

TRAFFIC COMMISSION
AGENDA
TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022
VIA ZOOM @ 7:00 P.M.

New Business

1. Mamaroneck Avenue Bridge
2. Fenimore Road
3. Mamaroneck Avenue School and The French American School – Traffic at Dismissal
4. South Barry Avenue and Guion Drive – No Parking Signs
5. Harmon Drive and Rockland Avenue

Old Business

1. West Street - Stop Sign
2. Mamaroneck Ave at I95 Ramp – Crossing Guard
3. Claflin Avenue – No Stopping
4. Hawthorne Gardens
5. Crown Court – Stop Sign/Speed Bump
6. Light at Palmer & Rockland Ave
7. Tompkins Avenue/Spruce Street – Crosswalk
8. Taylor’s Lane/Boston Post Road
9. Mamaroneck Community Nursery School
10. North Barry Stop Sign

Minutes

December, January & February

**VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK
BOARD OF TRAFFIC COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES FROM THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021**

PRESENT: Acting Chairman Robert Stark, Kelly Wenstrup, Trustee Liaison to Traffic Commission, Commission Members Ryan Buck, Brian Williams, Gary Kligman and Michael Star, Police Chief Sandra DiRuzza, Dan Sarnoff, Assistant Village Manager

ABSENT: Commission Member Andres Garcia

Acting Chairman Robert Stark called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

New Business

Carroll Avenue

- Request from resident Norman Rosenbloom of 125 Carroll Avenue.
- Request for more signage
- Street starts as a one-way street from Boston Post Road to Lorena, and then becomes two-way road to Halstead.
- We should ensure safety of pedestrians and vehicles because there is a school nearby.
- According to Dan there is nothing “regulatory” that needs to be done at this time
- Dan suggested we provide better information for drivers and increase enforcement of traffic laws.
- There is already a “Do Not Enter” sign at the corner of Lorena. Dan suggested that the “Do Not Enter” sign be enlarged and made more visible to drivers.
- Chief DiRuzza suggested adding “No Parking” signs just before the crosswalk at Lorena and “Do Not Block Box” between driveway and corner at Lorena. Dan will follow up for the next meeting.
- Chief DiRuzza suggested adding “Two-way Traffic Ahead” on the pavement at corner of Lorena. Dan will follow up and check it out.
- Brian Williams stated he would follow up with resident.

Hoyt and Mamaroneck

- request from _____
- needs crosswalk
- Kelly reported that this is a County road and that our traffic consultant, Matt Carmody, is handling this.

Fenimore Road and Stanley Avenue

- Jordana Brennan requested safety improvements at crosswalk.
- There already exists a three-way crosswalk and a standing sign alerting drivers to allow crossing by pedestrians.
- Ryan Buck has written to Ms. Brennan and informed her that her concerns have been resolved by the VOM.

Spruce and Tomkins

- _____ requested a crosswalk.
- Dan will follow up with DPW for a crosswalk across Spruce All members agreed that a crosswalk was needed. Dan will follow up.
- Kelly said we should wait for Dan to follow up before notifying the resident.

Mt. Pleasant and Stanley

- _____ request for crosswalk
- Michael stated that he lives nearby and that cars speed at that location coming to or from the Post Office.
- Dan will follow up with DPW for a crosswalk. All members agreed that a crosswalk was needed.
- Kelly said we should wait for Dan to follow up before notifying the resident.

Rockland Avenue from Waverly to the parking lot entrance at Palmer Terrace Cooperative

- request from _____
- Location is very hazardous especially for children walking to and from school.
- Dan said this has been a 90-year old issue.
- Both Dan and Chief DiRuzza stated it would be challenging to add a sidewalk in addition to being very expensive.
- Dan will work with DPW to improve the condition of the road.
- Due to the curve in the road and other factors this section will continue to be a problem no matter what we do.
- Ryan commented that as you go up Rockland towards Waverly past Palmer Terrace Co-op the road degrades and becomes a dirt trail with a steep curve and no sidewalk, making that location very unsafe for pedestrians.
- Dan showed the Commission members the view of Rockland Avenue down and across Palmer Avenue and up to the High School and the Town Center.
- Another issue is the foliage and bushes at the corner of Rockland and _____. Dan will talk to the Legal Department about who is responsible for foliage maintenance, the homeowners or the VOM.
- According to Dan, the VOM may not have the right of way at that location.

