

**Village of Mamaroneck**

**Traffic Commission Meeting- MINUTES (recorded by Michael Star) from Tuesday March 22, 2022**

**Present:** Chairman Brian Williams, Lou Young, Trustee Liaison, Commission Members Ryan Buck, Robert Stark, Michael Star, Gary Kligman, Laura Abbate, Police Officer Chris Jaeger, Andy LaRocca-Fire Dept., Dan Sarnoff, Assistant Village Manager

**Absent:** Commission Member Andres Garcia

**Chairman Brain Williams called meeting to order at 7:05 PM**

**Mamaroneck Avenue Bridge- New business Item**

\*Dan Sarnoff was asked to Recap Background

\* Dan asked Traffic Engineer (Matt Carmody) to see how trucks approach Mamaroneck Avenue, Hoyt Avenue and Fenimore Rd.

\* Biggest issue is the Truck Operators (18 wheelers)

\* Engineer prepared a report for Village-suggested regulatory signage on the Bridge itself, and along streets mentioned above.

\* Signage for Vehicle Height on Hoyt Avenue is needed.

\* Robert Stark inquired about an apparatus that identifies truck's heights exceeding height limits.

Mr. LaRocca explained the technology of the apparatus, which already exists on the Hutchinson River Parkway

**Action Item:** -Determine which signs could be produced in house (within DPW) and which signs to be contracted out

- Dan to follow up with traffic engineer after period of time on signage usage

**Crown Court & Knollwood- Old business item**

\* Neighbors from the Knollwood/Crown Ct. area were promoted to speak via Zoom meeting.

\*John Guyette: Acknowledged Robert Stark, for visiting site.

\* He stated the main problem is the blind curve going up Knollwood avenue toward top of the hill at Crown Ct. There is currently no stop sign at intersection of Knollwood and Crown ct.

\* Another issue is anywhere from 3 to 10 children often play near that intersection.

\*Two suggestions put forth to Traffic commission by Mr. Guyette: Put Stop sign at intersection of Knollwood and Crown CT. and create a painted crosswalk

\* Other neighbors in Crown CT. area also spoke on this issue, re-iterating the danger of the blind curve, the danger to their own children in the area playing and need for at least a stop sign.

**Mamaroneck Avenue I-95 crossing & Crossing Guard.- (Old business)**

\* A stop light was suggested at I-95 crossing, southbound (near Calico Corners)

\* Dan does not recall a stop light ever being put on a thruway exit.

\* NYS thruway would have to decide about a light if Board recommends.

\* Michael Star stated a Crossing Guard at that spot is clearly dangerous

\* John G. suggested re-painting a crosswalk and put lines where cars should stop

- \* Ryan Buck mentioned Rumble Strips as a possibility.
- \* Robert Stark **observed** the Following over an 1 hr. period at the Sight:
  - \* There are 2 stops signs at the exit ramp, before hitting Mamaroneck Avenue-
  - \* Of 50 cars, 1 car stopped, others just rolled through
  - \* Even if cars did stop at first Stop, the second stop sign is after the crosswalk, where the kids cross.
- \* P.O. Jaeger is unsure if Village has any Jurisdiction to issue traffic tickets at the NYS intersection; May have to be given by State Troopers.
- \* Laura Abbate inquired about number of cars passing through this intersection at I-95 each day, and whether there's been a sharp increase over the years.
- \* Dan responded that Car Counts may exist in the New York State Records- difficult to locate, but will look into it . There is Data kept in a document called AADT (Avg. annual data traffic).
- \* Dan made a general statement that motorists behave better when they don't have a level of comfort. Extra signage , for example , makes motorist more aware of their surroundings.

#### SPEED BUMPS at Knollwood and lowering speed limits in village

- \* Brian inquired about speed bumps going up Knollwood & reducing speed limit from 25MPH
- \* Dan stated that a Pilot program for use of Speed Bumps is being established in the Village. Mentioned that possibly Knollwood could be in the program.
- \* Dan stated that 25 and 30 mph speed limits are standard in Village. Can't go below 25 mph, unless in school zones; only advisory speed signs used for curved roads but can't be enforced.
- \* Dan noted that Stop Signs are not designed as speed control devices.
- \* Laura supported Speed Bumps and brought up possibility of installing < 25 mph signs in Village on side streets- gave examples of other towns having these signs/laws-why not Mamaroneck?
- \* Suggested a collaboration with other towns and explore how they implemented lower speed limits. Lowest speed of 25 mph in village should not be fixed in stone.

#### **Action Items/ Take Aways** (from Knollwood and I-95 crossing issues)

- \* Accident data forthcoming from P.O. Yaeger on Knollwood/Crown Ct.
- \* Submit Knollwood area for possible placement in Speed Bump Pilot Program
- \* Stop signs and crosswalks will be considered at Knollwood/Crown CT.
- \* Exploration of current Village rules, which currently don't allow <25mph on streets.
- \* Dan to follow up with NYS thruway (at I-95 crossing) on AADT (accident data)
- \* Further discussion to remedy I-95 crosswalk issue

#### **Mamaroneck Community Nursery School** (Old business)

- \* Laura on (behalf of Nursery School) spoke and requested Stop Sign installed on Tompkins Ave.
- \* Students are crossed daily by this spot daily (About 140 kids at school)

- \* There is currently a Sign (Yield to Pedestrians), but not an Official Stop Sign.
- \* Brian: Yield to Pedestrian Signs can confuse drivers & difficult to see from adjacent streets
- \* Dan stated High visibility Signs are more effective, creating discomfort for drivers
- \* Laura agreed with High Visibility signage. Mentioned crosswalk is currently faded
- \* “Hatch Patterns” discussed. Dan mentioned they restrict lanes, make streets narrower.
- \* Requests for Stop signs require board of Trustees approval
- \* Elizabeth suggested “Children Crossing Signs” in middle of crosswalk
- \* Dan concerned about this Type of sign; can get knocked over, being a narrow street
- \* Crossing guard discussed- Inconclusive action
- \* **Action Items:**

- \* Dan will recommend signage (to be considered in accordance with manual for Traffic Safety) to be approved by Bd. of Trustees
- \* Hatch Patterns will be considered (note that this is not a NYS regulatory item, so Village can address it directly.)

