

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, November 21, 2018

Meeting commenced at 1:02 p.m., Wednesday, November 21, 2018.

Present at Meeting: Chief Melanson, Lt. Buckley, Sgt. Vincent, Traffic Officer Noddin, Kat Krajewski, Scott Zenke, Carol Golas and Amber Rush

A. Old Business:

1. **0918-01 – This TRB # Now referred to as West District Neighborhood Concerns Was:(Request Speed Bumps for West View Terrace and Concerns with Speeding on West View Terrace and Cars not Stopping for Stop Sign at Westview Terrace and Bliss Memorial Road)– (Patricia Boye-Williams)** – It was reported that the additional Parking sign is up and the Stop Sign at West District will be addressed. Chief Melanson reported that some of the residents he spoke with were concerned about where the children have to stand to wait for the school bus (which is at the corner of Bella & Red Oak) where there are bushes that need to be cut back at this intersection. Committee is waiting for a survey to be performed to see if there is enough land that is Town-owned so we can create a safe place for children waiting for the bus. This Item Tabled for December TRB meeting.
2. **1018-01 – Request Traffic Calming for Speeding Traffic on Aqueduct Road** – (Gary Grzywinski) –Scott Zenke reported that the double yellow lines have been put in and is waiting to get approval from the DOT to install 20mph speed limit signs. Once DOT approves the 20mph signs will be erected. This item Closed.
3. **1018-03 – Request “No Parking” signs along South Side of Paul Spring Road between Terrie Road and Paul Spring Hollow** – (John Miklaszewski) – This is a very short street with a very small volume of traffic flow so Committee recommends that the complainant give the Police Department a call if the parking situation becomes a problem. Item Closed.

B. New Business:

1. **1118-01 – Request a Crosswalk Sign on Mountain Road** – (Ann Mullen) – There was some talking about using walking signs but in the meantime, Scott Zenke will check to see if the DOT allows a Crosswalk sign attached to the Stop Sign. This item tabled for the December meeting.
2. **1118-02 – Request Barriers along sidewalk outside of #2 Hendrickson Lane/River Road** – (Emily Tycz) – This item was assigned to Matt Walsh to contact the complainant. This item Table for December TRB meeting.
3. **1118-03 – Request Volume of traffic data on Mountain Road between Rte. 10 and Popular Hill Drive and also the Average Speed of Traffic at this Intersection** – (Benjamin Minard) – Traffic Officer Noddin had placed a call to the complainant and is waiting for a call back. Officer Noddin will conduct the Traffic study to supply to the complainant with the requested data. This item tabled for the December TRB meeting.

Issues:

Kat Krajewski reported that Ron Janeczko called to report that Bikers are at hazard due to the center islands on Judson Lane and wants to remove the islands. It was reported that due to a possible law suit back in the early 80's, the residents wanted barriers and islands put in for traffic calming as they did not want a boulevard where vehicles would travel at greater speeds. Thus this is the reason for barriers/islands. This item is tabled for the December TRB meeting. A new TRB number is being assigned to this complaint. The new number will be 1218-01 – Hazard for Bikers on Judson Lane.

Chief Melanson reported that Tim Vibert had mentioned that the Islands on Rte. 4 created an issue and gridlock for emergency vehicles and tow trucks during the storm. Chief Melanson said that either he or Russ Arnold will reach out to the State DOT to be sure the state roads are cleared of snow to alleviate this in the future.

Chief Melanson reported that the Hartford Courant listed a number of cities with the worst Distracted Driver accidents and Farmington was listed as number 6, just after Hartford, Bridgeport etc. This report was compiled by UConn and when Chief Melanson contacted them he found out that we are over reporting our distracted driving accidents and we will correct this in the future.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m. The next TRB meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 1:00 pm in the Administrative Wing Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Golas, Confidential Secretary