

DRAFT
VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK
BOARD OF TRAFFIC COMMISSIONERS
THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2018

PRESENT: Chairman Abby Roberts, Brian Kerr, Joe Mazzullo,
Shannon Purdy, David Salko,
Vincent Keck, Fire Department Liaison
Daniel Sarnoff, Assistant Village Manager
Nora Lucas, Traffic Commission Trustee Liaison

ABSENT: Myron Tannenbaum, Ed Zagajeski

Chairman Abby Roberts called to order the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Old Business

1. Beach and Tompkins Lights

Mr. Sarnoff said he will follow up with Con Ed. Put on August agenda.

2. Speeding on Boston Post Road

Mr. Sarnoff stated that there needs to be more police presence and is an enforcement issue.

Ms. Roberts discussed speed Signs that display one's speed. Mr. Sarnoff said the Village is getting a portable speed sign that can be moved to various locations.

Ms. Alana Stone, resident, discussed speed machinery that records speed and if over the speed limit, a violation notice is mailed to the speeder's address. Mr. Sarnoff said New York State Legislature has to authorize this machinery which is normally used in larger cities. Mr. Mazzullo mentioned that Harrison inquired and was turned down.

3. Harbor Island - Signage

Mr. Sarnoff discussed arrows at the exit of the park and said the Village employee who manages this work has been out but will take care of upon his return. The arrow pointing to the left is for a left turn, and the right-turn arrow is for a right turn or to drive straight out. The 'Dead End' sign at Linden Street is down. The 'No Parking on Sunday' sign on the south side of Boston

Post Road between Orienta and Mamaroneck Avenues is to be taken down. Other signage work discussed also will be taken care of.

4. Seney Avenue – Parking

Mr. Keck said there is presently no parking on both sides of this narrow street. He noted that the neighboring streets also are narrow. This matter was voted on in November 2010 to remove parking on both sides.

Ms. Purdy stated that the expense of putting up multiple signs is not cost effective and it will only add four parking spaces. Also, if allowing parking on one side of the street, it could set a precedent for neighboring streets. The Board agreed that no action be taken.

New Business

1. Linden Street

Ms. Judy Ryan, resident, sent correspondence to the Traffic Commission and advised of a Dead-End street sign that is down on Linden Street.

Ms. Ryan reported that Linden Street and Beach Avenue has become a parking lot for commuters and day workers who park and walk to the train or to their work. There are no available parking spaces between 7 am and 5 pm. The street is filled with parked cars that creates a problem for large vehicles to get through at times.

The Board discussed and it was suggested to limit parking to three hours on Beach Avenue between Halstead Avenue and Brook Street Monday through Friday. Upon further discussion, it was agreed that this change would create an inconvenience for residents who are parked in front of their homes who will have to move their cars every three hours.

Ms. Ryan also reported that when making a left or right turn onto Beach Avenue that it is dangerous as one cannot see oncoming cars.

On motion of Mr. Keck, seconded by Mr. Salko, a ‘No Parking Here to Corner’ sign be installed on both sides of Linden Street fifteen (15) feet in thereof from the corner of Beach Avenue. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Halstead Safety, and

3. Bellows walk safety - from Florence Park to Bellows school

Ms. Alana Stone, resident, appeared and discussed the use of speed traps and crosswalks. She noted from Florence Park to Bellows school that improved safety measures should be put in effect for those walking. There is no safe way to cross from DeCicco's to Carvel on Halstead Avenue until reaching North Barry Avenue. Cars speed down Halstead Avenue between West Street and Barry Avenue, and there is no traffic light between Barry Avenue and West Street. Also, no one stops for the two crosswalks located at the fire station, and at Florence Street.

Mr. Sarnoff mentioned that the police department manages crosswalks.

Mr. Mazzullo said that crosswalks on long roads are dangerous as they give a false sense of security.

Ms. Stone suggested that a traffic light be put up at Florence Street and Halstead Avenue.

Ms. Stone said that Rye Neck school is a walking district. Ms. Roberts stated that safe walking is a Village priority.

