

## **Traffic Committee Minutes Wednesday March 15, 2023**

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

Present at Meeting: Chief Ryan, Lt Egan, Sgt. Stone, Russ Arnold, Jim Platosh, Jim Ruzbasan and Amber Rush

### New Business:

**0323-01:** Request to install stop signs on South Road at intersection of Berkshire Drive.

Group discussed item from both an engineering and a police standpoint. Determined that it does not meet the requirements for a stop sign, as line of sight isn't an issue. Also, looking back in the past 12 years, only 1 accident occurred there. Furthermore, studies have shown that stop signs do not curtail speeding. Therefore, a stop sign will not be placed at South/Berkshire. Complaint was anonymous so no follow-up letter required.

Item is Closed.

**0323-02:** Concern about drivers trying to avoid red light (to take a left) at Colt/Scott Swamp, by cutting through Exxon station, particularly between 6am-8am.

Group discussed that we do have an enforceable Town ordinance. "Town Code 140-10: Parking lots shall not be used as a shortcut or to avoid a traffic control sign or signal. Persons who violate this section shall be issued a parking violation now utilized by the Farmington Police Department." This ordinance will be reviewed with our officers, in particular to our C squad officers, who will do selective enforcement in that area. Further information to be garnered from complainant to find out how this issue came to his attention.

**Item tabled, pending response from complainant and results of selective enforcement.**

### Old Business:

**0922-05:** Concerns with speeding on Wood Pond Road

There have been about 7 selective enforcements for that area, resulting in (2) stops for speeding. Need to get more information from the Patrol Commander.

**Item is tabled, pending discussion with Patrol Commander and continued enforcement efforts.**

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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