

Traffic Committee Minutes

Wednesday, July 19, 2023- 1pm

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

Present at Meeting: Chief Ryan, Russ Arnold, Jim Ruzbasan, Jim Platosh, Anna Savastano and Amber Rush

New Business:

0523-01: Trees in front of 19 Aqueduct Lane are impeding driver's ability to see stop sign at intersection of Aqueduct and Talcott Notch Road.

The group discussed that there is a storm drainage pipe directly in front of the stop sign which impedes us from moving the sign. However, given the prominent warning sign, "Stop Sign Ahead," there remains an adequate sightline after the sign to ensure its visibility.

Item is closed.

0723-01: Request for additional signage to remediate hazards and improve road safety for motorists/residents on Route 167. (particularly those driveways that egress on a blind curb)

The group discussed that the speed limit sign can be relocated to a more suitable location, to be completed by Town Highway. Part of this project involved a significant clearing of trees, thus improving the line of sight and eliminating the necessity for additional signage. Lastly, the suggestion of placing a sign regarding Hidden Driveways is no longer supported by MUTCD, as it has proven to be ineffective.

Item is Closed.

Old Business:

- **0623-01:** group reviewed data obtained by Traffic Officer Carruth which showed while volume had increased on Berkshire/Robin, speeding has decreased. Upon the completion of the intersection reconfiguration, Two Mile Road should no longer experience traffic backups, which will lead to a reduction in the number of people using these roads as shortcuts. The request to make Berkshire Road a cul de sac was discussed and deemed inappropriate as it would negatively impact other surrounding roads. The Police Department will continue to do selective enforcement in the area, particularly at peak travel times.

Item is Closed.

TRB #	Description of Issue	Street Name	Action Requested	Recommendations	Dept. Assigned
0623-01	Speeding on Berkshire Drive/Robin Road	Berkshire/Robin	Speed bumps or cul de sac	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (see above) 	Item is Closed
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.	Engineering
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 f/u 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

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amber Rush

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