

TRAFFIC COMMISSION AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2023
THE REGATTA @ 7:30 P.M.

New Business

1. 115 North Berry handicapped parking option
2. Speeding South Berry at Guion Dr.
3. Mt Pleasant/Halstead/Mamaroneck Ave Traffic Back-up

Old Business

1. Boston Post Road Crossing at Fenimore and Delancey-Robert
2. Florence Park Parking-David
3. Update Claflin Avenue -Robert
4. Walters Hotdogs and Palmer Crosswalk - Ryan
5. Update Crown Court and Knollwood
6. FASNY at New Street and Underhill Update
7. 1511 Mamaroneck Ave. Parking Space
8. Jefferson Ave. cul-de-sac Update- Mr. Andy LaRocco
9. No Commercial Parking sign on New Street
10. Royal Place and Old Post Road trim foliage
11. Update Taylors Lane/Boston Post Road Crosswalk
12. Union Avenue Walking Study Update

Approve June 13, 2023 minutes

Village of Mamaroneck

Traffic Commission Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2023

Meeting held at the Regatta Conference Room

Minutes Prepared by Robert Stark

Present: Ryan Buck, Chairperson; Commission Members: Laura Abbate; David Brown; Richard Clifford; Robert Stark; Leilani Yizar-Reid, Trustee Liaison; VOM PD representative; Tina Maresca, Safe Routes to School; Jerry Barberio, Village Manager; and Hillary Short, Resident.

Absent: Michael Star; Dan Sarnoff, Assistant Village Manager; and Andy LaRocco, Fire Department.

Ryan made a motion to open the meeting at 7:09 pm. David seconded. All in favor.

New Business

518 Carroll Avenue – Request to Remove a Handicapped Space

Issue: A resident made a request to remove a handicapped parking space in front of 518 Carroll and add a No Parking sign at that location. This request was not made to the Traffic Commission but was sent directly to the VOM. This request was added to the BOT agenda at their June 12, 2023, meeting.

Discussion: No discussion by the TC was necessary.

Action: Will be handled by the VOM BOT.

Old Business

Boston Post Road and Fenimore – Traffic Accident

Issue: A young boy and his mother were crossing BPR at Fenimore and were hit by a car coming down Fenimore making a left turn on to BPR. This issue had been on our Closed Spreadsheet. As a result of the recent traffic incident, it has been restored to the Active Spreadsheet.

Discussion: Hillary Short attended the meeting and told the Commission about the recent traffic accident at BPR and Fenimore. BPR is a NY state road. It is up to the NYSDOT to fix this issue. This issue has been an ongoing problem for over 20 years with no adequate solution provided. Something needs to be done **now** to protect pedestrians until the signal lights are synchronized by NYSDOT. It was suggested that the VOM install a sign on Fenimore alerting drivers to look out for pedestrians crossing BPR. David suggested a sign alerting drivers “**Caution: Pedestrians Crossing**”. Tina suggested flashing lights. Ryan stated that the TC needs to monitor this situation and that we need to implement a strategy to ensure pedestrian safety.

Action: 06/12/23 – at a BOT meeting, a resolution was offered to install a “No Turn on Red” sign on Fenimore Road at BPR. The next step will be for the VOM to request that the NYSDOT fix the Traffic Signal at that intersection to make it a four-way stop on red to

allow pedestrians to safely cross BPR.

Brixmor Shopping Center – Traffic Calming Update

- Issue: Need update on traffic calming measures by DPW at this location.
- Discussion: Tina commented that no traffic calming measures have been implemented. Dan Sarnoff not present and no updated info provided by Village Manager.
- Action: Leilani will get written updates from Dan Sarnoff on this issue and all outstanding traffic issues.

Tompkins Avenue– Pedestrian safety issues

- Discussion: Richard spoke about the danger of electric bikes on the sidewalk as a pedestrian safety issue.
- Action: No action taken.

Fenimore and Prospect – Traffic Accident

- Discussion: Richard reported that a young boy on a bicycle was recently hit by car while crossing Fenimore.
- Action: No action taken.

Mamaroneck Avenue and Hoyt -Traffic Accident

- Discussion: Accident reportedly occurred at this location.
- Action: No action taken.