**South Barry and Guion Drive- New business**

- \* Mr. Trifeletti requested No Parking Signs near intersection of south Barry & Guion drive
- \* Cars that are currently parked at that intersection make it difficult for cars to make right turns on to Guion, and likewise, left turns off Guion into traffic onto to South Barry.
- \* Robert suggested/supported removal of a couple of parking spaces by bridge.
- \* Brian also supported idea, but suggested to get representation/support from neighbors
- \* Dan- FYI, there is a Stop sign on Guion Drive; NYS Law declares No parking within 15 feet of STOP signs.

**Action Item:**

- Mr. Trifeletti to get input (letter of support) from his Neighborhood Association.

**Fenimore Rd (& Prospect Avenue)- New Business**

- \* Michael Star, as a resident, brought up issue of Stop Sign needed at intersection-Dangerous to cross.
- \* Dan stated that an intended project to reconfigure that entire intersection is already underway.
- \* Initial analysis completed by traffic engineer (with 60% design) and will be forwarded to traffic commission
- \* Looking into existing contracts to avoid public bidding-100% of design expected soon.
- \* Goal is to extend curb , make crosswalk shorter, roadway narrower to slow traffic up the hill.

**Mamaroneck Avenue & The French American School- Traffic at Dismissal- New Business item**

- \* P.O. Jaeger presented report ( put together by LT. Mark Gatta) on need to reduce traffic at dismissal.
- \* Main issue is putting people in danger of not receiving help from Police/Ambulance , with major traffic congestion and parents ignoring the car pick-up protocols

- \* Joint Recommendation by Fire and Police departments to make Ralph Avenue 1-Way to remedy traffic
- \* This change will allow emergency vehicles to pass through.
- \* Traffic Commission is in full support for detailed plans to make Ralph Avenue a 1- Way street

**Action Item:** Dan to write up Regulatory Changes for Village Trustees

### **Harmon Drive and Rockland Avenue- New Business Item**

Issue presented (via e-mail) by Ms. Meltzer about lack of sidewalks near Rockland Ave., Harmon Drive and the bridge, to access Central School and walking to harbor. Also Need to extend sidewalk on Waverly Avenue

- Ms. Meltzer noted frequent speeding in this area, with little to no traffic enforcement.

#### **Action Items :**

- First step is for Traffic Engineer to “conceptualize” sidewalk improvements & costs in this area.
- Availability of Funding (In Capital plan) for this possible project. Many capital projects on Plate already)
- Trustee Liaison Lou Young offered to look into prioritizing this item with Village Trustees.

### **West Street Stop Sign- Old Business**

- Issue: Long stretch of road (3 blocks) between Harrison Avenue and Park Avenue on the North side of West street, before 1<sup>st</sup> stop sign at Park Avenue. Concern is that cars are picking up speed, and barely stop/slow at the Park Avenue Stop Sign.

- Mr. Devito pointed out (via Email) there are 2 stop signs between the same roads on the South side.
- \_ Mr. Devito is requesting 2 stop signs at intersections, prior to the Park Avenue Stop Sign, to slow cars down.
- Currently, there is a “Slow Curve” sign on North side of West street.
- General consensus that extra Stop Signs on West St. will not make cars any more likely to stop at Park Ave.

**Action Item:** Request Mr. Devito’s presence at next Zoom meeting to further discuss if necessary.

- P.O. Yaeger will ask his LT. to send an officer there to check it out.

### **Light at Palmer & Rockland Avenue-Old Business**

- \* Ongoing issue of difficulty with making left turn off Palmer onto Rockland Avenue for High school drop-off. Northbound traffic has right of way; cars frequently cut off northbound traffic to make the left.
- \* Left Turn signal or some type of delayed signals discussed.

#### **Action Item:**

- \*Dan will look into hardware capabilities of installing Turn Signal/delay, as part of a bigger Village Project.

### **Claflin Avenue- Old Business**

- \* Meeting scheduled with DPW to confirm measurements. May have to ask Board to revise resolution.

### **Hawthorne Gardens- Old Business**

\* Dan will be writing up a Draft Resolution to resolve issues (see Jan.& Feb. Minutes) & bring it to the Traffic Commission for the next meeting for review.

**Tompkins Avenue/Spruce Street Crosswalk** (Old business)

\* Delay in getting Crosswalk painted ; old paint machine destroyed in flood. New Paint Machine on order.

**Taylor's Lane/Boston Post Road** (Old Business)

\* Bushes to be trimmed, not performed yet. Dan will follow up

**North Barry Stop Sign** (old business)

\* Dan to follow up with some of the residents in area.

**Minutes for December,2021 January 2022 and February, 2022 all approved.**

**Motion to Adjourn Meeting, and seconded at 9:14 PM**