Taylor's Lane and Boston Post Road

- request from _____.
- As per Chief DiRuzza, speed monitor recently installed at that location showed no excessive speeding there.
- Main issue is kids walking to and from school.
- Kids can't see cars and cars can't see kids.
- May need to trim bushes at intersection of Taylor's Lane and the Post Road
- May need to block entrance at gas station near the Post Road.
- Another issue is the side walk at the gas station. Legal issue of whether sidewalk can be blocked at the gas station.

- May need to paint a walkway/bike path.
- No sidewalk for kids walking to school.
- Chief DiRuzza asked whether it is feasible to add a sidewalk on the east side of the street.
- Dan stated part of Taylor's Lane is wide and enables safe walking. But further up the road you have a lot of foliage and walking area is more problematic. Dan suggested that the foliage can be cut back.
- All agreed that this location requires further discussion.

Mamaroneck Community Nursery School at Tompkins Avenue

- requested from Laura DiLorenzo, and Elizabeth and Chris Good (Board Members of the Nursery School)
- Need to slow traffic on Tompkins
- the Goods called in and spoke to the Commission.
- 145 very young school kids attending
- Hours from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
- Open eleven (11) months of the year
- Several reported near accidents
- Dan stated that there is overwhelming evidence that Stop Signs do not slow traffic
- When Tompkins Bridge is repaired, heavy traffic will resume
- No history of accidents
- Want to make this a safer street before an accident actually happens
- Dan suggested adding hash hatched pattern near the Nursery similar to the pattern on Tompkins near Union. All agreed that Dan should look into this. Dan will speak to the traffic engineer about adding hash mark pattern.
- Dan stated that stop signs at a cross walk are usually not warranted because it is not an intersection. Also have signs on the trees at that location
- Stop sign on Melbourne Avenue
- Many warning signs
- Per Dan, traffic safety is 90% psychology. Driving is an unconscious activity.
- Chief DiRuzza stated that crosswalk at Melbourne and Tompkins - she is not sure if there is a pedestrian crosswalk sign there. She also suggested that the signs be replaced by yellow colored signs because they are more visible. This was justified because there is child playground there. Dan stated that white signs do not have as much impact on drivers.
- All members agreed that yellow signs were a good idea.

No parking restriction on west side of Heathcote Avenue

- Referred to Traffic Commission by BOT.
- The road at this location is very narrow, only 24 feet wide. When two cars are parked across from each other on the opposite side of the street, large vehicles such as sanitation trucks and fire trucks can't pass.
- All members agreed that the BOT should make the necessary parking changes. Michael made a motion to change the parking and the motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- At a recent BOT meeting, the BOT voted to approve the parking changes on Heathcote at that location.

North Barry and Brook Street

- request for stop sign from Yuka/Aage Seljegard and Tim Grant.
- Complained that cars speed down N. Barry and there is a visibility issue when turning on to N. Barry from Brook.
- Dan suggested reducing the speed limit at this location to 15 mph.
- Tim Grant, a resident on North Barry, called in. He gave three reasons why a stop sign was needed:
 1. Excessive speed of cars all along N. Barry and at the intersection of Brook
 2. Drivers do not slow down despite crosswalks and many pedestrian warnings along N. Barry
 3. Visibility issue making left or right turn from Brook onto N. Barry
- Most neighbors in the area in favor of three-way stop signs
- Chief DiRuzza stated that she was not sure if a stop sign was necessary, but she would not be opposed to installing one.
- It had been discussed at a previous meeting to remove two parking spaces on N. Barry next to Brook facing towards Boston Post Road.
- Although there are many warning signs at that location, most drivers ignore them and drive too fast.
- Neighbors also thought speed bumps would be a good solution, but speed bumps are not acceptable to the Fire Department.
- Considering three-way stop sign and/or removal of two parking spaces on North Barry near corner of Brook

Speed Bumps

- Ryan raised the issue of utilizing speed bumps throughout the Village. Was told that the Fire Department is against using speed bumps

There was no discussion of Old Business items

Approval of Minutes of July 13, 2021 were tabled until the next meeting

Next Traffic Meeting – by Zoom on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm

Prepared by
Robert Stark

Respectfully Submitted by
Augustino A. Fusco
Clerk-Treasurer

**VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK
BOARD OF TRAFFIC COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES FROM TUESDAY, JANUARY 11 2022**

PRESENT: Acting Chairman Robert Stark, Lou Young, Trustee Liaison to Traffic Commission, Commission Members Ryan Buck, Brian Williams, and Michael Star, Police Lieutenant Mark Gatta, Dan Sarnoff, Assistant Village Manager

