

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, July 19, 2017

Meeting commenced at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 19, 2017.

Present at Meeting: Chief Melanson, Lt. Ryan, Sgt. Vincent, Traffic Officer Noddin, Scott Zenke, Anna Savastano, Russ Arnold, Jim Platosh, Dennis Frazao, Carol Golas, Resident Evan Cowles and 3 FHS Students

A. Old Business:

1. **0517-01 – Speeding, Stop Sign Violations and Pedestrian Safety on Lake Garda Drive, Lake Street, Litchfield Road, Birch Street & Buena Vista Drive** – Officer Noddin had a handout for the group of the Enforcement Data for Lake Street. Officer Noddin said tickets were being handed out for speeding and Stop Sign violations. Some of the violations were GPS cut through in order to avoid traffic on other streets. Scott Zenke reported that the Highway Department had cut down the brush near the Stop Sign so that motorists would have a clear site line when approaching the Stop Sign. Committee recommends that Traffic Officer Noddin continue his efforts of working with the Lake Garda Association and with selective enforcement. Item Closed.

B. New Business:

1. **0717-01 – Speeding and Cars Not Stopping for Stop Sign on Burlington Road and Request for a Stop Sign at River Road and Burlington Road** – (Stanley Grabowski and Konrad Krupa) – Traffic Officer Noddin reported that the Accident Data for the last 5 years on River Road/Burlington Road involved 4 accidents involving DUI's, Evading Police (also a DUI) and an accident involving Black Ice. All accidents were driver related and not road related. Officer Noddin reported that the accident data is very low but the site line is very bad due to overgrown brush on private property on the corner of River Road and Burlington Rd. It was recommended that Officer Noddin reach out to the owner to see if the brush can be cut back. The Highway Department may be able to cut it back if the brush is on Town owned property and will also check with the owner of the property to see if they could be of help clearing the brush. Selective Enforcement was also recommended. Officer Noddin will report back for the next TRB meeting in August. Item Open.
2. **0717-02 – Speeding on Mohawk Drive and Not Stopping for Stop Sign** – (Dale Perry-3 Mohawk Dr.) – Officer Noddin was only able to speak with a neighbor across the street from the complainant who wasn't aware of a problem. Officer Noddin reported that while he was conducting selective enforcement on the road, not one car came through while he was there. Officer Noddin will follow-up with the complainant and report for the next meeting. Item Open.
3. **0717-03 – Signage and Speed Enforcement at 199 Town Farm Road** (Roger & Isabelle Phillips-Sub Edge Farm)/Scott Zenke – Scott Zenke reported that Mr. Phillips uses both sides of the road when holding public events and is worried about speeding traffic. Mr. Phillips would like a Farm sign and reduce speed signs erected to slow traffic down. It was recommended that the Police Department should do Selective Enforcement on Town Farm Road and because some of the traffic and road is located in part of Avon, Officer Noddin will contact the Avon Police for their help with Selective Enforcement of the road. Committee recommends that the Highway Department erect the signage. Item Closed.
4. **0717-04 – Request for a Three-Way Stop Sign for the Junction of Mountain Road and Birdseye Road** – (Evan Cowles) – It was reported that Birdseye Road is a state owned road. It was reported that the State would have to conduct a study of the area to see if the area warrants a Three-Way Stop Sign. It was recommended that a Letter of Request to the DOT be sent requesting the Three-Way Stop Sign. Item Closed.

Issues:

Jim Platosh touched on a closed out TRB Item #0517-02 Diamond Glen and reported that with that road being so narrow and the obstructed site line, due to the Rock, that there are absolutely no traffic controls that could be used on that road especially because any of the Committee recommendations were opposed by the residents which entailed removing the Rock or making the road into a one-way street.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00p.m. The next TRB meeting will take place on Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at 1:00 pm in the Administrative Wing Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Golas, Confidential Secretary