

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

Meeting commenced at 1:00 p.m in the Yates Community Room

Present at Meeting: Chief Melanson, Lt Egan, Officer Frink, Jim Ruzbasan, Russ Arnold, Kat Krajewski, Sgt Stone, Jim Platosh and Amber Rush (Town Resident Gary Grzywinski joined for discussion of 1121-04 only)

1121-04: Residents of Aqueduct/Talcott Notch Road requesting for sign on Aqueduct to read “No Trucks allowed,” a sign for “Restricted Access” during certain times (similar to Lake Street or School Street), and possibly making Aqueduct a one-way street.

There was a lengthy discussion about traffic and speeding on Talcott Notch/Aqueduct. A large part of the issue is that people are using it as a cut through when main travel roads are crowded. The TRB continuously tries to find solutions to keep main roads (ie Rte 4, Rte 10, Plainville Ave, Rte 6) from backing up. CROG has been doing a lengthy study as well to see if there are any viable options to improve traffic flow. It was discussed that these studies which may ultimately lead to change, can take several years to come to fruition. One suggestion was perhaps making Aqueduct a one-way street, but group determined that doing that would only add to increase in speeds, as is often the case with one-way streets. Ultimately, the following action plans were put into place:

- Officer Frink to gather current traffic counts and speed data (discussed best place to put speed sign to get most accurate data)
- Will contact BOE to see if feasible to close off Aqueduct as an experiment to see if that helps with traffic calming
- Russ and Officer Frink will look at data and come up with temporary strategies
- Russ is going to advocate CROG for a roundabout on Talcott Notch which would process more cars, thereby reducing the backup.
- Results/next steps to be emailed to Gary

Item is Tabled

1121-01 : Request from Pastor with St. James Church to have “Road Narrows” sign on 12 Diamond Glen be moved further down, to allow ease of access to a parking space.

Approved. Public Works to move sign.

Item is Closed.

1121-02: Resident from 1501 Farmington Avenue is requesting rumble strips, a flashing light, and/or a guardrail in front of his house in the hopes of preventing cars from potentially crashing into his home.

There have been two accidents in 2021 in which the vehicles ended up in resident's front yard.
Concerned about speeding/crashing.

Group discussed the two incidents that had occurred (one being a mechanical problem from a truck) and the other the result of a DUI. When speed signs were installed for 10 days, the results showed that there wasn't a speed issue. As there are numerous signs in the area already (flashing light sign, speed limit sign) and it wouldn't meet requirements needed to put up a guardrail(only placed in apex of turns), the best solution that could be offered is **to trim areas around the current signs, thus allowing better visibility, and continuing to monitor speeds.**

Item is Closed.

1121-03: Resident from 35 Scott Swamp Road is concerned about the speed of traffic in front of house. Request for reduced speed ahead or blind driveway ahead sign to be posted along the right turn only lane for Scott Swamp (before the intersection for Colt Highway).

Approved. Public works to install Reduced Speed Ahead sign.

Item is Closed.

Lastly, group discussed issue brought to TM office re: speeding on Town Farm Road. **Officer Frink will collect data, put up speed sign and put on list as a speed enforcement area for the quarter.**

Item is Closed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amber Rush
Police Management Assistant