

**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