

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, ~~May~~April 15~~27~~, 2015

Meeting commenced at 1:05 p.m., Wednesday, ~~April 15~~May 27, 2015

Present at Meeting: Chief Melanson, Lt. Buckley, ~~Sgt. Raines, Scott Zenke~~, Matt Blume, ~~Jim Platosh~~Bill Warner

I. Old Business:

1. 0914-03 – Burlington Fire Department Signage for Rails to Trails – (Mike Boucher) – ~~This Item was tabled for next month. It was mentioned we are still waiting for an update from the Fire Chiefs. Lt. Buckley said he will check with Mary Ellen, the Director of Fire and Rescue Services for an update of the Fire Chiefs' response. Item Tabled for the May TRB Meeting.~~

2. 0315-01 – Request a Sign to Slow Traffic as they Approach Twin Ponds Drive and Speeding on Coppermine Road – (Lisa Miller) – ~~Matt Blume reported that the sightlines at the intersection of Twin Ponds Drive at that the site lines on Coppermine Road near Twin Ponds Drive should be cleared of vegetation to improve them. need to have the branches/brush trimmed back to improve the site line. Matt referenced the data discussed during the April 2014 TRB meeting where it was reported that the 85th percentile speed of traffic was just under 45 miles per hour in both directions. Based on the observed speeds, the roadway meets state standards as they relate to a vehicles ability to safely come to a stop after seeing an object in the road. This item Closed.~~

~~The highway department should will be sent out to clear the intersection sightlines on Coppermine Road and near Twin Ponds Drive. Matt reported that the traffic data compiled showed that the speeds were within limits. It was also reported that there is an adequate site line to give vehicles enough time to slow down and stop for the school bus. This Item Closed. Lt. Buckley reported that the Police Department' speed sign needs to be updated in order to do a proper study. Lt. Buckley reported that the Police conducted 12 Selective Enforcement occasions and out of the 12 only made 1 motor vehicle stop unrelated to speed; so the complaint is unfounded at this time. Matt Blume reported that the speed tubes were placed on Coppermine Road and that 39 mph was the 15% percentile average speed and 45mph was the 85% percentile average speed. Matt also reported that cars traveling at 45 mph would need 360 feet of site line in order to stop in time and there is a 425 foot site line distance in that area in order to stop in time at Twin Ponds Drive; so there is plenty of time to stop. The vegetation was discussed and how that may obstruct the site line. The Committee recommends checking the site line for any overgrowth of vegetation in a month's time and if necessary to trim the vegetation. Item Tabled for the May TRB Meeting.~~

II. New Business: No New Business

1. 0515-01 – Speeding on Hatters Lane and request Speed Bumps at Bottom of Hatters Lane near Main Street – (Marie Lavendier/Nancy Nickerson) - ~~It was noted that Matt Blume reported that he notice branches need vegetation should be trimming/removed in the vicinity of any roadway signs, near the speed limit signs to increase their visibility. The police department's "Your speed is" sign will be speed trailer will be placed on Hatters Lane to inform motorists of their operating speed, and will also collect traffic data. Enforcement of speed limits will be increased on Hatters Lane. The Town no longer has a program to install~~

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~~speed bumps as they inhibit emergency response time, create drainage and plotting issues, and increase noise in the immediate vicinity of the bump. Additionally, the installation of speed bumps have been cited for increased speeds along the roadway as motorists presumably make up for lost time. as Speed bumps are no longer installed by the Town. This item Closed.~~

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~~The highway department should clear ~~will be sent out to~~ and trim vegetation in the vicinity of roadway and speed limit signs.~~

~~2. **0515-02 – Speeding Cars on Riverview Drive, Woodpond Road and Woodruff Road; Request Speed Bumps**-(Carlos Hernandez) – Committee recommends placing the police department’s “Your speed is” sign speed trailer sign on Ridgeview and then on, Woodruff Road and Woodruff Road. In addition, the Engineering Division will collect data with their pneumatic classifier. – Speed tubes will also be put down to collect data. This item tabled for the June 26th TRB Meeting.~~

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~~3. **0515-03 – Requesting to Turn High Street into a Cul-de-Sac or Place Speed Bumps** - (Jackie Pisani, Chris Harrison & other neighbors) –This item Tabled for the June 26th TRB Meeting.~~

4. 0515-04 – Request a Yellow Flashing Light near Pilgram Path on Rte. 4 and Enforce Speeders and Cars that Do Not Stop for the School Bus – (Sharon Friend) – ~~It was recommended that~~ Lt. Buckley will acquire the accident data for the last three years to assist in the evaluation of this concern. ~~before a recommendation can be made at the next meeting.~~ Matt Blume will also confer with Dawn the Board of Education regarding school bus pickup/drop off procedures and if any violations of the bus' stop lights have been noted. ~~if there are any incidents with the school bus drop offs and~~ Lt. Buckley will also confer ~~check~~ with the school bus company. Item Tabled for June 26th TRB Meeting.

