

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Meeting commenced at 2:10 p.m., Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Present at Meeting: Chief Melanson, Lt. Buckley, Sgt. Vincent, Matt Blume, Scott Zenke, Dennis Frazao, Kat Howroyd, Jim Platosh. Several residents were also in attendance.

I. Old Business:

1. **0515-03 – High Street & Mountain Road Stop Sign** – Chief Melanson reported that he did an accident review for this area and found that there were 2 or 3 accidents a year. Since the temporary stop sign was placed on the Mountain Road eastbound approach to High Street, there have been no accidents. It was reported that this intersection does warrant a stop sign in accordance with state and federal guidelines. As such, it will be recommended that the stop sign remain permanent. One resident voiced her objection to the stop sign because it causes her difficulty getting into and out of her driveway. Another resident stated that motorists roll through and do not stop at the stop sign. It was decided that the stop sign will be moved back prior to the driveway and a stop bar will be painted on the road. This should improve access into and out of their driveways and will also emphasize to motorists where to stop for the sign. The two residents attending the meeting were pleased to have the stop sign moved from its present location and also having a stop bar added. Chief Melanson reported that a new Traffic Officer position is included in the new budget, and their responsibility will be to specifically enforce traffic laws and mitigate traffic issues. This Item Closed.
2. **0515-05 – Request All-Way Stop Control at River Road Intersection at Longridge Court/Brightwood Road** – (Matt Blume) – Data has been collected but still needs to be reviewed. This item is tabled for the May TRB Meeting.

II. New Business:

- 0416-01-Safety of Children on Carrington Lane – (Gerard Haviland)** – Mr. Haviland reported that he feels Carrington Lane is dangerous for children walking to school as there are no sidewalks and a hedge on Hart Street makes for poor visibility. One option mentioned was that hourly use signs could be put in place so that people use School Street to drop off children at Noah Wallace instead of using Carrington and Hart Street. Lt. Buckley reported that Mr. Ryan Evans of Hart Street would like to see “No Parking” signs on the portion of Hart Street that is not posted. Lt. Buckley also reported that the Police Department’s SRO officer is working with Noah Wallace School to use the upper playground as a pick up and drop off point for children. Chief Melanson pointed out that he along with the Engineering Division could attend neighborhood meetings with the other residents to find solutions. Mr. Haviland said he liked that idea and would pass it along to his neighbors. It was decided that Engineering Department will collect data and report the findings at the May meeting. Item Tabled.
1. **0416-02 – Traffic does not Stop for School Bus at Jefferson Street and Burlington Road and No Sign on Burlington Road to Prevent Traffic taking a Right onto Lake Street** – (Heather Perin) The Police Department will increase Enforcement of the existing signage.. Item Closed.

III. Issues:

1. **Bike Signage Request** – (Matt Blume) – Woodruff Road & Bicycle Friendly Community.-

Matt reported he would like to have similar signage on Fienemann Road near New Britain Town Line with a Bicycle and Share the Road sign as is already displayed on River Road and Middle Road, which was approved by the committee.

Matt noted that the bicycle committee is requesting destination signage linking the trail to the High School complex. Matt noted that there is a movement to connect destinations along the trail network to encourage more than just recreational trips. There was discussion as to how many signs this would entail, and how many other routes would be proposed for this type of signage program. It was decided to have Matt investigate this topic on a town-wide basis. Tabled for May TRB meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next TRB meeting will take place on Wed. May 18, 2016 at 1:00 pm in the Administrative Wing Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Golas, Confidential Secretary