

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

Meeting commenced at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 21, 2018.

Present at Meeting: Chief Melanson, Lt. Bailey, Traffic Officer Noddin, (Chris Moehringer-Intern), Sgt. Kory Vincent, Matt Walsh, Russ Arnold, Scott Zenke, Kat Howroyd, Dennis Frazio, Jim Platosh & Carol Golas

A. Old Business:

1. **0717-01 – Request a Stop Sign for River Road and Burlington Road Intersection - (Stanley Grabowski & Konrad Krupa)** - Scott Zenke reported that the brush has been cleared and the surveyors are out there now to see about a re-design for the road to correct the site line which may eliminate the need for a Stop Sign. Matt Walsh said that we should wait for the full survey report before making a recommendation on the Stop Sign. This Item Tabled for March TRB meeting; waiting for report results.

B. New Business:

1. **0218-01- Speeding on Cope Farms Road- (Bill Nolan)** - Traffic Officer Noddin reported that the maximum speed was 43mph and the average speed was 24-1/2mph. The trailer is posted and selective enforcement is being done. It was reported that the volume of traffic on this street is very low. Officer Noddin will speak with Mr. Nolan about not jumping out into traffic as was reported that caused an incident between Mr. Nolan and his neighbor. Mr. Nolan was sent MUTCD information regarding the ineffectiveness of speed humps. Recommendation was made to rotate the flashing speed sign and send a letter to Mr. Nolan that speed humps are no longer a Town program. Item Closed.
2. **0218-02 – Farm Springs Road (UTC Proposed) Installation of Variable Message Speed Signs – (Matt Walsh/Bruce Cyr)** – Russ Arnold reported that UTC has been requesting the installation for about a year to install the Message Speed Signs for their crosswalk on Farm Springs but they want the Town to pay for the traffic signal at a cost of approximately \$20,000. It was recommended that we rotate our speed sign there and collect more data. UTC will be contacted by Russ Arnold/Bruce Cyr to let them know the plan of action. Chief Melanson asked Traffic Officer Noddin to formulate a list of where the speed signs are set up so the Chief can use this list to request more speed signs. Item Tabled for March TRB meeting.
3. **0218-03 – Install “Slippery When Wet” Sign for Eastbound Traffic on Devonwood Drive Toward Town Farm Road also Request Speed Enforcement for Same Area** – (Devonwood Assoc./Morin Paving) – Scott Zenke reported the request is now for a “Curve Ahead” sign and speed is also an issue. It was recommended to install the sign and police will conduct selective enforcement. Item Closed.

Issues:

Sgt. Vincent reported that Miss Porter’s requested flashing lights near the Firehouse for the crosswalk as cars don’t stop for waiting pedestrians. Sgt. Vincent explained that cars do not have to stop unless the pedestrian is already crossing in the crosswalk. Sgt. Vincent explained that he could temporarily place and rotate our sign for the crosswalk and they were fine with that.

0218-04 – Mill Street “No Parking Here to Corner” Request - Sgt. Vincent reported cars parked on Mill Street at the Stop Sign close to Main Street are clogging cars trying to come off Main Street. It was recommended a “No Parking Here to Corner” sign with an arrow, was needed and approved. Russ will speak with Mr. Bergen. Item Closed.

Issues: (Continued)

Correction will be made to the 12/20/17 TRB minutes under the Issues Section: It read as follows: "It was mentioned that there are traffic issues on Rte. 6 because there are no barrels placed from Parsons down to the Hotel." It should read: "Rte. 4" and not Rte. 6. Correction was made on the website.

It was reported that the Town is anticipating a July start date to remove the package store and redesign the New Britain Avenue/ Main Street intersection.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm. The next TRB meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 1:00 pm in the Administrative Wing Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted: Carol Golas, Confidential Secretary