Claflin Avenue – Parking Issue Update

- Issue: Need update from the VOM Building Department regarding parking on Claflin.
- Discussion: Waiting for the Building Department to respond since March 2023. Dan Sarnoff not present and no updated info provided by Village Manager.
- Action: No action taken. Need updates from the Building Department.

Traffic Incident Report - Update

- Issue: The revised Traffic Incident Report was supposed to be added to the VOM web site so that residents could submit traffic complaints on-line. For whatever reason, the form is not available on the web site though it was recommended back in April.
- Discussion: The reason for putting the Traffic Incident Report on-line is so that someone at the VOM can decide if the issue should be directed to the TC or to the appropriate VOM department. Laura reminded everyone that this was the Village Manager's idea. Ryan stated that we need a fillable form online. Laura recommended that after a resident completes the form, the system should automatically generate a response to the complaining resident stating that someone will contact him or her after their initial complaint and after some action is recommended by the TC and after some action is taken by the BOT. It was agreed by all that either the VOM or the TC needs to be more responsive to residents. We discussed how to get this up and running. The question is how and by whom. Ryan stated that we need a more robust process. David suggested

that we rotate responsibility of monitoring resident traffic complaints.

Action: Liaison Yizar-Reid will follow up to get the form added to the web site.

Comprehensive Plan Recommendations

Issue: The Traffic Commission was asked to make recommendations to the BOT on the Comp Plan.

Discussion: Our recommendations were recently distributed to all TC members to review. The Village Manager indicated that he does not believe biking is a good idea for the VOM. Several members of the TC disagreed and recommended that biking facilities would be a benefit to the community. The Village Manager described a bike a bike program on Halstead as “dicey”. The Village Manager believes that bike lanes will result in less parking spaces. Ryan commented that bikes will reduce vehicular traffic and that Michael Smeets’s proposed bike plan can connect Larchmont/Mamaroneck/Rye with Orchard Beach. A Grant application for a biking initiative is due on July 10, 2023. The Village Manager stated that he believed that the BOT did not recommend moving forward with a bike program. Trustee Yizar-Reid stated she believed that the BOT supported the idea of a biking program. The Village Manager stated that he will follow up with the BOT to be sure of where they stand on biking in the VOM. Richard commented that a biking program is good for the community. Ryan stated that a biking program can be good for a community and cited his experience in Denton, Texas.

Action: All members of TC agreed that we should submit our Comp Plan recommendations to the BOT.

Crown Court and Knollwood - Traffic Calming Measures Update

Issue: Waiting several months for traffic calming recommendations from Matt Carmody at this location.

Discussion: Dan Sarnoff not present and no updated info provided by Village Manager.

Action: No action taken. Need updates from Dan Sarnoff on recommended traffic calming measures.

FASNY at New Street and Underhill - Update

Issue: Matt Carmody recommended that a study is needed before changes recommended by the TC can be implemented.

Discussion: Dan Sarnoff not present and no updated info provided by Village Manager.

Action: No action taken. Need updates from Dan Sarnoff on the status of and reason for the study.

Discussion About the Vision Zero Program

Issue: As a result of several recent traffic incidents in various locations in the VOM, it was suggested that the BOT implement some type of public information program to promote vehicular/pedestrian/biking awareness.

Discussion: Need to change people’s behavior on the roadways. The question is how do we change the public’s behavior? Look into what Vision Zero was intended to accomplish. Tina suggested that PTA groups and/or police be involved in an awareness program.

Action: Leilani was asked to bring this issue to the attention of the BOT.

Speed Humps on Grand Street - Update

Issue: Need update on effectiveness of speed humps that were installed on Grand Street in September 2022.

Discussion: Tina stated that a resident on Grand Street had some negative comments about the speed humps. Dan Sarnoff not present and no updated info provided by Village Manager.

Action: No action taken. Need updates from Dan Sarnoff.

Jefferson Avenue Cul-de-Sac – Parking Issue Update

Issue: Need update from FD Officer LaRocco regarding whether the Fire Department will allow changes to the parking setup at the cul-de-sac.

Discussion: Mr. LaRocco was not present. Need to hear from him before proceeding on this issue.

Action: No action taken. Need updates from Officer LaRocco.

