

**VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK  
BOARD OF TRAFFIC COMMISSIONERS  
THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2017**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Myron Tannenbaum, John Figliomeni, Brian Kerr,  
David Salko, Ed Zagajeski  
Vincent Keck, Fire Department Liaison  
P.O. DeCunzo, Police Department Liaison

**ABSENT:** Abby Roberts, Joe Mazzullo

Chairman Tannenbaum called to order the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**Old Business**

**1. Beach Avenue and Tompkins Avenue – 4 Way Stop Sign**

Mr. Stephen O'Rourke and Ms. Sharon Torres appeared for updates and information on the traffic study. Mr. Tannenbaum stated that the Traffic Commission has not received the Traffic Study report. He stated that the safety of children and residents is of paramount importance and the Board is actively working on improving conditions at this intersection.

Mr. Tannenbaum said New Rochelle is testing speed bumps. Fifty percent of the residents had to approve the temporary rubber speed bumps for the three-month test period. The cost is \$6,000. After the testing period, 75% of the residents will have to approve the speed bumps to put into effect. Mr. Keck stated that he is not in favor of speed bumps. One can lose control of one's vehicle at a high rate of speed, and speed bumps are more apt to cause an accident.

Ms. Torres expressed disappointment that no changes were made by the Village to the intersection. She said residents pooled monies and put up lights facing Tompkins Avenue corner, Beach Avenue corner and a light by the driveway on Beach Avenue. At the Beach Avenue intersection to Boston Post Road, the stop line is set back too far and the Stop sign should be moved forward. She requested signage on Tompkins Avenue on the one-way section, that there should be 'No Parking' on the other side.

Mr. O'Rourke said that he did not notice any change to the hedges that were to be pruned and/or cut. The school crossing is unsupervised. Poor visibility at night still exists. Additional street lighting is still an open item.

Mr. Keck pointed out that there are slate sidewalks here that are slippery when wet and people walk in the road. Put on July agenda.

## **2. Ralph's Ice's**

Mr. Michael Stein, Hudson Engineering, appeared and stated that there is a new parking proposal which he displayed for review and discussion

Mr. Tannenbaum mentioned that the site was previously a gas station.

Mr. Stein said angled parking deflects headlights shining into neighboring properties. Curb cuts were narrowed to eliminate a two-way situation. A concrete barrier with vines and greenery was put up to eliminate the chance that a car could go into the building. A sidewalk was installed around the perimeter.

Eric Gordon, Esq., counsel for Ralph's Ices, asked that Mr. Figliomeni recuse himself. He stated that Mrs. Figliomeni has attended other meetings as a spokesperson against the project. Mr. Figliomeni remained on the Dias and refrained from commenting.

Mr. Stein said they met with the DOT in Poughkeepsie. Additional striping to be put down. There will be directional arrows on the pavement from the 12-foot curb cut, and a one-way sign. The curb cut width was reduced to 12 feet. The parking plan allows for a safe entrance with a walkway for pedestrians.

Mr. Anthony Francella, resident, said that the Public Hearing is closed and asked why this discussion is taking place. The Traffic Commission was brought in after the fact. The matter is now with the Zoning Board of Appeals for a Special Permit. Mr. Gordon said that the Public Hearing can be reopened.

Mr. Tannenbaum said that he has made multiple visits to Ralph's. There are too many cars in the area. Traffic on Keeler Avenue backs up. Mr. Keck mentioned that motorists driving to Daniel Warren also contribute to the traffic congestion.

Mr. Figliomeni questioned why the Traffic Commissioners were not notified to attend the meeting this past week and that Mr. Tannenbaum was the sole representative.

Ms. Maria DeFiori, resident, said that opening a business next door will add traffic.

Mr. Gregg DeAngelis, architect, said that the building that would house another business has been scratched from the plan. The audience responded favorably to this change. Mr. DeAngelis said that there are times at Carvel on Halstead Avenue that their parking lot gets full. Motorists then seek out street parking. This is not unusual. Carvel's lot is not that large.

Mr. DeAngelis said there is a waiting area inside the building. The counter area will handle about 90% of the people during the day.

Mr. Scott Rosenberg, Ralph's owner, said there will be a parking lot attendant directing traffic. The line for business was moved inside.

Mr. Stuart Tiekert, resident, said this plan should not be in front of the Traffic Commission for review. It is premature. Mr. Tannenbaum said the Traffic Commission was asked to review and make recommendations.

Mr. Keck moved to approve the parking plan for Ralph's Ices. Mr. Tannenbaum stated that the motion is not seconded.

The Board was not ready to finalize their recommendations as changes to the Plan are still evolving. Put on July agenda.

Mr. Tannenbaum requested a brief recess at 8:55 p.m.

Mr. Tannenbaum called the meeting back to order at 9:05 pm.

### **3. Fire Zone – Halstead Avenue**

At the May meeting Mr. Mazzullo questioned the length of the fire zone on Halstead Avenue in front of the building across from the train station. Mr. Keck stated that the Fire Council was consulted and rejected any change. On the east end of the building is the fire hydrant, and on the west end is the connection. The fire zone was put in place for a reason when the building was put up. No action taken.

### **New Business**

#### **Install a "No Left Turn" sign(s) on Rockland Avenue at the intersection of Rockland Avenue and West Boston Post Road.**

Mr. Salko said there is approximately 25 yards from the stop line on the northbound West Boston Post Road (WBPR) to the spot where a car turning left from Rockland would enter the northbound left lane of WBPR. Because there are usually more than three cars waiting at the traffic light here, cars are blocked from turning left onto WBPR from Rockland Avenue when the traffic light is red. When the traffic light on WBPR is green, there is heavy southbound traffic on WBPR. Again, cars are blocked from turning left onto WBPR from Rockland Avenue. There is little time available to turn left onto WBPR from Rockland Avenue. This causes traffic to back up on Rockland Avenue. The pressure from the lack of time to make the left turn and impatient drivers backed up on Rockland Avenue causes drivers, wishing to make a left turn, to make poor decisions that can result in accidents. Many of the drivers turning at this intersection are teenagers driving to and from Mamaroneck High School. Their lack of driving experience further increases the risk of poor decisions.

The Board discussed. Mr. Tannenbaum said that West Boston Post Road is a State road and the State will have to be involved in making any change. This matter was discussed at earlier meetings. Mr. Mazzullo stated at an earlier meeting that drivers need to exercise caution. There are no immediate alternatives.

Mr. Keck noted that no street off West Boston Post Road has a “No Left Turn” sign.

Mr. Salko asked that a vote take place.

On motion of Mr. Salko, seconded by Mr. Figliomeni, a “No Left Turn” sign be installed at the intersection of Rockland Avenue and West Boston Post Road.

Roll call vote.

Figliomeni	AYE
Kerr	AYE
Salko	AYE
Tannenbaum	NO
Keck	NO
Zagajeski	NO

Motion failed.

### **Other**

Mr. Tiekert, resident, appeared and requested that there be a full stop at the Island by Speedway near Van Ranst Place bearing to the right. He said that the Yield sign should change to a Stop sign, and explained his rationale. He believes this area is prone to accidents without a Stop sign. Mr. Tannenbaum said at the May meeting that Mr. Tiekert’s recommendation was discussed and not supported. No further action taken.

### **Minutes**

1. Draft May Minutes

May minutes were tabled.

### **Adjournment**

On motion of Mr. Zagajeski, seconded by Mr. Keck, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m. Motion passed.

PREPARED BY:  
Anne Hohlweck

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:  
Agostino A. Fusco  
Clerk-Treasurer