

Traffic Committee Agenda Wednesday, December 21, 2022- 1pm

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

Present at Meeting: Chief Ryan, Lt Egan, Anna Savastano, Sgt Stone, Jim Ruzbasan, Jim Platosh, and Amber Rush

New Business:

1222-01: Resident requesting sign on Bella Lane stating for pedestrians to use crosswalk when crossing street.

Group discussed it would be the most effective to have the school address the issue via communication with the parents. That will have a much greater impact than a sign. Officer Frink to contact complainant.

Item is Closed.

1222-02: Resident at Coppermine village wants lights around the stonewall island so cars don't run into it.

There aren't any reported accidents with the stonewall and there already is a streetlight which adequately illuminates the street. Group suggested the complainant reach out to the association to see if they'll put some solar or decorative lighting around the island. Jim Ruzbasan to follow-up.

Item is Closed.

Old Business:

1122-02 Resident of 241 Talcott Notch Road would like the speed limit on that road to be raised at least 40 mph

Group discussed that driver behavior is such that if we were to raise the speed limit to 40 mph, people would drive 50 mph. The geometry and sightline of the road wouldn't meet approval for a higher speed limit. Furthermore, the road can be treacherous during storms. There would be a greater liability to make such a drastic change in an area where there's a history of accidents. Town Manager's Office will be sending a letter.

Item is Closed

0922-04: Request for either a sidewalk to go up and continue up mountain on the north side of the street, or a crosswalk on the south side of the street between Hillstead and Mountain Road.

Group determined that most of the pedestrian traffic is on the south side, from Miss Porters, and not in the area where the complainant wants the crosswalk. As it's not a safe place to cross, due to the approaching geometry of the road, group determined putting in a crosswalk encouraging people to cross there would be a bad idea. Town Manager's office to send a letter.

Item is Closed.

0922-05: Resident is requesting speed bumps or flashing signs on Wood Pond Road. Concerned for safety of pedestrians, kids, etc., as there aren't any sidewalks and cars speed down the road on a daily basis.

A weeklong study had been done, recording speeds. Average speed was 25 mph southbound and 26 mph northbound. As speed bumps aren't endorsed by the Town, flashing signs are frowned upon in a residential area, and data didn't support the need, group decided the most effective thing to do would be for selective enforcement/greater visibility in that area. Officer Frink to follow-up with complainant.

Item is Closed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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