

VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK  
REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF TRAFFIC COMMISSIONERS  
OCTOBER 14, 2009

PRESENT: Myron Tannenbaum, Chairman  
Joseph Castellani  
Harry Hazelwood  
Joseph Mazzullo  
Carlo Reca  
Rod Brendolan, Fire Department Liaison

ABSENT: John Barney  
Police Department Liaison

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Tannenbaum called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Remove two parking spaces on Plaza Avenue**

Dr. Tannenbaum said that he needs additional information to assess and take action.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Andrew Fuhrmann, of 228 Valley Place, appeared and spoke about parking on Valley Place. He said there is an oversized space that is for 1 1/2 cars. Mr. Fuhrmann said that the street is striped for parking. Three residents are impacted. He said his neighbor is having difficulty getting out of his driveway with his truck. Dr. Tannenbaum said that the stripes need to be removed and then re-striped. Dr. Tannenbaum said he will go with Mr. Hazelwood to get exact measurements. Mr. Hazelwood said that twenty feet is the maximum.

- \*\* **MR. CASTELLANO MOVED TO REDUCE ONE OVERSIZED PARKING SPACE AT 228 VALLEY PLACE TO A LEGAL ONE PARKING SPACE SIZE.**
- \*\* **MR. MAZZULLO SECONDED.**
- \*\* **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Knollwood Avenue and Crown Court. in Harbor Heights- left side toward White Plains

Dr. Tannenbaum asked for input on a stop sign or speed humps.

Mr. Castellani said that it is a step hill and a stop sign would not be appropriate. Enforcement is needed. Mr. Brendolan said he will go look at the area.

Dunkin Donuts (new) by the Diner - blue prints, parking

Parking is perpendicular, and on an angle.

Sign on Exit says do not enter. Sign on the Entrance also says do not enter which is confusing. This has gone before the Planning Board. Dr. Tannenbaum looked at it and said that the 'Keep to Right' sign is wrong. A sign should be placed closest to the diner and make it two-way traffic, or put two arrows on. Village Manager to contact the owners.

Mr. Slingerland visited the meeting and discussed traffic issues as follows:

He spoke of the controversy regarding Boston Post Road and Barry Avenue that the traffic commission members were not asked to review.

Dr. Tannenbaum said when an intersection is downgraded to a low C, there will be a significant impact on the surrounding streets as drivers will change their route and go into the local streets. He said they would have liked to give an opinion.

Dr. Tannenbaum said that when people push the button to cross it delays the waiting time.

Mr. Reca said that it affects the traffic and the flow is out of sync.

Mr. Reca said that in NYC the pedestrian push buttons are not used. There is a computerized light system. He said that when the Boston Post Road is busy it affects the side streets volume.

Mr. Brendolan said he learned about this study in the newspaper.

Mr. Slingerland said that it is not our jurisdiction to determine, as it is a state owned road.

Mr. Reca said that during the summer, it is a quiet time to conduct a traffic study. When school is in session and more drivers are around, that would have been a better time. He added that when the weather is nice, more people walk. In November it changes.

Dr. Tannenbaum said that an 'emergency meeting' could have been held for the traffic commission to meet and discuss.

He said that Brian Dempsey, a traffic engineer, reported a slight increase in traffic which the traffic commissioners believe is not accurate. Mr. Slingerland said that when something is time sensitive he needs to act quickly. They wanted it done before school started.

He said he was contacted by the NYS DOT on May 6, 2009 to consider making the pedestrian phases at the intersections of N/S Barry Avenue and Boston Post Road, and Harrison Avenue and Boston Post Road, 'all stop' in all four directions when activated by a pedestrian at these intersections. The change to pedestrian four-way stop when activated would change the current traffic grades from a B/C grade to a low C, and the State did not object to changing these intersections pursuant to the Village's request.

The Board of Trustees felt that the engineer's report adequately answered questions about the overflow of traffic and its impact on surrounding streets. They adopted a motion and direction to request the State to implement the change as soon as possible, preferably before the start of school in September. The change was implemented on September 9.

The report cost the village \$2,899.84.

The village manager was asked for a status on the following:

Mr. Slingerland said that Soundview Drive was approved.

Lester and Nostrand Ave. rejected a second time. Mr. Slingerland said this is not necessary. Dr. Tannenbaum said that trucks and cars are in and out. The parking lot is not for public parking, but for office parking.

Mr. Brendolan said he is aware of the area and drivers have to make a wider turn because of the trucks. Dr. Tannenbaum said that a 'no parking from here to corner' sign should be put in place. This will go back to the Trustees.

Nana's Kids – not in favor of the three hours meters on the north side.

Tompkins and Melbourne - two additional parking spaces will be eliminated to improve the line of vision when coming out of the nursery school parking lot. A total of three spaces now removed. The traffic will flow according to the school speed limits. People who live in the area are aware of the conditions and speed limits.

Mr. Brendolan believes that mothers will park in those spaces.

#### Barry Avenue

Dr. Tannenbaum acknowledged that the residents were not happy with the board not voting in favor of putting up stop signs on Barry Avenue to slow down traffic. After a short discussion, it was suggested and agreed to try humps to slow down traffic rather than signs. On Barry Avenue toward I-95 off Boston Post Road was determined to be a good location for a hump. The street will be marked, and advance warning about the hump will satisfy the liability issue. It was stated that most of the speeding tickets issued are to local residents.

Mr. Slingerland said that there will be bike parking on the channel posts. Code needs to be changed on bike registrations.

He said that concerning trees, the location needs to be looked at first before ordering same. He mentioned that Public Works is down people.

Meters on Halstead Avenue to be looked at in terms of changing the rate, and length of time from eight to ten hours.

446 Beach Avenue – It was reported that no sign was put up.

He said that the bridge repairs by the trains are an issue. The Harrison Avenue bridge is in the best condition he noted.

Mr. Recca said that he would appreciate a follow up note on the matters that are sent to the Board of Trustees for approval. Otherwise, as time passes and it is realized that no sign was put on, the traffic commissioners are unclear what has occurred or will occur. He added that they spend much time on certain requests at monthly meetings, making site visits, etc.

Mr. Slingerland said he would advise on status. He added that Mr. Hazelwood attends the staff meetings too.

### MINUTES

#### **1. Draft September Minutes**

- \*\* MR. BRENDOLAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2009 MINUTES.**
- \*\* MR. HAZELWOOD SECONDED.**
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### ADJOURNMENT

- \*\* MR. CASTELLANI MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.**
- \*\* MR. BRENDOLAN SECONDED.**
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

PREPARED BY:  
Anne Hohlweck

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:  
Agostino A. Fusco  
Clerk-Treasurer