

TRAFFIC COMMISSION AGENDA
TUESDA, June 13, 2023
THE REGATTA@ 7:00P.M.

New Business

1. Boston Post Road and Fenimore (child hit by vehicle)
2. 518 Carroll Ave parking restriction

Old Business

1. Update on Traffic Calming around Brixmor – Mr. Sarnoff
2. Update Claflin Avenue -Robert
3. Complaint Form on Website - Laura
4. Recommendations for the Comp Plan - Ryan
5. Update Crown Court and Knollwood - Mr. Sarnoff/Mr. Carmody
6. FASNY at New Street and Underhill Update – Mr. Sarnoff
7. Speed Hump Outcomes: Grand Street and Old White Plain Road
8. Jefferson Ave. cul-de-sac Update- Mr. Andy LaRocco
9. I-95 Access from Mamaroneck Avenue near Saxon Drive Signage Update – Mr. Sarnoff
10. Parking Meters and Enforcement on Mamaroneck Avenue Update– Mr. Sarnoff
11. No Commercial Parking sign on New Street- Mr. Sarnoff
12. LED Flashing Light at N. Berry and Jefferson near Fire Station – Mr. Sarnoff/Mr. Barberio
13. OWP Road and Grand Street – Mr. Sarnoff/Mr. Carmody
14. Royal Place and Old Post Road trim foliage – Mr. Sarnoff
15. Update on Rockland Walking Study- Tina and Robert
16. Update Taylors Lane/Boston Post Road Crosswalk- Mr. Sarnoff
17. Union Avenue Walking Study Update and Tompkins foliage trimming- Richard

Minutes

Approve May 9, 2023 minutes

Village of Mamaroneck

Traffic Commission Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2023

Meeting held at the Regatta Conference Room

Minutes Prepared by Robert Stark

Present: Ryan Buck, Chairperson, attended by Zoom; Commission Members: Laura Abbate chaired the meeting; David Brown; ; Michael Star; Robert Stark; Dan Sarnoff, Assistant Village Manager, attended by Zoom, Lou Young, Trustee Liaison; VOM PD representative; Tina Maresca; Lindsay Reitzes, Colonial Court resident; Michael Mikhailov, owner of 801 BPR; Marissa Inzucchi and Gautham Doctor, members of the Board of Directors of the Hawthorne Gardens Cooperative

Absent: Richard Clifford; Leilani Yizar-Reid; and Andy LaRocco, Fire Department.

Laura made a motion to open the meeting at 7:05 pm. David seconded. All in favor.

Upon motion by Laura and seconded by David, the Minutes of the April 11, 2023, were approved with one correction. Upon motion by Laura and seconded by Robert, the Minutes of the March 14, 2023, were approved with one correction.

Laura made a motion to add two items to the agenda. One is for 910 Stuart Avenue to resolve a parking issue and the other is to add a Stop Sign on Underhill Avenue by the FASNY School. Robert seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously.

New Business

Halstead Avenue and Harrison Border

- Issue:** Lorie Baker Brown requested several traffic calming measures on Halstead Avenue from N. Barry to Florence.
- Discussion:** David spoke about the issues at this location. He inquired as to the status of the project.
- Action:** Per Dan, the VOM has authorization to proceed with planning and design along Halstead Avenue as of February 2023. Data will be collected over the next few months. Dan will meet with the Traffic Engineer next week. They will talk about curb extensions and bump outs. Dan is aware that there are no sidewalks at English Place. The public will have an opportunity to comment on the plan and offer comments and suggestions.

801 Boston Post Road

- Issue:** Michael Mikhailov attended the meeting. He is the property owner of 801 BPR and wants to make parking available in front of the store. He inquired if he could create parking on the sidewalk.
- Discussion:** According to Dan, NYS law states that you cannot block the sidewalk. The question of who owns the sidewalk at 801 BPR will determine whether he needs to go before a land use board for permission to make changes or whether he can do so as a matter of right.
- Action:** Dan recommended that Mr. Mikhailov contact the new Village Planner and bring a copy

of the site survey. The Village Planner will search for an existing site plan, which will determine whether he needs the approval of a land use committee. If not, then he can make changes by right.

Florence Park Entrance at English Place and Park Avenue

- Issue:** According to Brian Williams, cars illegally park close to the Stop Signs and entrance to the park creating a safety hazard for pedestrians.
- Discussion:** NYS law does not allow parking within 30 feet of a Stop Sign. There was a discussion of where cars should be allowed to park there.
- Action:** David will measure the length of the eastern side of Park Avenue and will report back at the next meeting. Dan will consider whether to allow parking by the Stop Signs.