Ms. Jean Chung, resident, stated that from Florence Park to F. E. Bellows school along Lorena Street is unsafe to walk. The bike and walking paths don't meet which is a sidewalk issue. There should be better markings and a connection. Ms. Roberts said this will be added to the Traffic Consultant's list.

On motion of Ms. Purdy, seconded by Mr. Kerr, a review of Halstead Avenue be a priority for the Traffic Consultant. Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Keck, seconded by Mr. Mazzullo, a safe bike and pedestrian route be established between Frank and Wagner Avenues along Lorena Street. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Halstead Avenue and Florence Street - Crossing Guard

Ms. Chung requested that a crossing guard be positioned at Halstead Avenue and Florence Street, as there has been an influx of young families who have moved into this area.

Trustee Lucas stated that the Traffic Consultant will look at this area.

Ms. Chung also suggested that a caution sign be put up at Florence and Fifth Streets.

On motion of Mr. Kerr, seconded by Ms. Purdy, the Traffic Commission recommended that the Board of Trustees request of the Village police to evaluate Halstead Avenue at Florence Street for the purpose of putting on a Crossing Guard. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Westchester Jewish Center – Install Mirror

Mr. David Goldstein, Westchester Jewish Center member, sent correspondence requesting that a mirror be installed across the street from the synagogue based on feedback he received from parents and members that when making the turn from the parking lot onto Rockland Avenue one's line of sight is obstructed.

Ms. Roberts said there could be overgrown shrubs that are interfering with visibility.

Mr. Sarnoff said when he checked, visibility seemed to be okay. He said he will ask the Village Engineer to go to the area. Put on August agenda.

6. First Baptist Church – Handicap Parking

Mayor Tom Murphy sent the following request to the Traffic Commission after meeting with Reverend Taylor of First Baptist Church on Howard Avenue. Reverend Taylor requested that three handicap spaces be placed in front of the church for a couple of hours on Sundays to accommodate parishioners who need parking in close proximity to the church.

Mr. Sarnoff said that a handicap parking sign should allow for all-day parking, and not for a couple of hours.

Mr. Mazzullo stated that if spaces are approved they should be for 24/7. He mentioned that any handicap resident or visitor to that area, can use the handicap spaces.

Mr. Sarnoff said he will look into and report back. Put on August agenda.

7. Traffic Light on Sterling Avenue and Boston Post Road

Mr. Kerr stated that at the intersection of Sterling Avenue and Boston Post Road the traffic light on the Boston Post Road allows for about 15 seconds to pass, whereas on the side street one has about 45 seconds. He suggested that the traffic engineer look at this.

Mr. Sarnoff said Boston Post Road is a State road and a letter can be drafted. Ms. Purdy said the Region 8 office is in Poughkeepsie.

Mr. Kerr said that he will prepare a letter and e-mail it to Mr. Sarnoff. Put on August agenda.

8. Walkable Community

Ms. Purdy talked about a 'Walkable Community'. She stated that she has coordinated several walkability assessments for her agency. Overall a walking event will take approximately two hours. There will be an evaluation checklist handout, i.e., how does one feel during the walk, ease of biking, background scenery, safety, etc. She noted that it is better to walk in a busy area such as in a school district zone, and while school is in session. She offered to launch an assessment walk in Mamaroneck. Put on August agenda.

Other

- Mr. Keck stated that a request was made by the Fire Council for the first parking space on the north side on Madison Street at Old White Plains Road be removed as it is difficult for fire trucks to get by.

On motion of Mr. Keck, seconded by Ms. Purdy, first parking space on the north side of Madison Street at Old White Plains Road be removed for fire trucks to get through the street without delay. Motion passed unanimously.

- Trustee Lucas mentioned that residents voiced concerns regarding parking on Boston Post Road and Tompkins Street, and that the proposed development, at the former Honda Bob site, will create parking problems.

Minutes

1. Draft May Minutes

On motion of Mr. Salko, seconded by Ms. Purdy, the May, 2018 minutes were approved. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

On motion of Mr. Mazzullo, seconded by Ms. Purdy, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

PREPARED BY:
Anne Hohlweck

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:
Agostino A. Fusco
Clerk-Treasurer