ABSENT: Commission Members Andres Garcia and Gary Kligman

Acting Chairman Robert Stark called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

New Business

Fast Food Restaurant (CHOPT) – 1043 W Boston Post Rd

- CHOPT (new restaurant) scheduled to open late 2022 across from the High School
- **NEED:** Increased safety for pedestrians (students, faculty, and staff) crossing BPR to access new restaurant
- Brian Dempsey and Justin Gould, representatives from CHOPT, updated committee on crossing issues for the new restaurant set to open in fall 2022. Referred to committee by Planning.
- Traffic Analysis done by developer and a minority of pedestrians cross BPR between cross walks to access food establishments across the street. Additionally in the last 3 years there are no reported pedestrian related accidents in this area.
- Pedestrians call legally cross the street at the driveway of MHS.
- Proposed: signage to slow traffic including Speed limit Feedback Sign or a No Pedestrian Crossing sign. Requires submitting a petition to NY State.

Hawthorne Gardens

#1

- Residents Meg Yergin and Richard Litman presented on the driveway area and egress from the residential building's garage. An 83 unit coop that has a parking garage on Boston Post Road
- There is a persistent problem of vehicles blocking the garage driveway. These vehicles are associated with local business
- Residents see this as a problem and consider this dangerous as it creates blind spots when pulling out of the garage and obstruction pulling into the garage.
- Consider daylighting (painting with yellow paint) the driveway so vehicles better see not to block

#2

- Additionally, the nearby Stuart Road and Boston Post Road intersection is creating a possible safety issue. No stats on accidents available for this meeting. Specifically vehicles can park on Boston Post Road between the Garage egress and almost to the intersection of Stuart Road. These parked vehicles impede visibility as the parked

vehicles obstruct driver view from Stuart Road stop sign pulling out onto Boston Post Road.

- Consider posting NO PARKING signs to reduce the total number of spaces for vehicles to park between Coop's garage entrance and exit and Stuart Road's stop sign.
- County Executive, Mr. George Latimer joined the meeting around this time to listen and stated in general support and that he wanted to be a resource for the Traffic Commission

Crown Court- Stop Sign/Speed Bump

- No one present to discuss the need to slow traffic on Crown Court, near Knolwood Avenue
- Stop signs, as Dan Sarnoff reminds the group, do not really slow traffic.
- Dan Sarnoff, will share additional information of on speed bumps or "speed humps" as there is on-going discussion and there are no current speed bump policies at the moment.
- Dan Sarnoff stated it is a wide street and people may tend to speed and we need more information.
- Michael Stark will attempt to gain more information from the resident submitting initial email regarding the need to slow traffic.

Mamaroneck Ave at I95 Ramp – Crossing Guard

- There is not a cross guard presenting. Families and students walk to MAS would benefit with a cross walk or a guard on I95 Southbound Exit Ramp at Mamaroneck Ave.
- Seems reasonable to have a cross guard and maybe relocate an existing guard posted at Soundview Ave and Mamaroneck Ave.
- Need to increase safety and need to see how many people are walking there.
- Michael Stark will attempt to gain more information on this and PD will see if existing crossing guard can get more information or an "impression"

Light at Palmer & Rockland Ave

- Turn signal desired at Palmer and Rockland
- Significant congestion and vehicles are often times unable to make left turn onto Rockland Ave. from Southbound Palmer Ave during high school rush-hour.
- Vehicles forced to wait for yellow or red light to turn illegally or beat on coming traffic as light turns green for two way Palmer Ave traffic.
- Consider assessing cost of turn signal and assess if current light system allows for such a modification.
- Dan Sarnoff will follow up on feasibility and possible costs and will look at what the accident shows.

Old Business

1. Carroll Avenue – Traffic Signage
2. Hoyt and Mamaroneck Avenue – Pedestrian Crosswalk

3. Fenimore Road – Crosswalk
4. Tompkins Avenue/Spruce Street – Crosswalk
5. Mt. Pleasant and Stanley Avenue – Crosswalk
6. Rockland Avenue – Walk to school/Dangerous
7. Taylor’s Lane/Boston Post Road
8. Mamaroneck Community Nursery School
9. No Parking Restriction on the west side of Heathcote Avenue
10. North Barry Stop Sign

Summer 2021 Traffic Board Summary Addendum, Prepared by Traffic Commission Board Member Robert Stark

Updated Status on Prospect Avenue – regarding changing parking from one side of the street to the other side—a proposal that has failed at the Board of Trustees.

