

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

Meeting commenced at 1:00 p.m in the Chief's Conference Room

Present at Meeting: Captain Colin Ryan, Anna Savastano, Lt Egan, Officer Frink, Russ Arnold, Dennis Frazao, Amber Rush, and Lorraine Lapierre (for 0622-06)

New Business:

0622-01: Resident at 57 Berkshire Drive requesting "Slow! Children at Play" signs on each end of the street (South Road and Batterson Park Road).

- A speed study was done and northbound the average speed was 19.94 mph and southbound it was 23 mph. Given the fact the speeds don't warrant action, the signs requested can't be used as they aren't MUTCD approved.

Item is Closed.

0622-02: Resident at 65 Perry Street requesting "No Parking" signs on the southwest side of Perry Street, from her address through to Union School.

- Group discussed that the bump out in the street was designed to alleviate some of the parking concerns. Since there isn't a hazard or safety issue for people to park on the residential street, it isn't feasible to have "no parking signs," placed. If there's concern about the new development that will be constructed, we were assured that it will have its own on-sight parking.

Item is Closed.

0622-03: Resident requests speed humps at Tunxis Meade to reduce speeding on weekends.

- Group discussed that there are already a few speed humps in that area, so it wouldn't be feasible to put more. Furthermore, there is adequate space/sidewalks for pedestrians to walk.

Item is Closed.

0622-04: Resident requesting timing of traffic lights (Green arrow from South Main Street to Main Street (Towards Burlington), be looked at, as cars can barely get through in time.

- A request has previously been sent to DOT to look at the timing of the lights in the entire intersection to determine if it's timed correctly. The Town Manager's Office will follow up on this request to see where it stands.

Item is Closed.

0622-05: Request for updated signs/markings for South Main Street (Route 177) northbound at Main Street (Route 4/School St in Unionville). Request for dual left turn indicators in signs/markings for the left turn only lane, similar to the markings for westbound Farmington Ave (Route 4).

- The markings wouldn't make sense for how the traffic is supposed to flow. Traffic Officer Frink to follow-up with complainant to explain in further detail.

0622-06: Request for traffic signal for Farmington Avenue in Oakland Gardens. (placed at corner of Farm. Ave at Crescent Street)

- Ms. Lapierre approached the group with several items of concern in her neighborhood, including the one that was brought to the board. She was concerned that the streets are too narrow, but it was discussed that in actuality they are the correct measurement. It was discussed that if we were to increase the width of the street, speeding would become more of an issue, as people would be too "comfortable" driving through the wider roads.
- She also spoke of the desire to add sidewalks to the entire neighborhood. The Director of Public Works pointed out that typically residences don't want sidewalks put in due to the cost to install and responsibility involved in its upkeep.
- There was also a concern about the liquor store nearby that doesn't have any lines delineated for parking, and people speed in that lot and park right up to the door, causing a hazard for those patrons. **The Town will be following up with planning/zoning to see what we can do to make the lot safer.**
- She was also concerned about people parking along Route 4 by the Reservoir, even though there are signs that say "no parking." She was asked to contact the Police Department when she sees this violation, so dispatch can send an officer to handle the violations.
- Regarding the original complaint, it was explained that the ultimate decision lies with DOT, regarding a traffic light. We will be collecting data (speed and counts of cars) and seeing if the data supports the need for a traffic signal. If it does, the request will be sent to DOT.

Item is Closed.

0622-07: Discuss need for traffic study (CT DOT) on Farmington Ave by the curve by the Galleria Salon.

- The group opined that a guard rail would make it more dangerous for cars, at it could increase head-on collisions if cars were to make contact with the guard rail at a high speed. Nonetheless, group agrees that this curve is something that should be studied by DOT. **Town Manager's office to contact DOT.**
Item is Closed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Amber Rush
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