

TRAFFIC COMMISSION AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023
THE REGATTA@ 7:00 P.M.

New Business

1. Vision Zero Update- Shannon Purdy
2. Parking at Mamaroneck High School- Tina Maresca
3. Old White Plains Road/Grand Street-Laura Abbate
4. 490 Bleeker-Disabled Parking Request- Mr. Eglauf
5. Rockland Ave. Pedestrian Incident and Safety
6. 4 Way Red at All Village Lights- Mr. H. Spadaro
7. Warren Elementary (Keeler and Harrison) Pedestrian Safety-Ms. Migano
8. Parker Ave and Hunter Obstructed View- Mr. B. Williams
9. St. Vito Church Paving-Ms. Jastermsky
10. Pedestrian Safety, Stop Signs, and Walkability, Cross-walk, all-way stops-Ryan Buck
11. Create Calendar of when Mr. Carmody will Attend

Old Business

1. OWPR/Grand/E. OWPR 5 way stop-Robert
2. Boston Post Road Crossing at Fenimore and Delancey-Ryan/Tina
3. Old Bost Post Road/Orienta Sidewalk Project-Ryan
4. Waverly Avenue Bridge and impact on MAS
5. 518 Carrol Avenue
6. Knollwood Ave (uphill entrance at Mamaroneck)
7. U-turns on Mamaroneck Avenue
8. Brixmore (Near MAS) Traffic Calming Update-Leilani
9. FASNY at New Street and Underhill Update-Robert
10. Walters Hotdogs/MHS Palmer Crosswalk Update (enhanced crossing) -Ryan
11. Royal Place and Old Post Road
12. Taylors Lane/Boston Post Road Crosswalk Across Taylors Lane
13. Union Ave Progress Report-Leilani

Approve July 19, 2023 minutes

Approve September 14, 2023 minutes

Village of Mamaroneck
Traffic Commission Meeting Minutes of September 14, 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; Michael Star; Robert Stark; Leilani Yizar-Reid, Trustee Liaison; Lt. Falcone, VOM PD representative; Tina Maresca, Safe Routes to School; and Andy LaRocco, Fire Department; and residents Jason Hanis, Paulo Zangiacomi and Aage Seljergard of N. Barry Avenue; and Donald Castor of 518 Carroll Avenue.

Absent: Dan Sarnoff, Assistant Village Manager; Jerry Barberio, Village Manager

Ryan made a motion to open the meeting at 7:16 pm. David seconded. All in favor.

New Business

Preparation for Waverly Avenue Bridge Project

Issue: Plan for Mamaroneck Avenue by MAS while Waverly Avenue is closed.

Discussion: Tina and Ann Goode met with Dan Sarnoff. VOM is working with TOM. Need for more crossing guards and “Don’t block the boxes”. Laura and Tina requested painting boxes at the intersections of OWPR, Elliott and Gertrude on Mamaroneck Ave to allow traffic to flow. Cited examples in Pelham Village of what it would look like. Officer LaRocco said we may need county approval since Mamaroneck Avenue is a county road. Aso will need adequate police presence to manage traffic flow.

Action: Work with TOM and VOM police departments to implement necessary preparation.

518 Carroll Avenue – Parking Issues

Issue: Request to fix parking issues on Carroll Avenue.

Discussion: Donald Castor of 518 Carroll attended. According to Mr. Castor, the handicapped space in front of his home was removed by VOM FD. He stated that he does not require a handicapped space in front of his home at this time. He made several recommendations to increase the number of available parking spaces on the street. According to Mr. Castor, the Rules and Regs require a dead-end street to have a cui-de-sac. He requested bump outs at the end of the street near Halstead Avenue. DPW chose to allow parking on the east side of street because the handicapped space was already there. He stated that residents from the apartment bldg. around the corner park on Carroll. He requested residents only parking. Laura said state law only allows residential tags near the train station. We need to inform all residents on Carroll of proposed suggestions. He also asked that the street be widened. Ryan said this should be reviewed by Carmody and VOM.

Action: Mr. Castor will send the TC an email with his suggestions to improve parking at this location including requiring resident only parking at Carroll.

Vision Zero – Village Wide Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Awareness Program

Issue: This is one of the recommendations from the Comp Plan

Discussion: Ryan said we need a village wide traffic and pedestrian safety education program.

Action: Need to encourage the BOT to implement this program.