At its July 13, 2021 meeting, the Traffic Commission approved a proposal to change on-street parking from the North side of Prospect to the South side between Maple and Fenimore Avenue, after having been advised by the Village Manager that all affected Prospect Avenue residents were in favor. This proved to be an inaccurate picture of neighborhood impacts. Subsequent to the July 13, 2021 meeting, six residents of Prospect Avenue sent emails to the Traffic Commission and to the Board of Trustees opposing the parking change reporting that they thought the proposal was unnecessary and would create safety hazards. They also reported that they were provided no notice or opportunity to express their opinion at the July 13th meeting.

When the matter moved to discussion at the Board of Trustees on August 9, 2021, Robert Stark testified that the Traffic Commission had been misadvised about the neighborhood impacts. Following Mr. Stark’s comments, six residents of Prospect Avenue affected by the change addressed the Board of Trustees and vehemently opposed the change to Prospect Avenue parking.

On October 25, 2021, at a meeting of the Board of Trustees Work Session, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously not to place this on the Regular Session agenda as will be explained below. (See August 9, 2021 minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting.)

Below are Minutes from the August 9, 2021 meeting of the regular session of the Board of Trustees of August 9, 2021:

Mr. Robert Stark of Palmer Court and member of the Traffic Commissioner appeared.

He is not representing the Traffic Commission.

Mr. Stark stated that the draft minutes of their July 13 meeting have been posted but not yet approved. He read the pertinent portion on Prospect Avenue parking.

Mr. Barberio brought this issue up at their July 13 meeting and requested approval. Before approval, the Commission asked Mr. Barberio if all residents on Prospect were in favor of this change, and they were told that they have been asking for this change and did approve. He [Mr. Stark] voted to move on this after this information.

Since that meeting, six residents of Prospect Avenue emailed [the Board of Trustees and the Traffic Commission] stating how this would create safety hazards and is a bad idea.

If he [Mr. Stark] knew then what he knows now, he would not have voted as he did.

At the Commission's next meeting, he [Mr. Stark] will ask that members [of the Traffic Commission] reconsider their votes and hear from all residents [of Prospect Avenue] who wish to express an opinion on the issue.

Mr. Stark asked how the Board of Trustees can act on something from the Traffic Commission when minutes have not yet been approved and received by the Board.

End of Minutes from August 9, 2021 BOT meeting

The next official meeting of the Traffic Commission occurred on December 15, 2021. Due to the Pandemic, the Traffic Commission did not meet in August, September or October 2021. The Commission met in November 2021 but did not achieve a quorum.

At the December 15, 2021 meeting there was no opportunity for the Traffic Commission to reconsider the motion passed on July 13, 2021 because Mr. Stark was the only holdover from that July 13, 2021 meeting still on the Commission. At the December 15, 2021 meeting the approval of the Minutes of the July 13th meeting was tabled and not approved. The minutes of the July 13, 2021 Meeting were subsequently approved at the January 15, 2022 meeting.

Because the Traffic Commission voted on July 13, 2021 to approve a motion changing the parking from one side to the other, the BOT was allowed to hold a public hearing to determine whether to pass a law to change the parking.

At the Work Session of the BOT on October 25, 2021, the BOT considered adding the change of parking to the Regular Session Agenda. Initially, Mayor Murphy and Trustee Wenstrup strongly recommended that the change be approved. However, after considerable discussion, **the Board voted unanimously not to add it to the Regular Session Agenda.** Mayor Murphy stated that “we don’t want to start a civil war on Prospect Avenue”, that it was “not worth the effort”, and that it would only be a “marginal improvement”.

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Next Traffic Meeting – by Zoom on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Ryan Buck motioned to adjourn the meeting. Michael Stark second.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm

Prepared by
Ryan Buck

TRAFFIC COMMISSION
AGENDA
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022
VIA ZOOM @ 7:00 P.M.

New Business

1. West Street Stop Sign – Mike DeVito

- Michael: Cars used to speed through this area quite frequently
- Robert thinks this is an enforcement issue as multiple cars speed quickly, roll through stop signs
- Mark Gatta: 2017-21 accident report for West St. – only 1 accident (for DUI)
- Consensus seemed to be for more enforcement of speeding and stopping on West St.

