

- Village of Mamaroneck Traffic Commission Meeting- **MINUTES of December 13, 2022**

(Recorded by Michael Star)

Present: Chairman Ryan Buck Leilani Yizar-Reid-Trustee Liaison, Commission Members : Rob Stark, Michael Star, Gary Kligman (Hybrid) , Laura Abbate, David Brown, Richard Clifford , Police Officer LT. Mark Gatta (Hybrid), Dan Sarnoff (Hybrid)- Assistant Village Manager

Absent: Commission Member Andy LaRocca, Fire Dept.

Chairman Ryan called meeting to order at 7:08 PM

**Point of Interest:**

- \* The new Traffic Spreadsheet that details historical and recent Traffic Commission concerns was discussed. This spreadsheet tracks open, pending and resolved items over the past few years.
- \* Question arose where in the Online Village Archives can this spreadsheet be stored.. The Spreadsheet will be put on "Microsoft Sharepoint" soon for Traffic Commission members to share info. & edit

**Stuart Avenue: New Business Item:**

- \* **Issue:** To restore Parking on North Side of Stuart Avenue, between Guion Avenue and South Barry
- \* The original No Parking mandate arose from the Mobil Gas Spillage Remediation back in early 2000's
- \* The Remediation process was completed more over 20 years ago, yet No Parking Mandate was not lifted.

Discussion ensued as per letter (from Agenda item) from resident Carmela Fusco

- \* Topics discussed included safety issues, older driveways not allowing parking needs for 2 & 3 family houses, and specifically the difficulty for Home Health Practitioners to park and deliver services for Complainant elderly relative.

**Action Item:** A motion was made ( and approved unanimously) to "restore Parking on **North Side** of Stuart Avenue (i.e, even number streets) between Guion Avenue and South Barry Avenue.

- \* Appropriate pavement markings and remove No Parking signs on the North Side of Stuart Avenue are estimated to be in place in May 2023.

## **Knollwood and Crown Court- Old Business Item**

- \* Status of Issue currently Unresolved ( See Minutes from July & prior )
- \* Discussion ensued among traffic Commission members and resident George Keller , acknowledging this is a tricky intersection,
- \* It was previously established that a Stop sign will not be placed at this intersection due to the steep slope.
- \* General acknowledgement that some type of signage/warnings should be put in place to make “ Drivers Uncomfortable enough to take pause when crossing this intersection.
- \* Speed Humps and a suggestion of a traffic circle were suggested by Commission Members.

**Action Item:** Dan to follow up and ask our Consulting engineer ( Matt Carmody) to take a look at the site and make suggestions,

## **650 Mamaroneck Avenue- Review Parking Limit- New Business Item.**

**\*Issue :** As presented by Robert Stark and Laura Abbate (via a conversation with Complainant Mr. Marconi): The current Parking Limits of 90 minutes to 2 hours is not conducive and unfair to businesses in the areas of:

-White Plains Road to Grand Street and Van Rant to Sheldrake on Mamaroneck Avenue. Shorter periods of perhaps 30 minutes would result in a quicker turnover of parking spots and draw more shoppers/business to this area.

\* **2nd Issue:** Big Concern about lack of Enforcement of Existing 90-minute Parking rules.

\* Mr. Marconi stated via his call with Laura that he has 11 merchants in the area supporting his Complaint.

\* Cars are reportedly parked in above stated areas well past their 90-minute limits, throughout the entire day.

\* Mr. Marconi is hoping that Parkin Enforcement will be stepped up in the short term, until Parking Limits are reduced to 30 minutes or some other solution.

\*Installation of Parking meters/Multi-Space Parking Meters in lieu of Parking Limit signs were brought up and discussed amongst the commission.

\*Laura requested evidence of the amount of Overtime Parking tickets issues from Police Dept. along that stretch of Mamaroneck Avenue.(600 to 800 #'s)

**Action Item:** Multi-Space Parking Meters will be explored (by Consulting Engineer, Matt Carmody, on both sides of streets/areas in question.

### **Point of Interest:**

\*Michael Star brought up the possibility of hiring private agencies/contractors to augment our current Parking Enforcement Officers. Dan reported that he is not aware of other local villages/governments using this type of service.

\*Ryan Buck stated the use of this Private Enforcement Officers has actually been done in other towns.

**Action Item:** Discussion of use of hiring Private Parking Enforcement officers will be addressed at a future meeting.

### **805-807 Mamaroneck Avenue -Stop Sign (by Northshore Area)-New Business**

**Issue: Reported by Robert Stark:** This is where the North Shore Farms Shopping Center is. There are 2 exits. There's one on the left where there's a light. It's an entrance and exit. And there's another exit to the right next to Chipotle. This is the exit that the Complainant is talking about. This is considered a dangerous exit in many respects. A Stop Sign, signage or other solution to alleviate the issue is requested.

\* Noted is that the entire shopping Center is private property, owned by Brixmor. A Stop sign and other signage cannot be installed by the Village unilaterally on the spot suggested.

\*There is currently an EXIT sign, but no STOP sign.

\* The Village is only authorized to enforce Fire Lanes and Disabled parking spots on Private Property.

\* Tina Maresca suggested to add signage on the sidewalk as well to alert Pedestrians/cyclists of oncoming cars.

**Action Item:** Dan to follow up with the Property owner Brixmor to discuss possible solutions and signage.

**Action Item:** Subsequently to a productive Brixmor meeting, Dan will follow up with consulting engineer to explore appropriate placement of Stop Sign or other signage.

