

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, July 20, 2016

Meeting commenced at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 20, 2016.

Present at Meeting: Acting Chief Porter, Lt. Buckley, Sgt. Vincent, Matt Blume, Scott Zenke, Kat Howroyd, Dennis Frazio, Carol Golas. Also in attendance were Susan Amato and Tim Smith (residents of Pearl St.)

A. Old Business:

1. **0515-05 – Request All-Way Stop Control at River Road Intersection at Longridge Court/Brightwood Road -** (Matt Blume) – Item Tabled for October meeting.

2. **0416-01 – Safety of Children on Carrington Lane (make into One-Way Street)** –Scott Zenke reported that both he, Matt Blume and Acting Chief Porter will be meeting with the Noah Wallace Principal and the Board of Ed Transportation Director next week to put a plan in place before the start of school. The Committee will evaluate the following potential options to determine the best course of action:
 1. Modifying the Colton Street/Carrington Lane/Main Street (Route 10) intersection
 2. Restrict/Block traffic on Carrington Lanes at specific times
 3. Enforce “No Parking” on Church Street to allow two way traffic
 4. Enhance school drop off system, possibly making the playground the parent drop off area.This item Tabled for the August TRB meeting.

3. **0516-01 – Speeding Cars on Pearl Street – Request Speed Deterrents, Speed Bumps, Slow Signs – (Petition of Pearl Street and Garden Street Residents.)** It was reported that the Town no longer installs new speed bumps on Town roads. Matt Blume reported that the speed tubes were place on Pearl Street for 2 days last month during the peak hours and found there were 10 to 12 vehicles traveling per hour in one direction and 16 or 17 cars traveling in the other direction with 85% of vehicles traveling at 29mph in westbound direction and 25mph in the cars traveling in the eastbound direction. The average speed was 22mph westbound and 20mph eastbound. It was noted there is no speed limit sign on Pearl Street. Matt will request approval to install a 25mph speed limit sign from the DOT. It was reported that a lot of these traffic issues/problems are due to people changing their driving behavior/patterns because of the Rte. 4 construction and no substantial changes will be made to the area until the construction is complete and traffic patterns return to normal. Residents requested a second survey after the current curbing work is complete, as they felt it may have had an impact on traffic speed and volume. They felt a second survey may prove to be more accurate. Matt Blume will conduct a second survey in September after the curb work is completed. Captain Porter mentioned that we just received approval for a Traffic Officer who will be dealing with these types of traffic issues and enforcement. This item Tabled for the October TRB Meeting.

B. New Business:

1. **0616-02 – Request “Speed Bumps “and sidewalks for Mill Lane – (Irene Brent)** – Scott Zenke reported that Miss Porters is installing sidewalks on Mill Lane. Scott reports that use of Ms. Porter’s pool house creates a significant increase in Mill Lane traffic, but it is seasonal, and has ended, so traffic volume should decrease significantly. Miss Porter’s pool is open from 9am to 5pm and that also creates at least 120 student cars a day traveling to and from Miss Porters through Mill Lane. It was noted there is no speed limit sign on Mill Lane. Matt will request approval to install a 25mph speed limit sign from the DOT. It was reported that a lot of these traffic issues/problems are also due to people changing their driving behavior/patterns because of the Rte. 4 construction and no substantial changes will be made to the area until the construction is complete and traffic patterns return to normal. It was reported that the Town no longer installs new speed bumps on Town roads. This Item Closed.

C. Issues:

1. Bike Signage-(Matt Blume) – Bicycle Friendly Community. No report-Item Closed.

2. Garden Street Speed Humps – Scott Zenke

A survey was distributed to Garden Street residents/property owners regarding speed hump replacement after road reconstruction. The survey indicated that the vast majority of residents want the speed bumps reinstalled. Scott Zenke reported that, pending final approval to reinstall the speed bumps, some will remain in their original location, but some will be moved and reconfigured as “table top” speed bumps which should help to cut down on the noise created when cars travel over them. Stop bars will be put in at each stop sign and each road off Garden Street. Matt Blume reported that the Engineering Dept. is still collecting speed counts. The board recommended double yellow center lines and curb lines to narrow the travel lane and decrease vehicle speeds.

3. Cambridge Crossing Speed Control – Scott Zenke. – No report- Item Closed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m. The next TRB meeting will take place on Wed. August 17, 2016 at 1:00 pm in the Administrative Wing Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Golas, Confidential Secretary