Action items:

1. Michael and Brian to walk area
2. Ask for Mike DeVito to join

Old Business

1. Restaurant – 1043 W Boston Post Rd

- Cindy Goldstein dialed in (representing the Community Planning Board)
- Very concerned with pedestrian safety given the popularity of the new restaurant
- 169 pedestrians (kids) crossed Post Rd
- NYS controls Rt 1 (Boston Post Rd)
- Applicant can't put in Pedestrian safety control measures w/o permission of NYS DOT
- Cindy in favor of flashing lights, cautioning drivers
- Brian: can we empower students to emphasize safety with one another?
- Dan proposed going to the Safe Routes for School raising safety concerns
- Ryan: flashing lights can be a step in the right direction to promote safety, but Police didn't see a tremendous number of traffic incidents
- Dan: it will be very tough to change student behavior of jaywalking given prevalence
- Ryan: Enforcing "No Pedestrian" crossings is very difficult
- Potential idea for a speed beacon or speed board indicating speed at which cars are traveling on Post Rd
- Dan reached out to Traffic Consultant for pricing on different options
- Not supportive of speed humps on a major arterial road
- Gary: Frequents that area, Equinox, etc. – surprised there are no flashing lights as it's a school zone
- Seems that Village enforcing ticketing, but there's a need to slow people down in general outside of HS
- Dan to follow up with Traffic Consultant and get insight into pricing and ability to place a beacon
- Restaurant needs approval from DOT to proceed (Dan believes it's six months)

Action items:

1. Didn't seem to be anything conclusive to follow up on/complete

2. Hawthorne Gardens

- Meg Yergin and Richard Litman called in to ask for a status update

- Dan recommended putting in a parking apron
- Meg and Richard are looking for some sort of signage to eliminate parking and increase visibility
- Structure on sidewalk won't help with visibility coming into/out of the building
- Residents need a much wider view when turning out onto Boston Post Rd
- Ryan: we discussed daylighting and signage from Stuart Ave coming out of last meeting
- Looking at painting the sidewalk yellow and "daylighting" the area
- Meg clarified it's Boston Post Rd coming onto Stuart

Action items:

1. Dan to prepare a draft resolution with Meg and Richard's recommendation
2. Meg and Richard to work with Dan offline to make a recommendation

3. Crown Court – Stop Sign/Speed Bump

- Ryan: last meeting was to follow up with speed hump feasibility
- Robert: Spoke to experience of resident bringing this up about a year ago

Action items:

1. Brian to walk the street and ask residents to come to the meeting

4. Mamaroneck Ave at I95 Ramp – Crossing Guard

- Ryan: At the last meeting we said we'd do more research on the extent of the problem
- Dan: may not be able to put crosswalk by the entrances
- Crossing guard is a matter for the Police Department
- They may not prioritize this given higher frequency crossings
- Mark: Thinks it's the Southbound crossing as there's a Crossing Guard Soundview/Knollwood

Action items:

1. Michael to follow up with resident, ask for more information/dial into the meeting

5. Light at Palmer & Rockland Ave

- Lights may not be capable of dedicated left turns
- Brian: possible to install a delayed green?
- Dan: It could be cost prohibitive (several hundred thousand dollars)
- Consensus that we should be concerned about safety (and allow BOT to handle budget)

Action items:

1. Ryan makes motion for Dan to make recommendation to gauge capabilities of light (either delayed green or a dedicated left turn)

5. Tompkins Avenue/Spruce Street – Crosswalk

- Robert walked the area today; the crosswalk is faded and needs to be redone

Action items:

1. Dan to follow up with DPW as crosswalk is needed

6. Taylor's Lane/Boston Post Road

- Robert: Prime concern last year was speeding on Taylor's Lane

- Less concern about the bushes, the gas station; the concern was over speeding
- Police Chief put monitor there and didn't see speeding or accidents

Action items:

1. Dan to ask DPW to trim back bushes

8. Mamaroneck Community Nursery School

Action items:

1. Dan to follow up with Traffic Consultant and the Chief

9. North Barry Stop Sign

Action items:

1. Dan to follow up with the resident on this matter

Training discussion

- Brian to follow up with Dan to get Shannon Purdy
- Brian and Dan to see if Shannon can attend a meeting
- General organization meeting – meeting will need quorum if it's public meeting
- Dan's suggestion is to prepare a document for people to review/respond individually

Minutes:

December 2021

Emails

Clafin Ave

Aimee Buchbinder: construction vehicles park on the wrong side of the street

Dan to revisit resolution

Mamaroneck Ave Railroad Bridge re-painting

- Seems to be settled w/ the County
Is it worth "nudging" the BOT and/or County on this?

Mamaroneck Community Nursery School Crosswalk

- Next steps seem to reside w/ Dan Sarnoff

North Barry Ave Stop Sign

- Ensure we give residents time to speak

Light at Palmer & Rockland