Hawthorne Gardens – emergency item

- Issue:** Marissa Inzucchi and Gautham Doctor attended the meeting. They reported that the garage for this Co-op requires repairs and will be closed for up to four months starting June 1st. They need to find a place for about 40 residents to park near the property during this period, many of whom are senior citizens.
- Discussion:** Interior work will begin on June 1st. The garage houses 39 spaces. They are seeking permission to park on the east side of BPR. Current regulations do not allow parking on BPR from 3:30 am to 5:30 am. In addition, parking on BPR is limited to 90 minutes. As per Dan, although the VOM could temporarily suspend the restrictions, the VOM can't reserve spaces for the building's residents and anyone could park there. Dan will speak with the Village atty about getting the appropriate wording for the resolution. Suspension of the parking restrictions would be rescinded upon the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the garage. The BOT meets on May 22nd.
- Action:** David made a motion to temporarily suspend parking regulations from Sophia to Stuart Avenue on the east side of BPR until the Certificate of Occupancy is issued for the garage. Motion seconded by Laura and unanimously approved.

979 Palmer Avenue

- Issue:** Peter Fellows is the homeowner of 979 Palmer Avenue. He requested that a No Parking sign next to his driveway be replaced.
- Discussion:** The home at 979 Palmer Avenue is in the TOM, but the missing sign is in the VOM.
- Action:** As per Dan, DPW will replace the missing No Parking sign.

Old Business

Boston Post Road and Taylors Lane (“TL”)

- Issue:** Lindsay Reitzes attended the meeting and raised a number of safety issues on TL including the following: (1) the need for a crosswalk on TL at BPR; (2) that cars/trucks park all day on the sidewalk at the gas station on the corner; (3) that cars from BPR turn into the gas station and create safety hazard for kids walking and on bikes; (4) visibility issue at the corner of TL and BPR due to hedges on BPR that need to be trimmed; (5) need for two Stop Signs at Barrymore Lane; (6) need for a Stop Sign at Colonial Court;

(7) the 30 mph sign needs to be replaced with a 25 mph sign; (8) after Saddle Street is a blind curve – need to add a 10 mph sign at the curve. According to Ms. Reitzes, “this area is an accident waiting to happen”.

Discussion: No sidewalk on TL and the road is deteriorated - cannot walk or bike safely

- According to Ms. Reitzes it is “really dangerous” for pedestrians at Colonial Court and Shadow Lane.
- Are speed humps a possible solution?
- Shrubbery on BPR create visibility issues

Action: Dan will check for accident data

- Dan said that the VOM will complete a Roadway Management Survey to look at every VOM owned road for needed repavement. This project will be done over a 15-to-20-year period.
- Per Dan, VOM is responsible for trimming the hedges.
- Per Dan, someone at VOM will check to replace all the 30 mph signs.
- Dan will s/w Carmody
- The Police rep recommended calling 911 when cars park on the sidewalk at the gas station.
- Lindsay asked about paving TL. Dan said paving will not be done this year
- Per Dan, the crosswalk at BPR does not require legislative action by the BOT.

Motions Michael made a motion to install two Stop Signs at Barrymore Lane and TL intersection. Motion by Michael to install two stop signs at Barrymore Lane north and south. Motion seconded and approved.

Motion made to install a Stop Sign at Colonial Court and TL. Laura seconded and all approved.

Laura made a motion to recommend a crosswalk across TL by BPR. Robert seconded and all approved. Dan will review all the above with the Village Manager and Matt Carmody.

412 N. Barry Avenue – removing a parking space on N. Barry

Issue: Justin Gonlag resides at 412 N. Barry. Mr. Gonlag notified the TC on July 12, 2022, that due to visibility issues, it was dangerous to exit his driveway. At an earlier meeting, the TC rejected his request to add a side mirror. Mr. Gonlag is now requesting the removal of a parking space next to his driveway.

Discussion: David presented data on the distance next to the driveway. After considerable discussion, several options were contemplated. Ryan recommended that the TC consider creating a No Parking zone next to the driveway.

Action: David made a motion to add a no parking zone 10 feet from the driveway. Ryan seconded and it was unanimously approved.

Underhill Avenue at New Street by FASNY

Issues: (1) Follow up on previous recommendation to change language at the bus stop on Underhill Avenue. On 03/14/23, Robert made a motion to change the signage at the bus stop on Underhill Avenue to “No Parking 7:00 am to 8:00 am/2:30 pm to 4:00 pm.” The motion was seconded by Laura and approved unanimously but was not forwarded to the BOT for approval.