Process, DPW Activities and “Closing the Loop”

- Issue:** Ryan’s inquiry on data collection and DPW operations.
- Discussion:** Ryan asked how the TC can get data collected by VOM that is relevant to TC, i.e., police data, including ticketing and enforcement data. Ryan asked Leilani to find out how DPW tracks assigned tasks and explain the process to the Traffic Commission. Mike requested that Chief Diruzza attend the next TC meeting and we should ask her for data. We had an extended discussion of speed humps and saw how effectively Bronxville handles it on their website.
- Action:** Requested that Leilani show the Village Manager how Bronxville manages speed humps. Leilani will apply pressure on DPW for info. Leilani requested that Ryan contact her in two weeks to remind her to follow up with DPW.

Mt. Pleasant and Prospect Avenues - Crosswalks

- Issue:** Tina requested adding crosswalks at this location.
- Discussion:** Tina explained the need for crosswalks.
- Action:** Michael made a motion to repaint the two crosswalks on Mt. Pleasant and add two new crosswalks on Prospect. Robert seconded, all approved.

412 N. Barry Avenue – No Parking Clarification

- Issue:** TC recommended, and BOT approved a 10-foot buffer next to the driveway at 412 N. Barry to enable the resident at 412 N. Barry to safely exit his driveway. Instead, DPW put up a No Parking sign that restricted parking over the entire 40 feet area. Residents at that location objected to the loss of parking space.
- Discussion:** David measured the distance between the driveways as 40 feet, which would allow for a 10-foot buffer. DPW cited traffic law that required them to restrict parking because “it does not leave a safe space of at least 30 feet for the driveway next to 412 N. Barry”.
- Action:** Leilani will ask Matt Carmody to resolve the issue and other similar locations

546 East Boston Post Road (United Methodist Church)

- Issue:** Resident claimed that parking cars on BPR next to the parking lot made it hard for cars to safely exit the parking lot.
- Discussion:** There is another safer exit from the parking lot on Tompkins Avenue.
- Action:** No action required.

Old Business

Code Enforcement on OWPR/Grand/Mamaroneck Avenue

- Issue:** Ryan raised the issue of a general lack of code enforcement at this location.
- Discussion:**
- Action:** VOM added plastic stanchions by the bakery on OWPR. This issue was resolved.

Boston Post Road – Fenimore and Delancey Traffic Signals

- Issue:** Long term pedestrian safety issue at intersections of BPR and Fenimore and Delancey due to traffic signal not providing four-way stop to allow pedestrians to cross BPR safely. 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.

Discussion: Focus on synchronizing the traffic signal to make it an all-way stop. Laura reminded everyone that four (4) children have recently been hit by cars in the VOM, including one in Washingtonville. Ryan recommended adding signage on Fenimore for pedestrian safety. Village Manager promised to add signage, including “No Turn on Red”.

Action: No action taken. Waiting for the County to fix the traffic signal. Meanwhile, TC needs to advocate for additional safety signage on Fenimore and Delancey.

Brixmor Shopping Center

Issue: Need to add signage for pedestrian safety.

Discussion: According to Leilani, the owner of Brixmor will install a stop sign at the Chipotle exit. We also recommended adding signs on the sidewalk warning pedestrians about cars exiting Brixmor. Leilani said the Village Manager will follow up next week! Richard suggested that signs be in French, Spanish and English.

Action: Add recommended signage.

FASNY at New Street and Underhill

Issue: The hourly parking restrictions at the Bus Stop on Underhill have been corrected. However, the No Parking sign at the corner of New Street across from the church, recommended by the TC on May 10, 2023, has not been done. Also, the Stop Sign on New Street across from the Church, recommended by the TC on January 10, 2023, has not been planted.

Discussion:

Action: Need follow-up on (1) installation of the Stop Sign on Underhill, and (2) No Parking sign at corner of New Street across from church.

Florence Park Entrance at English Place and Park Avenue

Issue: Pedestrian safety at park entrance.

Discussion: Tina spoke with Jeff Ahne of the VOM Parks Dept. He approved (1) a No Parking sign at the guard rail in front of park entrance, (2) paint No Parking lines at the guard rail and (3) add a handicapped space with ramp on Park Avenue.

Action: David made a motion to (1) create a No Parking Zone at the entrance to the park, and (2) add a handicapped parking space with an ADA compliant ramp next to the driveway. Michael seconded and all approved.

Harbor Island - Speed Limit Sign

Issue: Speed limit was recommended by TC on April 11, 2023, but no signs have been put up at Harbor Island.

Discussion: According to Tina, the DPW work order was never done.

Action: Leilani will follow up with the DPW and the Village Manager to install the speed limit signs.

