

**VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK
BOARD OF TRAFFIC COMMISSIONERS
THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2017**

PRESENT: Chairman Myron Tannenbaum, Brian Kerr,
Abby Roberts, David Salko
Vincent Keck, Fire Department liaison
Mayor Norman Rosenblum, Traffic Commission liaison
Daniel Sarnoff, Assistant Village Manager
ABSENT: John Figliomeni, Ed Zagajeski, Joe Mazzullo

Chairman Tannenbaum called to order the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Chairman Tannenbaum welcomed David Salko to the Board.

Old Business

1. Intersection at Barry Avenue and Halstead Avenue

Mr. Sarnoff stated that after researching, doing a hardware upgrade for a pedestrian signal to cross at the intersection of Barry Avenue and Halstead Avenue will be a major capital project. No action taken.

2. Highview Street – One Side Parking

Two residents had requested that parking be restored on one section of the road on the side of the street that has no parking. Mr. Keck stated that the firetruck went to Highview Street for a test run to drive the length of the street. An attempt was made to contact the two residents to come outside when the truck arrived. There was no response from either resident. No action taken.

3. Beach Avenue and Tompkins Avenue – 4-Way Stop Sign

Residents from Tompkins Avenue neighborhood appeared. Mr. Steve O'Rourke stated that action needs to be taken. He reminded that a resident and dog from this neighborhood were struck by a 'hit and run' motorist. The dog died from injuries. The motorist is still at large.

Mr. Tannenbaum stated that there are stop signs on all corners, and white lines for crossing. The Board is requesting additional suggestions to make the area safer for pedestrians.

Mr. O'Rourke stated that the conditions are better during the day due to lighting. Motorists do not slow down when driving in this area. He mentioned that Rye Neck is a walking school district.

Mr. O'Rourke suggested that better lighting be installed for nighttime at the crosswalk before the church, and noted that Beach Avenue is a cut-through street, also the corner house has hedges that need to be trimmed that inhibit one's line of sight, and that owner should be contacted. Police enforcement necessary for speeding. Mayor Rosenblum remarked that there are not enough police to patrol the area continuously.

Mr. Sarnoff said that this intersection has been added to the current traffic study at no cost. Public Works will look at signage for fading, etc., and he said better reflective materials and paint will be used.

Mr. O'Rourke recommended painting STOP on the roadway.

Mr. Keck suggested rubber strips and the residents liked that recommendation very much. Mr. Keck suggested that on Beach Avenue, a light be put at the door under the building awning. Lighting should be put on many of the buildings and that can be taken up with building management and associations.

Ms. Sharon Torres said that her building has a camera but because of low lighting, the camera could not capture the hit and run vehicle on the night of the accident. She said there is a history of accidents at this location and lighting needs to be improved.

Mr. Sarnoff said that the crosswalk can be repainted now that the weather is improving. DPW will be contacted to look at signage. LED street lights are a good starting point and can be installed on the corners of Beach and Tompkins Avenues. He said that he was given no specific date as to when the Traffic Study results will be made available.

Ms. Torres said the hedge at 112 Beach Avenue needs to be pruned. Mr. Sarnoff said it is a Code enforcement matter and Dan Gray will be advised.

Ms. Barbara Diaz suggested that street cameras be installed. Mr. Sarnoff said that the Village does not qualify due to its size. He discussed the requirements for cameras.

The Board members agreed that the intersection of Beach and Tompkins Avenues should be better lit and the use of LED lights will illuminate the intersection.

On motion of Mr. Kerr, seconded by Mr. Keck, installation of LED street lights was approved for the corner of Beach and Tompkins Avenues. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Torres said they plan to attend the April meeting.

New Business

1. Handicap parking spot in front of 155 Gertrude Street

Mr. Keck requested a handicap parking space in front of 155 Gertrude Street for a family member who is handicapped. Mr. Sarnoff displayed a picture of the property on the courtroom screen.

