Williams stated he would follow up with the administrators of the Nursery School.

Knollwood and Mamaroneck Avenue – No U-Turn Sign

- According to Dan, on or about 2013 the VOM had installed the No U-turn sign on Mamaroneck Avenue at the intersection of Knollwood Avenue.
- Residents who resided across the street at the Heights complained that they had to travel all the way down into the village, make a U turn to go back up Mamaroneck Avenue and that's why it was rescinded.
- A resident appeared before the Commission earlier this year and stated that the No U-turn sign had been inadvertently knocked down and he requested that it be reinstated.
- It was stated that it is hazardous for drivers traveling north on Mamaroneck Avenue who wish to turn left onto Knollwood Avenue due to vehicles waiting to make the U-turn.
- The question is whether to approve reinstating the No U-turn sign.

Old Business Items Not Discussed

Mamaroneck Avenue at I95 Ramp exit – entrance to Mamaroneck Avenue south – Safety Issue of Kids Walking to School

(All comments below are from previous meetings)

- This location was first brought up in January 2022 by parents who were concerned for the safety of their children walking to and from MAS school.
- In January, Robert Stark observed the following over a one hour period at the site:
 - There are 2 stop signs at the exit ramp before hitting Mamaroneck Avenue
 - After observing approximately 50 cars, 1 car stopped at the first Stop Sign, the others completely ignored the first Stop Sign and slowly rolled through the second Stop Sign
 - The second stop sign is after the crosswalk where the kids cross.
- P.O. Jaeger is unsure if the VOM has any jurisdiction to issue traffic tickets at the NYS intersection; violations may have to be issued by NY State Troopers.
- At a previous meeting a crossing guard was suggested – this idea was rejected as unsafe for the crossing guard.
- A stop light was suggested but Dan does not recall a stop light ever being put on a thruway exit.
- It was suggested to repaint the crosswalk and paint lines where cars should stop.
- Ryan suggested Rumble Strips as a possibility.

Mamaroneck Avenue Bridge

(All comments below are from previous meetings)

- Dan asked Traffic Engineer (Matt Carmody) to see how trucks approach Mamaroneck Avenue, Hoyt Avenue and Fenimore Rd. The engineer prepared a report for the Village - he suggested regulatory signage on the bridge itself and signage for vehicle height on Hoyt Avenue. Determine which signs could be produced in-house (within DPW) and which signs to be contracted out - Dan to follow up with traffic engineer after period of time on signage usage.
- Biggest issue are the truck operators (18 wheelers)
- Robert Stark inquired about an apparatus that identifies a truck's height before the truck reaches the bridge. Mr. LaRocca explained the technology of the apparatus, which already exists on the Hutchinson River Parkway.

New Business Items Discussed

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- Laura Abbate spoke as a resident and not in her capacity as a member of the Traffic Commission. She agreed that parking along the perimeter of the park should be removed.
- On motion of Chair Williams and seconded by Ryan, the Commission unanimously voted to recommend that the Board of Trustees remove up to four or five parking spaces on Madison Street starting at the corner of Madison and Old White Plains Road and remove two parking spaces on Old White Plains Road starting at the corner of Madison and Old White Plains Road.

Mamaroneck Avenue School – Kids Safety Issues

- Ann Goode, representing the MAS School, appeared and requested a more thorough review of the streets along Mamaroneck Avenue that impact on the safe passage of children walking to and from the MAS School. In May she sent the Traffic Commission a list of prioritized hazardous traffic and pedestrian locations on Mamaroneck Avenue.
- According to Dan, the first phase of the Community Development Block Grant project will include MAS pedestrian improvements that were recommended as part of the MAS Walking Assessment done in 2019.
- According to Ms. Goode, in 2017 approximately 25,000 vehicles were driven along Mamaroneck Avenue in an average week. That number is probably greater now.
- MAS is the largest school in the community and has the most students. Most student walk to school.
- Ms. Goode cited the following pedestrian and traffic intersections on Mamaroneck Avenue that need to be addressed:
 - Off-center cut at North Shore Farms has created a pedestrian and traffic hazard
 - Mamaroneck Avenue and Old White Plains Road
 - Flashing red light stop
 - Hoyt and Mamaroneck Avenue
 - Depot Plaza and Mamaroneck Avenue
 - Mamaroneck Avenue and Mt. Pleasant
 - Mamaroneck Avenue and Halstead Avenue
 - Triangle at Mamaroneck Avenue and Old White Plains Road near Juarez Bakery
- Ms. Goode stated that there is not enough pedestrian signage to safely guide school children along Mamaroneck Avenue and that basic safety principles for kids are missing.
- Ms. Goode commented that the Walking Assessment done in 2019 only covered the immediate perimeter around MAS and did not cover the larger area of Washingtonville.
- Ms. Goode complained about busy driveways along Mamaroneck Avenue with inadequate visual instructions for pedestrians or drivers. She also stated that the traffic flow on Mamaroneck Avenue is a problem.
- Ms. Goode cited six (6) hazardous left turn intersections from the I-95 exit on to Mamaroneck Avenue to Waverly Avenue.

New Business Items Not Discussed
(To Be Added to Next Month's Agenda as New Business)

Jefferson Avenue – Excessive Speeding

Beeline Bus 70 Route to School

Grand Street – speeding

439 Center Avenue – Sidewalks/Parking

412 N. Barry Avenue -Request to Install Safety Mirror

745 River Street – No Parking Request

The Traffic Commission agreed to discontinue use of the group email Traffic_Commission@VOMNY.org and only use the VOM designated group email BofTraffic@VOMNY.org.