1419 Harrison Avenue – Pedestrian Safety Issues

Issue: Request for pedestrian safety measures for school children.

Discussion:

Action: The speed limit sign was changed from 30 to 25 mph, but other requested pedestrian safety measures have not been addressed.

979 Palmer Avenue – Replacement of No Parking Sign

Issue: Safety issue exiting driveway.

Discussion:

Action: Resident reported that he spoke with the mayor, who said he would handle it.

Jefferson Avenue Cul-de-sac - Parking Issue

Issue: Over twenty residents on Jefferson requested changing the parking configuration at the cul-de-sac.

Discussion: According to Officer LaRocco, the VOM Fire chief is 100 % against changing parking configuration. DPW is also against changing the parking setup.

Action: Officer LaRocco will send us a written statement confirming the position of the FD Chief and DPW. We need to notify the 20 plus residents who signed a petition requesting changes to the current parking setup.

1511 Mamaroneck Avenue – Request for Safe Exit from Driveway

Issue: Request to safely exit driveway.

Discussion: Reminded Leilani that the TC recommended and approved a motion in July to add a 5-foot buffer by the resident's driveway. This was not done.

Action: Leilani will follow up with DPW and BOT.

500 to 700 Mamaroneck Avenue - Parking Meters

Issue: Mr. Marconi and other business owners in this area of Mamaroneck Avenue want a 30-minute parking limit on both sides of Mamaroneck Avenue.

Discussion:

Action: Leilani will follow up with changing the parking limit from 90 to 30 minutes. She reported that the VOM is waiting for a quote for the cost of the parking meters. She will also raise the issue of police and code enforcement with the police chief at the next BOT meeting of the police commissioners.

Royal Place and Old Post Road - Pedestrian Safety Issues

Issue: Request for pedestrian safety measures for school children.

Discussion: According to Tina, Dan Sarnoff said it would cost 1 million dollars to do sidewalks on OPR. They painted a yellow line instead. Still need to get the hedges trimmed at the corner of Royal and OPR. This was requested over a year ago and has not been done. It creates a visibility issue for both cars and pedestrians.

Action: Leilani will follow up getting the hedges trimmed. We also need to check if the TC has recommended painting a crosswalk at OPR and Royal.

Rockland Avenue - Walking Study Report

- Issue: Awaiting report from Matt Carmody from the walking study done in July.
- Discussion: According to Leilani, the report was done but is being reviewed by VOM staff.
- Action: Leilani expects to send us a copy of the report next week.

Harmon Drive – Request to Restrict Trucks

- Issue: Resident requested No Trucks allowed on Harmon over a year ago. He recently requested an update.
- Discussion: According to Ryan, this problem is beyond the scope of the Traffic Commission to resolve. This needs to be handled by the TOM and the VOM.
- Action: No action taken.

VOM and Traffic Commission Communications Policy and Updates to Residents

- Issue: At a previous meeting, we all agreed that we need to improve communication with residents. When residents file a complaint with the Traffic Commission, they need to receive immediate acknowledgement. They need to be informed when the TC decides how to handle their complaint. They need to be informed when the BOT votes on recommendations from the TC that will affect them.
- Discussion: All agreed that we need better follow-up from both the Traffic Commission and the BOT. Ryan and Dave said residents should receive a reply when they first contact the TC. Robert suggested that the Village Manager implement a communication policy that will ensure that residents are notified when decisions are made that will affect them. Tina suggested that action items on the minutes be in bold to ensure follow-ups are done. **At a previous meeting, Ryan asked Leilani to sit down with Jerry and Dan about solving the communications problem and creating a protocol or policy to ensure residents are provided with timely information.**
- Action: No action taken.

Need for VOM Staff and Traffic Expert to Attend Traffic Meetings

- Issue: Neither Dan Sarnoff nor the Village Manager have attended the past two meetings.
- Discussion: At a previous meeting, all agreed that it was necessary to have a staff member present at our meetings. Ryan asked Leilani to speak with both Dan and Jerry and explain how important it is for the Traffic Commission to have a staff member attend the meetings. Robert reminded everyone that the Village Manager promised that Matt Carmody or one of his associates could attend our meetings. We are not traffic experts. Ryan also reminded everyone that the Village Manager promised to pay for a traffic consultant to attend our meetings at least quarterly. Ryan stated that we need the assistance of a traffic expert.
- Action: Continue to advocate for a traffic expert to attend our meetings.

