

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, November 16, 2016

Meeting commenced at 1:10 p.m., Wednesday, November 16, 2016.

Present at Meeting: Chief Melanson, Lt. Buckley, Sgt. Vincent, Matt Blume, Scott Zenke, Kat Howroyd, Jim Platosh, Traffic Officer Noddin, Carol Golas, Residents Susan Amato, Tim Smith, & Chris Temple from Miss Porter's School

A. Old Business:

1. **0416-01 – Safety of Children on Carrington Lane (make into One-Way Street)** –Chief Melanson asked School Resource Officer Lada and Traffic Officer Noddin to co-ordinate a meeting with the Principal of Noah Wallace, Chris Temple from Miss Porter's School and Ken Waite from First Church. It was reported that Officer Lada has been working with the school during their special events and the school has used the playground for parking at those times but does not want this as a permanent solution. Officer Lada reported that tickets are now being given out to address traffic violations on Carrington, Hart, and Church Street. It was reported the bus traffic solution is working and Carrington Lane and Hart Street residents are very happy with the temporary stop sign. Matt Blume has requested a 20 mph speed limit sign from the DOT for Carrington Lane; now waiting for a DOT reply. Item Closed.
2. **0515-05 – Request Installation of All-Way Stop Control at River Rd. Intersection at Longridge Court/Brightwood Road** – (Matt Blume) –This Item was tabled for review and recommendation will be made at next meeting.
3. **0516-01 – Speeding Cars on Pearl Street – Request Deterrents, Speed Bumps, Slow Signs – (Petition from Susan Amato and residents of Pearl & Garden St.)** – It was reported that a letter was sent to the State requesting a stop sign which will be erected as soon as we have DOT approval. Traffic Data was collected back in June with 90 cars traveling eastbound and 59 cars westbound and another secondary survey of data collected this month was about the same with 82 cars traveling eastbound and 64 cars westbound for a total of 150 cars per day. The speed for the Eastbound traffic was up from 25 mph to 33 mph and Westbound traffic stayed the same at 30mph. Mrs. Amato asked if a "Slow Children at Play" sign could be erected and it was reported that the MUTC no longer allows that sign but residents can place their own sign on their properties such as "Drive like your Children Live Here". Mrs. Amato and Tim Smith were introduced to our new Traffic Officer Noddin for help with future issues. This Item Closed.
4. **0816-02 – Request Enforcement of Speeding on Mountain Spring Road, Request a Permanent Speed Sign and Review Speed Limit** – (Joe Sichler) – Chief Melanson requested that we place Mountain Spring Road on Selective Enforcement and also place our Speed Sign on Mountain Spring Road. Chief Melanson asked Sgt. Vincent and Traffic Officer Noddin to discuss with Mr. Sichler the possibility of he and other residents to purchase a speed sign that we could put up for them under certain agreed terms. Prior review of speed limits resulted in adequate speed limit. This Item Tabled for December meeting.
5. **0916-01 – Review Stop Sign Locations on South Rd.** – (Matt Blume) – It was previously decided to table this item to review the area once the street is re-constructed in the Spring. Then Matt Blume will do a traffic survey and make a recommendation for course of action. Tabled for next Spring.
6. **0916-03 – Request No Parking Signs for New Britain Avenue Lot located between Coppermine Rd. and Red Oak Hill Road for the Outside Grassy Area as Cars park outside of designated area creating Safety Concerns** – (Marlene & Joseph Zawacki) – It was reported that signage is needed to direct the overflow cars to other parking lots and it was recommended that the Highway Department adjust the Oakridge Parking lot sign for better visibility. Police will monitor and if needed "No Parking" signs will be added. This Item Closed.

B. New Business:

1. **1016-01 – Request Speed Humps for West District Road** – (Kurt Krauland) – Matt Blume mentioned when speaking with Mr. Krauland he was more concerned with the conditions of the sidewalks. Chief Melanson requested that Traffic Officer Noddin and Scott Zenke canvas the neighborhood regarding the sidewalk issue and report back about their condition. It was also reported that the Town recently made repairs on West District Road to the sidewalks located on Town property and once we know which other sidewalks need repair we will craft a letter to the neighborhood people to repair their portion of sidewalk. The request for speed humps was denied as the Town did away with that program about 10 years ago, only speed humps that have been previously installed are allowed to stay. This Item Tabled for December meeting.
2. **1016-02 – Mill Lane and Garden Street-Review No Parking Restrictions** – (Katie Bradley) – It was reported at this meeting that Miss Porter's has temporary No Parking signs and will install them and take down when needed for events. If there are any issues they will report it to the Police Department for enforcement. This Item Closed.
3. **1116-01 – Request "Dangerous Curve" Signs for 30 mph Signs on Mountain Spring Road** – (Henry Zachs) Officer Nodding handed out the report of the accidents that have taken place on Mountain Spring Road for the period covering 2004 through 2016 and the data showed approximately one accident a year. The Town has previously installed larger signs. It was suggested to draft a reply letter explaining the accident data is limited and that we are working with a neighborhood group to get an electronic speed control sign. This Item Closed.

Issue: Resident Tim Smith reported they lost the crosswalk at the bottom of Maple Street and wanted to know if it can be brought back to its original site. Scott Zenke volunteered to take a look at it.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05p.m. The next TRB meeting will take place on Wed. December 21, 2016 at 1:00 pm in the Administrative Wing Conference Room. Refreshments will be served.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Golas, Confidential Secretary