

**Traffic Committee Agenda**  
**Wednesday, June 21, 2023- 1pm**  
**Chiefs Conference Room**

New Business:

**0523-01:** Request for flashing lights and/or signage to alert drivers of pedestrians and bicyclists crossing to and from the trail at New Britain Avenue/Meadow Road intersection.

The group discussed that there is a 4-way stop sign at each corner and the line of sight is clear. Adding additional lights or signage wouldn't be as effective as the 4-way-stop sign. The Police Department will continue to have a presence in this area to ensure traffic safety. Item is closed.

**0623-01:** Concerns with speeding, safety for residents on Berkshire/Robin.

Speed boxes were deployed on 6/7/23 for a week with 85% of the data showing speeds at Robin Road were between 18 and 23 mph and Berkshire Road speeds averaged 26-28 mph. It was noted that each day around 6pm one person sped down Berkshire at around 55 mph. Patrol will be doing selective enforcement in that area around 6pm to ensure speed limits are followed. Preliminary studies also showed southbound volume at 6,760 cars and northbound at 4,192 cars. The group discussed volume being high due vehicles cutting through Berkshire to avoid the new construction that is taking place. Before any action could be taken, the group recommended tabling this item for the next meeting when we can look at the data from volume of cars this year vs last and see if we were able to curtail the speeding. Item is tabled.

**0623-02:** Request for sign prohibiting trucks on River Road.

The group discussed that there isn't an engineering need, and it isn't feasible or practical to prohibit trucks from driving on River Road. It was suggested that people contact the Police Department immediately if there's a particular truck that is causing issues, so that issue can be addressed. The police department will continue to have a presence in this area to ensure traffic safety. Item is closed.

**0623-03:** Request for either blind driveway sign or "slow down" sign by 165 Coppermine Road

The group discussed that the "Hidden Driveway" sign is no longer an MUTCD recognized sign. Besides selective enforcement in this area, it was suggested that the line of sight could be improved by homeowner cutting back the trees on their property. Item is closed.

**0623-04:** Concern regarding timing of light at Waterville/Route 4, particularly during rush hour.

This concern has been an on-going issue that has been addressed previously (TRB # 0710-01). Letters have been written to the State DOT requesting they try to adjust the timing of the light. As the timing of the light is the State’s responsibility, the best solution we can provide would be to continue to monitor the situation and perform selective enforcement in that area. Item is Closed.

Old Business:

TRB #	Description of Issue	Street Name	Action Requested	Recommendations as of 6/21	Dept. Assigned
0721-02	dangerous crossing for ped.	Birdseye at South	request for crosswalk	Town Manager to send another letter to DOT , since we have yet to receive a response.	Town Manager
0522-05	too much traffic when have events at Polo Grounds	Route 4 at Town Farm Road	request for modification of striping to allow both lanes t turn left (right now R lane is restricted to R turn only)	DOT approved the request for modification. Engineering to now get a permit to be able to change the roadway.	Engineering
0622-04	green arrow that allows drivers to turn left from South Main onto Main Street needs to be longer	South Main at Route 4	change timing of lights in intersection	Engineering discussed this item with State and it was determined that the only remedy would be a major intersection change. PD will continue to have a presence in this area.	Item is closed
0622-07	dangerous curve, causes accidents	near 1305 Farm. Ave	re-design curve by Galleria Salon on Route 4.	sent email to Matt Blume (DOT) to follow up on 3/2/23. Waiting to hear back from the State	Town Manager

0123-01	hard to see pedestrians on crosswalk on Route 4 ( just before Highwood)	Rte 4	install sign with blinking lights to get drivers attention	The State is waiting for the internal components to arrive so they can activate the sign.	Town Manager
0223-01	concerned for pedestrian safety when crossing from Miss Porter's school to Mountain	Main Steet at Mountain	Get data on how many times and when the crosswalk is pushed	Data can't be retrieved from the older (but working) crosswalks. It was determined that Miss Porter's will re-institute having a crossing guard at crosswalk during school year. Police Department will also continue selective enforcement	Item is Closed.
1021-03	Concerned for pedestrians crossing Lovely/Sylvan and at the intersection of Lovely/Farmington	Lovely/Sylvan and Lovely/Farmington	request for flashing crosswalk signal at Lovely/Sylvan and improvements to where button to cross is at Lovely/Farmington Ave	Grant has been approved. Once funding is secured, the flashing signal will be ordered and installed once received. Also, they will be re-configuring intersection of Lovely/Farmington Ave this summer	Engineering

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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