Mr. Salko noted that there is space in the driveway for another car and that it looks like access to the house would be easier from the driveway. Mr. Keck stated that there are three cars at this address, and access to the house is easier from the road.

Mayor Rosenblum said that a handicap parking space is not guaranteed for the resident of 155 Gertrude Street. Other handicap people can use this space.

Upon discussion, it was agreed that a handicap parking space and sign be put up in front of 155 Gertrude Street.

On motion of Ms. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Keck, a handicap parking space and sign was approved for the front of 155 Gertrude Street. Motion passed with one (1) abstention (Salko).

2. Parking on Spruce Street

A resident wrote a letter stating that he was not happy with changes made on Spruce Street regarding the signs put up to eliminate parking for six spaces for one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon for the benefit of the French-American School. The resident stated in his letter that the school will not be taking over the Holy Trinity school property until September and requested that the signs be taken down and reinstalled in August of this year. It was noted that the writer lives at The Regatta on Mamaroneck Avenue.

The Board discussed at length Village parking permits. It was decided that no action be taken.

Other

- Mr. Keck discussed the property at 915 Old Post Lane off Old Post Road. He requested that a sign be moved over a few feet that is interfering with the Village firetruck backing into Old Post Lane, a narrow street. The truck continuously hits the sign positioned at the curb.

Mr. Sarnoff brought up Old Post Lane on the courtroom screen. Discussion ensued.

There were three signs in question. It was determined that the No Parking sign at the driveway which is directly across from the entrance to Old Post Lane be moved over 3 to 4 feet. Mayor Rosenblum requested that Mr. Keck contact DPW to move the sign.

- Ms. Roberts discussed the dumpsters in the road on Old Post Road that interfere with traffic. Mr. Sarnoff said it is a code enforcement issue. She mentioned that motorists also park on the curbing of the road. Mr. Sarnoff brought up that picture for the Board to view. Mr. Sarnoff asked Ms. Roberts to e-mail the details to him.

- Mr. Sarnoff discussed the Grant for the Hillside Avenue Bridge replacement, and the sidewalk Grant. He said the Grants are being reviewed.

Mr. Sarnoff said on Old Boston Post Road, a one-lane road, the walkway is about five-feet wide that needs replacing. Ms. Roberts inquired if the sidewalk work will be done this year. Mr. Sarnoff responded no.

- Residential Parking – R Permits

Mr. Tannenbaum said that certain streets were omitted in the State report for R permits. Certain residents came forward and made it known that their streets should be included.

Mr. Tannenbaum stated that the suggested time from 7 am to 7 pm is too long, and the hours should be reduced. Mr. Sarnoff said the original time is 8 am to 6 pm posted on signage.

Mr. Rosenblum stated that there are strict guidelines for commuter parking.

Mr. Tannenbaum said the following streets need to be added:

1. Old White Plains Road from Grand Street to New Street.
2. Jefferson Avenue Extension to North Barry Avenue
3. Madison Street between Old White Plains Road and Grand Street.

Mr. Keck moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Tannenbaum, to add the following streets to the original list for R Permits designation:

1. Old White Plains Road from Grand Street to New Street.
2. Jefferson Avenue Extension to North Barry Avenue
3. Madison Street between Old White Plains Road and Grand Street.

Motion passed unanimously.

- Temporary R permits were discussed to allow for day-care workers, home-health aides, babysitters, etc., to park on Village streets on a temporary basis. The police department will enforce. The Board agreed.

Mr. Keck moved, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to approve Temporary R permits for home-health aides, babysitters, day-care workers, etc., to park on a temporary basis on Village streets. Police department will enforce. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

1. Draft January Minutes

On motion of Mr. Keck, seconded by Mr. Tannenbaum, the January 2017 minutes were approved. Motion passed with one (1) abstention (Salko)

Adjournment

On motion of Mr. Keck, seconded by Ms. Roberts, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m. Motion passed.

PREPARED BY:
Anne Hohlweck

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:
Agostino A. Fusco
Clerk-Treasurer