(2) Since there was no one from the FASNY in attendance on 03/14/23, the request for a

Stop Sign on Underhill Ave at New St. was tabled to our next meeting.

- Actions:
- (1) Since the motion to change the language at the bus stop was already approved by the TC, Dan will write it up and submit it to the BOT for approval.
 - (2) Laura made a motion to install a Stop Sign on Underhill at New Street. Ryan seconded and all approved.
 - (3) Tina requested that a second Stop Sign be installed on Underhill.

Rockland Avenue (Waverly to Rockland Avenue Bridge)

- Issue: The safety issue for children walking to and from school at this location has been known for a long time. As Tina has reported, the Safe Routes to School group has been trying to address this location since 2013. Due to the efforts of the TC, this location is finally getting addressed.
- Discussion: Robert reported that on 04/10/23, the VOM BOT approved a proposal from AKRF (Matt Carmody) to conduct a study along Rockland Avenue between the TOM border at Hickory Grove Drive East and Palmer Avenue and perform a walking safety assessment with various stakeholders at a cost of \$14,500.
- Action: Dan stated that AKRF is ready to do the walking study. Dan will notify participants in the study of the proposed dates and times. Dan suggested doing it in the morning, but Tina recommended doing it in the afternoon.

Crown Court and Knollwood

- Issue: This has been an ongoing traffic safety issue for kids that has not been resolved.
- Discussion: Michael asked Dan if there was an update from Mr. Carmody regarding this location. Dan said he would follow up with Carmody and report back on the status.
- Action: None

Traffic Commission Spreadsheet

- Discussion:** Robert thanked Dan for reviewing much of the current spreadsheet and identifying traffic issues that we can close and remove. Robert recommended that rather than permanently removing these issues, we create a separate Closed Spreadsheet and maintain that for future reference. Ryan agreed and suggested that it would benefit future members of the TC to have the history of these issues when these issues are raised in the future. As the Minutes from years ago have shown, the same traffic issues pop up again and again. All agreed.
- Action:** (1) There will be two traffic spreadsheets, one will be for active issues and a second one for closed issues. (2) Dan recommended grouping all “the Mamaroneck Avenue corridor issues” together and treating them holistically since what happens at one section of Mamaroneck Avenue affects all the others.

Waverly and Mamaroneck Avenues

- Issue:** Managing the traffic signals on Mamaroneck Avenue.
- Discussion:** Dan talked about a traffic signal resiliency study. Many of the traffic signals on Mamaroneck Avenue experienced significant damage from Hurricane Ida and were non-functional for an extended period. AKRF recommended installing an Active Control Traffic Signal system. It would allow the VOM to actively manage traffic signals and would allow the timing of traffic signals to be reset for different times of the day. However, this would be an expensive project to undertake. Even if the Village implemented this system, it would still require additional cost to fix certain traffic signal intersections including at Mt. Pleasant, Hoyt, Bishop and other intersections. Dan sent the current TC members a copy of that report. The report will identify the entire list of resources needed to implement the system.

Mamaroneck Avenue and Saxon Drive

- Issue:** Need to correct signage on Mamaroneck Avenue.
- Discussion:** Tina raised the issue that the signage on Mamaroneck Avenue warning drivers to move to the right lane to exit to I-95 South needs to be changed. The sign should say “use right lane only”. Too many drivers are suddenly moving from the left lane to the right lane creating a hazardous situation. According to Tina, the signage caused a recent accident.
- Action:** The County needs to correct the signage on Mamaroneck Avenue approaching the exit to I-95 to inform drivers that they can only access the I-95 exit from the right lane. Dan will follow up.

Ranking/Prioritization of Old Business items on the Spreadsheet

- Issue:** For more than a year, The TC has been trying to deal with dozens of unresolved Old Business issues. It was decided that we would rank these issues in order of importance. At a prior meeting, members of the TC were asked to assign a value to each issue.
- Action:** The scored priority value of old business issues will be recorded on the spreadsheet. Ryan will address the “scored” old business items at a future meeting.

Brixmor Shopping Center

- Issue:** On December 12, 2022, the TC was informed that that there were pedestrian safety issues at the exit at the Brixmor Shopping Center next to the Chipotle restaurant. Due to a heavy backlog of Old Business issues, the Traffic Commission has not resolved this issue.
- Discussion:** Tina told the TC that general, traffic calming measures were needed in addition to the Stop Sign. Dan stated that DPW was working on adding traffic calming measures.
- Action:** To be discussed at the next meeting.

Laura made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 pm. Michael seconded. All in favor.