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4.5. 0515-05 – Request an All-Way Stop Control at River Road Intersection at Longridge Court/Brightwood Rd. (Matt Blume) – Matt Blume reported there is a crest vertical curve and horizontal alignment change in River Road that limits sightlines in the vicinity of Longridge Road. The Engineering Division required a local developer to revise grading along River Road to improve the sightline, but a full reconstruction would be necessary to further enhance the sightline. The Installation of ~~an A~~ All-way stop control at the intersection of River Road at Longridge Court/Brightwood Road is the most feasible solution to this concern. The TRB members will review this area ~~that traveling Northbound on River Road there is a crest near Longridge Court that creates a very bad site line especially when turning left into Longridge Court.~~ Matt recommends installing a All-Way Stop sign as the only other solution would be to reconstruct the road. This area will be ~~looked at~~ before the next meeting to find a solution. Tabled for June 26th TRB Meeting.

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III. Issues:

— Lt. Buckley reported, as a follow up to the Selective Enforcement that was completed, due to the Committee's recommendation regarding the TRB Item 0215-01 complaint, of the Crosswalk at Main Street and Meadow Road.

— Lt. Buckley reported that officers monitored Main Street at Meadow Road on April 1st through April 11th between 7am and 11pm and observed for 30 minutes per shift but did not observe any violations. Officers did note that some pedestrians did not use the pedestrian signal and crossed in violation of the "Do Not Walk" sign. There was no enforcement action taken on the pedestrians. Matt Blume reported that ~~his~~ the Engineering Division is looking ~~Division is looking to possibly~~ into the possibility of removing the curve signs along Morea Road in the vicinity of the Bristol Town Line. An engineering evaluation is currently underway ~~remove the curve signs near the Town Line as they~~ may not be needed.

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— Matt Blume Reported on a Bicycle Destination Signage program that the Bike Committee has been developing. The proposal is to post signage to emphasize connections from the Farmington High School/Stephen A. Flis Municipal Common and the fields and river located along Woewassa Lane to and from the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail via the Highlands. The recommended route would include Rosewood Drive, Wyndwood Road, Crestwood Circle, and Knollwood Road. It was recommended that signage be installed on existing posts where possible, or pavement markings be installed to supplement or take the place of post mounted signage. Chief Melanson reported he would prefer to see signage on the roadways as a more

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~~esthetically pleasing way to place destination bike trail signs. It was decided that the concept has enough validity to be further developed. Matt will report developments during future meetings. Bike Signage that his Bike Committee is considering putting destination signs through the Highlands to direct bikers on how to get to the bike trails from the Highlands, from the High School and the Town Library. They consider putting the direction signs on currently posted speed signs or other permanent signs. Chief Melanson recommended he would prefer to see signage on the roadways as a more esthetically or eye pleasing way to place destination bike trail signs.~~

A discussion took place regarding the ~~No Right Turn on Red~~ signage for the northbound approach to the intersection of Route 10 at Route 4. The ~~Chief Melanson reported he thought the "No Right Turn on Red" sign near Rte. 10 and Rte. 4 may be a sign that could be removed. It was decided that the Chief and Matt Blume will go to the site to observe traffic operations.~~

~~Matt Blume reported that the CSharrows are in place creating a loop around Batterson Park Pond for bicyclists. The route around the pond includes Farmington and New Britain. Farmington is working with New Britain to consider additional sharrows and signage to further enhance this loop route. were placed at Batterson Park Road and he also mentioned that the City of Hartford wanted to add more signage as a destination for bikers in and around the Hartford portion of Batterson Park.~~

Meeting adjourned at ~~12:21~~ 5 p.m. The next TRB meeting is scheduled for ~~Wednesday, May 20, June 26, 2015~~ at 1:00 p.m. in the ~~Yates Room Administrative Conference, located on the first floor of Room of the the~~ Police Department.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Golas, Confidential Secretary

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