

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, December 20, 2017

Meeting commenced at 12:55 p.m., Wednesday, December 20, 2017.

Present at Meeting: Chief Melanson, Lt. Buckley, Traffic Officer Noddin, Sgt. Kory Vincent, Matt Walsh, Russ Arnold, Scott Zenke, Kat Howroyd, Dennis Frazio, Jim Platosh & Carol Golas

A. Old Business:

1. **1017-03 – Speeding on Batterson Park Road** – (Carlos Stetzelberg) – Traffic Officer Noddin handed out the traffic/speed data and reported that the maximum speed was during the midnight hour at 72 mph and 60 mph during the early morning hour. It was reported that the Police will conduct selective enforcement and rotate the speed sign randomly. It was suggested that Fog lines could help with speeding issues and it was noted that a new security fence by the intersection is needed. Conditions of trash and parking issues will also be noted in a letter to Hartford, as the Park is under their responsibility. Item Closed.

B. New Business:

1. **1117-01 – Request Rumble Strips on Rte. 6.** – (Donna Davis) - An article from the DOT site regarding Rumble Strips was handed out by Jim Platosh. Russ Arnold said he has spoken to the DOT people and is working with them regarding rumble strips for Rte. 6. Russ reported that the State DOT is on board with the installation of the strips. Russ explained where the installation will begin; at the Rte. 6 Exxon Station to Waterside Drive and a Median Rumble Strip will be installed on Rte. 6 near Pinnacle Road. Russ reported that the DOT will get going on this and that Traffic lights will be visually brightened from Pinnacle Road heading East toward the Hotel. Chief Melanson said getting some data now would be interesting to see the difference in traffic speed now and when the rumble strips are put in. A letter will be sent to the complainant to let her know the Town has placed a request to the DOT for rumble strip installation and Russ Arnold has been working with them to see the project completed.
2. **1217-01 – Request for Stop Walk Signage for Saint Mary’s Church’s Crosswalk** – (Traffic Officer Noddin) – reported that Saint Mary’s personnel said they are worried because traffic is not stopping for their Stop Walk. Russ Arnold mentioned a Beacon Flashing lite could be a solution or a portable stop sign that the Church could put out for the Crosswalk. While in the meeting, Sgt. Vincent checked on line with BostonSafety.com for the cost of a portable stop sign and it would cost about \$230 dollars for the portable stop sign. Committee recommended a portable stop sign be purchased that the Church personnel can place out and take in as needed. Item Closed.

Issues:

Russ Arnold inquired if we as a Committee should request additional traffic officers to handle the selective enforcement issues that arise. Chief Melanson said we would need about 2 or 3 more officers to effectively handle all the enforcement issues throughout Town; and that is why the Town approved the Police Department to hire a Traffic Officer to help with these types of issues.

It was mentioned that there are traffic issues on Rte. 4 because there are no barrels placed from Parsons down to the Hotel.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm. The next TRB meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 1:00 pm in the Administrative Wing Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted
Carol Golas, Confidential Secretary