Need for a Crosswalk at Walters Hot Dogs and the Mamaroneck High School

Issue: Safe Routes to School recently requested adding a crosswalk on Palmer Avenue between the Mamaroneck High School and Walters Hot Dogs. The BOT decided on June 12th not to recommend adding a crosswalk at this time.

Discussion: Tina stated that Matt Carmody has looked at the situation at this location. Need his recommendations.

Action: No action taken.

I-95 South Access from Mamaroneck Avenue - Signage Update

Issue: New language needed on signage on Mamaroneck Avenue approaching the exit to I-95 South warning drivers to move to the right lane to access I-95 South.

Discussion: Tina commented that signage should state, "Right Lane Only" to access exit to I-95 South or install a type of barrier to prevent vehicles from moving from the left lane to the right lane. Tina also commented that cars are speeding at this location. According to Tina, a car accident recently occurred here. David suggested painting arrow markers on the roadway to guide drivers. He also suggested increased police enforcement. Tina also suggested adding a second sign. Dan Sarnoff needs to be involved in this situation. Dan Sarnoff was not present and no updated info provided by Village Manager.

Action: Leilani will speak to Dan about this and other unresolved issues and will request that Dan provide the TC with a written response.

Parking Meters on Mamaroneck Avenue North of the train station - Update

Issue: Need to provide update on installation of parking meters on Mamaroneck Avenue.

Discussion: This matter was discussed at a BOT meeting held on June 12, 2023.

Action: At a BOT meeting on June 12th, the BOT voted to approve installing parking meters from 500 to 700 Mamaroneck Avenue. Someone needs to notify Mr. Marconi of this

information.

N. Barry and Jefferson – Traffic Calming Update

- Issue: Need update on traffic calming measures at this location.
- Discussion: Dan Sarnoff not present and no updated info provided by Village Manager.
- Action: Need updates from Dan Sarnoff on recommended traffic calming measures.

Old White Plains Road and Grand Street - Traffic Calming Update

- Issue: Need update on traffic calming measures at this location.
- Discussion: Dan Sarnoff not present and no updated info provided by Village Manager.
- Action: Need updates from Dan Sarnoff on recommended traffic calming measures.

Royal Place and Old Post Road- Traffic Calming Update

- Issue: Need update on traffic calming measures at this location, especially need to trim hedges on Old Post Road at corner of Royal Place.
- Discussion: Dan Sarnoff not present and no updated info provided by Village Manager.
- Action: Need updates from Dan Sarnoff on recommended traffic calming measures and instruct DPW to trim the hedges on Old Post Road at corner of Royal Place .

Rockland Avenue – Walking Study Update

- Issue: The walking study was conducted earlier on June 13th. Leilani, Tina and Robert each participated in the walking study.
- Discussion: Leilani, Tina and Robert provided information on the walking study. All reported it went well. Matt Carmody stated he expects to submit his report by August. Ryan stated that another benefit of fixing Rockland Avenue is that it connects to the walking trails. Tina commented that the Safe Routes to School group has been trying to get this problematic location addressed for ten years. She thanked the TC for focusing attention on this issue.
- Action: Waiting for report from Matt Carmody.

Taylor's Lane and BPR Crosswalk – Update

- Issue: Need to discuss reason why crosswalk was not approved by Matt Carmody.
- Discussion: Dan Sarnoff not present and no updated info provided by Village Manager.
- Action: Dan Sarnoff needs to provide the status and an update on the need for a study before the crosswalk at BPR can be approved.

Park Avenue and English Place - Update

- Discussion: David commented that the recent recommendations by the TC at this location have been extremely successful.
- Action: No action taken.

Union Avenue – Walking Study Update

Issue: Status of the results of the walking study done in March 2023 by Matt Carmody.

Discussion: The Village Manager reported that a report was sent to participating Union Avenue residents regarding the results of the walking study. Robert and all members of the TC requested that the Village Manager provide the TC with a copy of the report. The Village Manager promised to provide the TC with a copy of the report. Richard reported that the foliage by Tompkins Avenue still needs to be trimmed.

Action: Awaiting the report from Matt Carmody and when DPW will trim the hedges.

There being no further business before the Commission, Ryan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 pm. David seconded. All in favor.