# DRAFT VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK BOARD OF TRAFFIC COMMISSIONERS THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2018

**PRESENT:** Chairman Abby Roberts, Brian Kerr, Joe Mazzullo,

Ed Zagajeski, Myron Tannenbaum, David Salko P.O. Deshensky, Police Department Liaison Dan Sarnoff, Assistant Village Manager

Nora Lucas, Traffic Commission Trustee Liaison

**ABSENT:** Shannon Purdy

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

#### **Old Business**

# 1. Fenimore Road safety issues

Mr. Sarnoff stated that there was another accident at this location recently that had to do with visibility. The Traffic Consultant will look at this area. This is in the DOT Region 8 section of southern Westchester.

#### 2. Traffic Study Visuals

Ms. Mary Pinto, resident, appeared to get more information about the traffic study. Mr. Sarnoff said the Traffic Consultant looked at the Washingtonville area, and the Rye Neck school area.

Ms. Pinto talked about Frank Avenue and no sidewalks. The road is narrow with parking on both sides. It is a dangerous area in which to walk. She said motorists from Bellows School cut through Frank Avenue, and speed. Mr. Sarnoff noted that residents are often those who speed.

Trustee Lucas stated that the next Comprehensive Plan meeting will address traffic matters which will allow for public input. She said speed humps will be addressed.

Mr. Kerr inquired about the subcommittee for the traffic study that was discussed at an earlier meeting. Ms. Roberts asked that he check with Ms. Purdy on setting up this subcommittee.

Mr. Sarnoff offered to send Ms. Pinto the traffic study link via e-mail. Ms. Pinto gave to Mr. Sarnoff her e-mail address.

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## 3. Beach and Tompkins Lights

Mr. Sarnoff said that activating lights at this location is on Con Edison's list. Con Edison still has unfinished work related to the recent storms. He will follow up. Put on July agenda.

# 4. Accidents Data Report – Mamaroneck Avenue

Mr. Sarnoff said a lot of accidents occur on arterial roadways such as the Boston Post Road and Mamaroneck Avenue, and many of the accidents are rear-end collisions.

He said that cars backing out of spaces on Mamaroneck Avenue from the railroad bridge to the Post Rd is problematic.

Mr. Mazzullo talked about oversized SUV's backing in and that these SUV's have an overhang over the rear wheels. When backing in to a parking spot, one's vehicle could hover over the sidewalk, and possibly hit a parking meter or pole. He mentioned that apparatus attached to the back of these vehicles for carrying bikes, towing boats, etc. could be an issue for pedestrians if they walk into the device when not paying attention.

Mr. Sarnoff said that studies have shown that backing into a parking space and then driving straight out of the parking space has a better result and there is a big reduction in accidents.

Ms. Roberts said to wait on this matter since proposals have come in and this matter is currently being reviewed.

#### 5. Mamaroneck Avenue Parking (RFP)

Mr. Sarnoff stated that they have received a number of Proposals from engineering firms to change parking on Mamaroneck Avenue. Chief Leahy, Mr. Sarnoff and Ms. Purdy will review the responses.

#### 6. Speeding on Boston Post Road

Officer Deshensky noted that speeding occurs at a high rate on this roadway and drivers are ticketed. A speed board was suggested to be put up near the high school that flashes a motorist's speed. Mr. Sarnoff said he will speak to Chief Leahy. Put on July agenda.

# 7. Harbor Island Parking

Village of Mamaroneck Board of Traffic Commissioners May 10, 2018 Page 2 of 4 Trustee Lucas said there has been parking complaints regarding the road between the east and west basin parking lot. Also, there was a request to eliminate roadway parking behind the sewage treatment plant near the field where families park for sports. The Recreation Commission to give input.

Discussions continued when leaving Harbor Island. The left and right-hand turns were discussed. The right lane is for right turns only but the lane could be used for driving straight out as well. Mr. Sarnoff said he will look into and report back. Put on July agenda.

# 8. Seney Avenue – Parking

Mr. Tannenbaum mentioned that this was previously addressed at a much earlier traffic meeting. There is one block of Seney Avenue that has no parking on both sides. Mr. Sarnoff said he will look at the street before the next meeting. The fire department will need to weigh in, and the Fire Chief will give his recommendation for parking. This was voted on in November 2010 for no parking on both sides of Seney Avenue from Walton to Claflin Avenues. Put on July agenda.

## **New Business**

### 1. Cortlandt Avenue Parking

Mr. David Burger, resident, appeared for a final recommendation on this matter and stated that he attended a BOT meeting. He said he tried to speak with the representative from the building across the street but hasn't been successful. Mr. Sarnoff said he too made a call, but there was no response or returned call, and will try again to make contact.

Trustee Lucas said representatives from each of the two buildings are to meet with the Village Manager in attempts to reach an agreement on parking.

Mr. Zagajeski said that the Traffic Commission has done their part and Village Administration is now involved who will try to work this out. He recommended that no action be taken by the Traffic Commission based on a future meeting that is to be set up.

Trustee Lucas said that if this meeting cannot be arranged, then the BOT will take action.

### 2. ZBA applications – (Transmittal Sheet)

Ms. Roberts looked over ZBA packages given to her for review to determine if there were any parking issues or traffic flow obstructions. The ZBA files were all okay. No action taken.

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# **Other**

- Trustee Lucas addressed resident's concerns about speeding on Beach Avenue and Tompkins Avenue and people cutting through the streets. Discussion followed. Speeding has been addressed at these locations at previous traffic meetings. Enforcement is necessary.
- Trustee Lucas said on Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup> that there will be a Comprehensive Plan workshop meeting open to the public. Traffic matters will be addressed.
- Trustee Lucas also mentioned that on Thursday, June 14, there will be a Comprehensive Plan update meeting and she encouraged the Traffic Commissioners to attend.
- Ms. Roberts said there will be no June 14 Traffic meeting so that Board members can attend the Comprehensive Plan update meeting.
- No June meeting.
- Next Traffic Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, July 12.

## Minutes

# 1. Draft April Minutes

On motion of Mr. Zagajeski, seconded by Mr. Tannenbaum, the April Minutes were approved as amended. Motion passed.

#### Adjournment

On motion of Mr. Salko, seconded by Mr. Zagajeski, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Motion passed.

PREPARED BY: RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Anne Hohlweck Agostino A. Fusco Clerk-Treasurer