

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, August 17, 2016

Meeting commenced at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 17, 2016.

Present at Meeting: Acting Chief Porter, Lt. Buckley, Matt Blume, Scott Zenke, Jim Platosh, Kat Howroyd, & Carol Golas

A. Old Business:

1. **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 met with Superintendent Greider, Noah Wallace Principal Sanders and the Board of Ed Transportation Director to discuss possible solutions prior to the start of school. Initial thoughts were to force school traffic onto Church Street, thus avoiding Carrington and Hart Street. This would be accomplished by making Carrington from Colton to Main a one way street, and there would be no right turn onto Colton from Main. For this to work, all of Church Street would have to be posted as a no-parking zone to accommodate the traffic. Greider and Sanders report that they require Church Street parking as they don't have adequate parking on school property to accommodate employees and volunteers. In addition, the pre-school, and First Church of Christ need parking on Church Street. Reconfiguring the roads as mentioned would have required all neighborhood residents to utilize Hatters Lane to return home. The committee decided it would not be feasible to proceed any further with this option at this time. Scott Zenke reported that the curbing around the island at Colton and Hatters Lane has been moved and this will help ease the bus travel in that area. The committee recommended that the Noah Wallace parking issue be addressed as a first step to solving other traffic issues. There are several potential options, all requiring more in-depth review by the Board of Ed, engineering, and P&Z. The police department will monitor traffic on Carrington, Hart, and Church during school hours to address violations. Matt Blume and Acting Chief Porter will update the complainants. Tabled for September TRB Meeting.

B. New Business:

1. **0816-01 – Request for “Private Way” Sign for Larkins Way** – (Connie Kim) – It was reported that this is a private roadway and the residents would be responsible for placing the “Private Way” sign. Matt Blume will provide Ms. Kim with the MUTC standard sign information. This Item Closed.
2. **0816-02 – Request Enforcement of Speeding on Mountain Spring Road, Request a Permanent Speed Sign and Review Speed Limit** – (Joe Sichler) – Several prior reviews of the speed limit deemed it appropriate. Speed limits are established by state DOT. Police will continue enforcement. Matt Blume and Acting Chief Porter will speak with Mr. Sichler about the possibility of their association purchasing a speed sign that could be used more regularly on Mt. Spring Rd.; however, research indicates permanently mounted speed signs are ineffective. This item tabled for the September TRB meeting.
3. **0816-03 – Enforce Speeding on Morea Road into Bristol Stevens Street (co-ordinate with Bristol)** – (Jenny Daigle) – It was decided to set the traffic tubes up to do a survey and bring data to the next TRB meeting. Acting Chief Porter and Scott Zenke examined the area. It is properly posted and there is no indication that signage has been changed or removed as the complainant suggested. Police will continue enforcement efforts. Tabled for September Meeting.
4. **0816-04 – Request to DOT for Roadway Modifications for Colt Highway at Reservoir Road** – (Matt Blume) – Matt Blume reported the town received \$1M funding to reconfigure the Rte. 6/Reservoir Rd./Pinnacle Rd. intersection. Plans presented by the town include left turn lanes on Rte. 6 and a traffic signal light. Matt reported that the CROG grant funding was approved and he now has a request for approval from the DOT for the modifications. If approved, construction could start as early as next season. This Item Closed.

C. Issues:

Kat Howroyd reported she has been working on categorizing all of the TRB issues into charts that show whether they are speeding enforcement issues, signage issues etc. This will be reported in more depth at the September TRB meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m. The next TRB meeting will take place on Wed. September 21, 2016 at 1:00 pm in the Administrative Wing Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Golas, Confidential Secretary