

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, February 19, 2020

Meeting commenced at 1:00 p.m

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

Old Business:

1219-04- Dangerous crossing Rte 6 from Five Corners Bistro and Bar to Plaza across street. Requesting crosswalk and bus shelter.

It was discovered that employees from UTC are trying to cross over Rte 6 to get to Rebel Dog. Unfortunately, due to the design of the road, the only location to even consider a crosswalk would be where the lights are, which would defeat the purpose as it's quite far from UTC, etc. The entire roadway would need to be reconstructed in order to make it a safe place to cross, and the costs for doing so would be substantial. As far as the bus shelter, we will be contacting the State (DOT and Greater Hartford Transit District) to request shelter.

Item Closed.

New Business:

0120-01- Cars speed and don't yield to the bus that enters Cope Farms from the Morea side, causing a dangerous situation with several near-accidents.

Officer Noddin did some investigating and determined that the bus is ignoring the standard route and bus protocols, but turning onto Cutler to pick-up one student, and then backing up (without any lights) onto Cope Farms, causing a dangerous situation. **The bus company will be talking with the driver to stop this from happening. Also, Officer Noddin will do a few days of speed enforcement in that area.**

Item Closed.

0219-01- Requesting a 3-way stop sign at intersection at end of Maple Ridge Drive, due to it being a dangerous intersection, especially as it's the site of a bus stop in the morning.

Officer Noddin to run accident data for that area.

Item Tabled.

Issues:

Discussion re: desire for a signal from Pinnacle and Reservoir to Route 6. It was determined that the State declined the signal, as it didn't meet the signal warrant. The State will be putting in a roundabout at some point in the future.

Discussion re: Speeding on Mountain Spring and different speed limits (30 in one area, 20 in another). Group was reminded that the DOT reviewed this area and determined the speed limits were appropriate, and if anything, there were too many signs, making it less effective. **Officer Noddin will be meeting with the complainant to discuss possibility of a speed sign and other options.**

Meeting adjourned at 2 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amber Rush- Police Management Assistant