Minutes of May 10, 2022 to be approved at the next meeting

Next Traffic Meeting – in person on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 pm

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Agostino Fusco

From: Laura Abbate <LAbbate@vomny.net>
Sent: Monday, August 01, 2022 10:06 PM
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Subject: Re: Traffic Commission minutes for July 12, 2022, meeting (Edits and additions the 7/12/2022 meeting notes)

Good evening, Robert and the Board of Traffic Committee,

Robert, Thank you for this month's, Traffic Commission Minutes. Well done, I know how much work is entailed into listening, capturing and translating the meeting as a whole.

However, I have edits and additions along with a concern as I feel a segment of the traffic notes in regard to Parking at Madison and Old White Plains Road were not accurately or equitably depicted. Much of the topic and subject was diminished. Mr. Stark focused on a small portion of this segment and not accurately summarizing the gravity of the issue in regard to the parking concerns. Mr. Starks notes specifically to this segment portrayed a very different concern that what the Zoom Video and numerous emails describe.

(Notes in blue on the subject as follows (copied and pasted from: Roberts Starks shared word document):

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(EDITS AND ADDITIONS in RED):

After reviewing the Zoom meeting, the base of the community/and resident's concerns were not accurately transcribed.

There have been numerous emails in regard to the Parking Issue on the perimeter of Papes Park on Madison Street and Old White Plains Road.

Tina Maresca: Chair of the Parks and Recreation sent an Email to the Traffic Commission dated 6/2/2022 with the Recommendations of Parking Restrictions that was not noted or recognized in the meeting notes. Mrs. Maresca also spoke in regard to her recommendations and was recognized by Trustee Young and the Traffic Committee Chair.

Tim O'Connor: Sent an email to the Board of Traffic on 7/22/2022 with numerous photographs and videos with samples of the traffic issues and hazards this specific area endures on daily basis. This information was not recognized in Mr. Starks notes.

James Abbate: spoke at length in regard to the parking issue at an around Papes Park. Mr. Abbate spoke about the following:

1. Vehicles parking directly Infront of the park daily blocking the entrance to the park. Vehicles are parked from corner-to-corner barricading the residential park.
2. This area is a traffic hazard, streets are unsafe/parking on the perimeter of the park is dangerous. Police and Fire are unable to access the park freely.
3. Vehicles are parked on this one section of the road because (residential parking was overlooked in 2015). Vehicles Park and leave for days without moving causing vehicles to double park throughout the day over using valuable residential parking.
4. This area is a high traffic area that was not designed to withstand the amount of traffic and parking daily.
5. Delivery, Trucks, Gardeners, and vehicles double park making this area unpassable and unsafe
6. The park is blocked by vehicles making the park unsafe to sit in and to enter/quality of life.
7. Removing Spots will help and assist in the safety of the residents, Police, Fire Department and Parks and Recreation accessibility id vital.
8. Mr. Abbate also spoke in regard to the problematic issues of the park in depth with examples and times lines.
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Mr. Abbate and Mr. O 'Connor along with Dan Sarnoff and the Traffic Commission reviewed the parking issue on screen via google earth with examples and suggested removal of space to ensure safety for pedestrians and residents.

Tim O'Connor spoke in regard to the quality of, Life Safety, Parking, Re-Zoning or Coding and the Environmental impact of vehicles parked near or around a residential parks.

1. Several points Mr. Oconor touch on where as follows:
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3. Removal of parking to ensure the safety of pedestrians walking in-between park vehicles. Children sitting walking or playing in the park are at risk.
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5. Rethinking and re-zoning parking on Old White Plains Road to free up space and to control Commercial vehicle parking abuse and daily parking.
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7. Parking should be revamped and controlled. Washingtonville was the hardest hit area in regard to flooding and "ground Zero in the flood Zone. Re-think and revamp parking structures to support safety.

Laura Abbate Spoke as a resident in regard to the same issues. She spoke in regard to parking safety, quality of life and agreed that parking should be removed for all reasons stated.

Tina Maresca: Spoke in regard to supporting the removal of parking spots on the perimeter of Papes Park on Old White Plains Road and Madison Street. After reviewing the parking at all VOM Parks for Safety, Fire, and Emergency Services she has sent an email in support of this recommendation. After reviewing parking at similar parks village wide, the Parks and Rec Committee found that the parking in front of Papes Park is not in line with the balance of the park's village wide in regard to Parks and Rec.

Mrs. Maresca: spoke in regard to the parking issue in Washingtonville, specifically this area that is plagued by out-of-town vehicles parking and using valuable street parking to park for free and utilize the Mamaroneck Train Station. (Ms. Maresca has witness this firsthand).

Trustee Young: agreed to and asked Ms. Maresca to forward her recommendations to the BOT for their review. Trustee Young agreed that there is basis to the issue to move forward with the BOT for resolve.

Trustee Young stated visible issues in regard to the park. He was unaware of its presence as it is hard to visually see due to the parking covering and blocking the view of the park.

Lieutenant Falcone: agreed with the removal of parking spots on the perimeters of Papes Park on both Madison and Old White Plains Road.

After listening to the Zoom Video, there is at least 40 Minutes of dialog. Ryan Buck, Brian Williams, Laura Abbate and the Traffic Committee along with **Lieutenant Falcone**, Ex-Chief La Rocco after several minutes of dialogue agreed to the removal of 2 space bordering Papes Park on Old White Plains Road and 5 Spots in front of Papes Park on Madison Street. Freeing of Space for the safety of Residents, Fire, Rescue and Police.

Thank you for your time and consideration and hope my edits and updates help in providing a clear description of the parking issues that were reflected on the 7/12/202 Zoom Video.

Thank you in advance,

Laura Abbate