### **Union Avenue-Traffic Control- New Business Item**

\* Discussion to be postponed to January Meeting at Complainant's request.

## **528 Rockland Avenue-Remove Parking- New Business Item**

**\_Issue:** Ongoing situation where parked cars along the vicinity of 528 Rockland Avenue cause cars to dangerously swerve out over the dividing line of 2 way traffic lanes, due to the street narrowing that point. Request of parking spots to be removed to improve traffic safety.

\* The Village recently installed No Parking signs in this vicinity, but it turned out that the Sign crossed over a Neighbors Private property. The neighbor raised the issue to the Village for removal of this sign. Status of request to remove sign is currently unresolved.

\* A question arose ongoing problem of the lack of sidewalks in the vicinity.

### **Action Items:**

1.) Dan will follow up with the neighbor and owner of 506 Rockland Avenue to discuss the possibility of the No Parking sign to be kept in place for the good of the community.

2.) Discussions of a long term solution and complete redesign of the area to create sidewalks are still under consideration. Consulting engineer Matt Carmody will be asked to engage in the project and start off with a walking assessment of the area inclusive of the connecting streets to Rockland, such as Hickory Grove and Waverley.

**Point of Interest:** Discussion ensued on how to **improve communication** between the Traffic Commission, BOT, Police Department, and Public Works in terms of newly installed traffic signs.

\*There was concern that the Police Dpt. was unaware of the newly installed NO Parking Sign by Rockland Avenue for a significant amount of time, resulting in non-enforcement of the mandate

\* The existing protocol to get signage improved and installed is as follows:

-All Signage must be approved by a "Resolution of the Village Board of Trustees. After the Resolution is passed, then communication of the new signage (and whereabouts) is sent to the Police Dept. and to Department heads throughout the Village of Mamaroneck.

**Action Item:** Chair Ryan Buck , with help of others, proposed to create a Flow chart delineating the channels of communication from the original Motion made by Traffic Commission to the approved resolution and enforcement of the new mandates.

## **Meadow Street- Speed Humps- New Business Item**

**\*Issue:** Speed Humps requested by Complainant (Maria Pia Tedeshi) on Meadow Street secondary to speeding and numerous drivers going the down the wrong way down this One-Way street.

- \* The mayor weighed on this, referring Complainant to the Traffic commission.
- \* Currently, 2 Speed Humps are placed on Grand Street as part of a pilot program to determine effectiveness of speed Humps.
- \* The village needs 3 to 6 months of data to determine the effectiveness of the speed humps as part of the Pilot Program.

**Action Item:** Dan to follow up with the Police Chief on the results of the data collection coming around October, 2023.

**Action Item,:** After determination of effectiveness, the Meadow Street issue/request will be addressed.

**Point of Interest & Issues raised by Robert Stark:**

- \* Will ARFK (Matt Carmody) consultant be assigned to/attend our traffic committee meetings, as previously mentioned as a possibility in a prior Email from our Village Manager?
- \* **Dan :** That is a question if there is a budget line implemented for that. This needs to be discussed with the Board of Trustees.
- \* There was a request made for Neil Desai to attend our January 10<sup>th</sup> meeting to review the Commissions' questions/comments regarding Chapter 8 of the Comprehensive Plan.
- \* There was consensus that we as a Commission, are limited in our knowledge of transportation/traffic issues and need professional expertise to guide the commission members to move forward and resolve issues.
- \* General request was made for more trainings for the Traffic Commission Staff as well, with Shannon (former Commission Member) as a possible speaker.

**Royal Place -Old Business**

- \* Issue : Previously unresolved issue involving the danger of school children (estimated at 20-25) crossing Old Post Road from the corner at Royal Place, to get to the Walking Path.
- \* Complainant previously requested traffic signage/crosswalk to calm traffic
- \* Dan stated that a crosswalk can be installed at the Village level, authorized by the Village Manager- It does not have to be approved by Board of Trustees.

**Action Item:** The Traffic commission unanimously approved a motion requesting a crosswalk painted crosswalk at OPR at corner of Royal Place.

### **Crosswalk on Mt. Pleasant & Stanley Avenue.- Old Business.**

\* **Issue:** Ongoing situation of extreme difficulty to cross this area/intersection.

Action Item: Construction/traffic calming remedies anticipated to be completed by Summer of 2023.

#### **Point of Interest** raised by Dan:

\* There is \$1.8 million grant application to US Dept. of Transportation to Upgrade and Align traffic signals to improve traffic efficiency along the following streets: MT. Pleasant Avenue, Halstead and Bishop avenues as well.

\* Dan stated that The grant application to the Dept. Of transportation application is compelling and hopefully will be approved.

### **412 North Barry- Old Business Item**

Issue: Rear View Mirror requested to be installed on a telephone pole opposite complainant's driveway, to assist in backing out on the busy street of North Barry.

**Action Item:** Draft letter to be prepared and signed by Chair of Traffic Commission stating the requested aforementioned mirror cannot be installed by the Village.

### **Removal of Parking Spots on Old Wht. Plains Road & Madison-**

Old Business Item brought up by Laura.

\* Issue : Removal of Parking Spots and NO Parking Signs have not been put in place, although Traffic Commission already voted to do so. Has this request been sent to and authorized by the Board of Trustees?

\* Dan thought this measure was already authorized by the BOT and a Work Order was put in place

Action Item: Dan will follow up on Work Order and installation timeline.

Motion approved to adjourn Traffic Commission meeting at 9:23 PM