Comp Plan Recommendations by Traffic Commission

- Issue: At a recent BOT meeting, Robert gave each trustee a copy the Traffic Commission's Comp Plan recommendations
- Discussion: Vision Zero program part of the Comp Plan recommendations.
- Action: The Traffic Commission should aggressively advocate for the implementation of the

Traffic Commission's Comp Plan recommendations at BOT meetings.

New Street – No Commercial Parking Signage

- Issue:** On February 14, 2023, Mr. Calgutti attended our meeting. He stated that commercial parking was not permitted on New St., and a sign to that effect is no longer there. He requested that a new sign prohibiting commercial parking be placed on New Street. To date, the sign prohibiting commercial parking has not been installed.
- Discussion:** At a previous meeting, Leilani stated that the Village Manager was taking care of this matter.
- Action:** Remind the Village Manager to replace the No Commercial Parking sign.

Clafin Avenue Near Rushmore Avenue – Parking Issue Update

- Issue:** On May 11, 2021, a resident questioned why parking was prohibited at this location. On October 13, 2022, FD Rep LaRocco reported that the VOM FD wants the parking issue on Clafin to be in the hands of the Building Department. It is a code enforcement issue. The Traffic Commission has been waiting for the Building Department to determine if parking was allowed.
- Discussion:** Officer LaRocco reported that parking is not permitted at this location.
- Action:** We need to notify the complaining residents that parking is not allowed at this location.

Crown Court and Knollwood Avenue - Traffic Calming Measures Update

- Issue:** On May 21, 2021, residents asked the Traffic Commission to recommend traffic calming measures at this location. In December 2022, the TC was told that the matter would be referred to Matt Carmody for his traffic calming recommendations.
- Discussion:** No staff member has provided updates. Nothing done. VOM must get involved.
- Action:** No action taken. Awaiting updates on Carmody's traffic calming recommendations.

Palmer Avenue at Walters Hot Dogs and Mam'k High School - Crosswalk

- Issue:** Some months ago, Safe Routes to School 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:** Ryan reported that the Village Manager was OK with an enhanced crosswalk. Ryan also suggested a raised crosswalk. Officer LaRocco reported that the Vision Zero organization may provide funding for this project. At a previous meeting, Leilani stated that Mr. Barberio wrote to the County asking for their opinion on adding the crosswalk with the flashing lights.
- Action:** Awaiting a response from the County.

North Barry and Jefferson Avenues Intersection - Pedestrian Safety Issues

- Issue:** On April 12, 2022, residents requested traffic calming measures at this location. A crosswalk was painted across N. Barry several months ago, but the TC is looking to add more traffic calming measures. At a previous meeting, the Village Manager recommended adding LED flashing lights.
- Discussion:** Tina asked Leilani to follow up on Mr. Barberio's recommendation to add flashing lights on N. Barry.

Action: Leilani to follow up with Mr. Barberio on his recommendation to add flashing lights on N. Barry.

Taylor's Lane and BPR - Crosswalk Update

Issue: On May 10, 2023, the TC unanimously approved a motion to paint a crosswalk on Taylor's Lane at the intersection of BPR. However, Matt Carmody said that a study needs to be done before adding the crosswalk because BPR is a state road.

Discussion: No staff member present to provide updates.

Action: Need to ask Dan Sarnoff why state approval is needed to paint the crosswalk across Taylor's Lane.

I-95 Exit on Mamaroneck Avenue - Pedestrian Safety Issues

Issue: Resident requested crossing guard at I-95 exit.

Discussion: Tina reported that crossing guards are not allowed to direct traffic, only get kids safely across the street.

Action: Ryan to meet with Tina and Laura on this issue.

Union Avenue – Walking Study Update

Issue: Follow up on work to be done at this location.

Discussion: At our previous meeting, Leilani reported that following the repaving, all of Matt Carmody's recommendations would be done by mid-August. She also stated that she would speak to the Village Manager about the hedges. Ryan commented that the Village Manager was very involved in this project.

Action: Leilani stated that the hedges should be trimmed now, and she would notify Mr. Langus when the work on Tompkins is done. Leilani will follow up again with the Village Manager to trim the hedges.

Palmer and Rockland Avenues Intersection - Request for Crosswalks

Issue: Tina requested that crosswalks be repainted across Palmer and Rockland Avenues.

Discussion: Palmer is a county road. No motion needed.

Action: A request will be sent to DPW. Ryan will send an email to the Village Manager requesting that crosswalks be painted.

There being no further business before the Commission, Ryan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 pm. Laura seconded. All in favor.