

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

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

Present at Meeting: Chief Melanson, Lt Egan, Officer Frink, Kat Krajewski, Sgt Stone, Jim Platosh, Russ Arnold, Jim Ruzbasan, Dennis Frazao, and Amber Rush

New Business:

0522-01: Miss Porter's School Security requesting upgrades to crosswalks at Main St/Mountain Road and on Garden St by pool area.

- Miss Porters is looking for advance warning lights for when someone is at the crosswalk on Main Street. Group discussed that **Miss Porters should send us a formal request so that we can then send to the state DOT, as Main Street is on a state road.**
- **Town Highway to place reflector strips on the poles on Garden Street, for added visibility.**
- We would not be able to allow decorative sidewalks on Garden Street, as that wouldn't meet MUTCB standards.

Item is Closed

0522-02: Resident is requesting an addition of a traffic signal to traffic light at intersection of Coppermine and Plainville. Requesting the addition of a left turn arrow signal.

- Group discussed that it has already been requested that in past years that the state try to improve flow of traffic at the intersections with special turn signals or even widening roads so don't have to wait for someone turning, but it's been denied. As the State owns and maintains traffic signals, we aren't able to meet this request.

Item is Closed

0522-03: Resident wishes to add speed limit signs to Hatters Lane and make them more visible.

- **Highway to trim back bushes/branches on Westbound side where the speed limit sign is obstructed.**
- Group decided it would be redundant to have another speed limit sign along there as anyone turning in from Main Street immediately can see the speed limit sign and those are the people that would need it, as opposed to residents of Dorset Lane/ Colton. Plus, drivers need to slow down to take left onto Colton or Right. Also, signs won't help slow down drivers.

Item is Closed

0522-04: Request from State DOT for installation of centerline rumble strips on: Rte 4 from Wyndwood Road to 160 feet west of Brickyard Road, from 0.26 miles east of Brickyard Road to 160 feet west of Devonwood Drive and from 160 feet east of Devonwood Drive to .12 miles west on Town Farm Road. (combined distance of 1.2 miles)

- Accident history doesn't warrant the need. When there are accidents it is rare that it's due to crossing over the lines. If we were to put them anywhere, we'd want route 6 to have them, as we previously requested to the state. Rumble strips on Route 4 is denied.

Item is Closed

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0522-05: Resident wants to combine right and left turn lane on Town Farm Road to

- Route 4. Group decided it could help clear out from events on Town Farm Road In order for it to work though, there would need to be skip lines painted through intersection. TM Office will reach out to DOT for the request.

Item is tabled until we hear back from the State DOT.

Old Business:

1121-04: Residents of Aquaduct/Talcott Notch Road requesting signage on Aquaduct to read "No trucks allowed," a sign for "Restricted Access" during certain times (similar to Lake or School St) and possibly making Aquaduct a one-way street.

- We need to look at consequences/effects of any decision that is made. Ie: if we were to make Aquaduct a cul-de-sac or one way road, we need to consider the impact it would have on Mountain Road and impact on school bus and emergency vehicles. After a lengthy discussion it was determined that the best course of action would be to do selective enforcement on random days/times.

Item is Closed

Meeting adjourned at 2:08 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Amber Rush
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