

**Village of Mamaroneck**  
**Traffic Commission Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2023**  
**Meeting held at the Regatta Conference Room**  
**Minutes Prepared by Robert Stark**

**Present:** Ryan Buck, Chairperson; Commission Members: David Brown; Richard Clifford; Michael Star, Robert Stark; Leilani Yizar-Reid, Trustee Liaison; Andy LaRocco, Fire Department; Dan Sarnoff, Assistant Village Manager

**Absent:** Laura Abbate; Tina Maresca, Safe Routes to School; and Lt. Falcone, VOM PD representative.

Ryan made a motion to open the meeting at 7:03 pm. Michael seconded. All in favor.

**New Business**

**Discussion on how to revise the Vision Zero Program**

**Issue:** Follow up on Vision Zero presentation by Shannon Purdy.

**Discussion:** Ryan reported that the Comp Plan recommendations included revising the Vision Zero program. This should be part of an improved communication effort on the part of the VOM to educate and inform residents that this is a serious and important issue. There is federal funding available. How do we get the message out to the community? It was suggested that we work with neighborhood organizations, local communities and residents who are interested in getting the message out to their communities. We need to collect relevant traffic data, both pre-pandemic and post-pandemic. For example, (1) how many more vehicles are on the road now and (2) has there been an increase in accidents? Dan reported that many car accidents occur at signal light intersections. Michael reminded everyone of the impact of Police enforcement, and we all agreed on the need for increased police enforcement for traffic violations. Dan commented that the VOM is associated with the Westchester County Traffic Safety Board and would know how to get this kind of data from the County. He also recommended creating a "heat" map to identify specific issues. The purpose in collecting this data is to make residents aware of the seriousness of the problem. All agreed we should include Matt Carmody and the Village Planner in this discussion. Robert also recommended involving the schools in this project because we involve both the parents and the kids. We should ask the OCRA High School kids if they would be interested in participating. Ryan suggested (1) matching Vision Zero with Walk to School week and (2) distributing Vision Zero T-shirts. A suggestion was made to look at the success of this program in Jersey City.

**Action:** The goals are to (1) educate the community on traffic and pedestrian safety, (2) persuade motorists to safely and (3) pedestrians to be more aware when they walk in the Village. Ryan will reach out to Shannon and Leilani will reach out to Chief Diruzza on getting relevant traffic data.

**Hoyt and Mamaroneck Avenue – Confusing Lane Directionals**

**Issue:** Response to email from resident's request to clarify which traffic lane on Hoyt will lead to the train station entrance; it is confusing to drivers. David suggested painting arrows on the street. The second issue is to increase safety when making a left turn from Mamaroneck Avenue on to Hoyt.

**Discussion:** Dan will s/w the TOM since they will be analyzing the general traffic corridor in preparation for the Waverly Avenue Bridge project.

**Action:** Michael will contact the resident. Dan will speak to DPW. The TOM will evaluate these issues in preparation for the Waverly Bridge project. Dan will look into it. Requested that drivers making the left turn onto Hoyt see a Left turn traffic authorization.

## **Palmer and Delancey - Crosswalks**

Issue: Request for crosswalks at this location.  
Discussion: Dan reported the crosswalks have been painted.  
Action: None required.

## **Old Business**

## **Palmer and Rockland - Crosswalks**

Issue: Request for crosswalks at this location.  
Discussion: Dan reported the crosswalks have been painted.  
Action: None required.

## **Rye Neck – Safe Routes to School Program**

Issue: At a previous meeting, David raised the issue of the need for Rye Neck to have a SRTS program.  
Discussion: David reported that Tina contacted the superintendent's office at Rye Neck schools. Tina also spoke with Hala from Union Avenue. Dan recommended contacting Rye Y.  
Action: Tina will help Rye Neck set up the SRTS program.

## **Matt Carmody – Quarterly Schedule to attend TC Meetings**

Issue: Discuss Matt Carmody's quarterly schedule to attend our meetings.  
Discussion: Dan suggested that Elaine Du from AKRF, one of Carmody's associates, attend meetings instead of Matt. It would be less expensive.  
Action: This would start in early 2024.

## **Union Avenue – Update on the work to be done**

Issue: Updates on Union Avenue project.  
Discussion: The Village Manager assured us and the residents of Union Avenue that all the work would be completed by the end of August. However, now we are told that the work won't be done until April 2024 and that it requires additional planning and design. Leilani stated she would follow up with the Village Manager to find out why this was mishandled.  
Action: Work on Union at Tompkins won't start until April 2024. Leilani will speak to the Village Manager and report back to the TC.

## **Spruce at Tompkins – safety issue for kids walking to FASNY school.**

Issue: Richard reported a safety issue for kids walking to FAS; cars do not stop at the stop sign at Spruce and Tompkins.  
Discussion: This is primarily due to the increased traffic on this road due to the construction at Mamaroneck Avenue and BPR.  
Action: None

## **Washingtonville – Pedestrian Traffic safety Update**

Issue: Pedestrian safety issues raised by Laura at a previous meeting.  
Discussion: Not discussed because Laura was not present.  
Action: Will be added to next month's agenda.

## **Communications and Response to Residents**

Issue: Update on how to improve communication and response to residents.

Discussion: None

Action: David will distribute his comments and suggestions to the TC for discussion at our next meeting.

### **OWPR/Grand/E. OWPR – 5-way stop – walking study update**

Issue: Update on proposed walking study.

Discussion: Dan reported that Matt Carmody looked at general traffic safety issues at this location last year. Dan will provide us with a general summary of Carmody's findings and recommendations so we can discuss them at our December meeting.

Action: Dan will distribute Carmody's report.

### **Boston Post Road – Crossing at Fenimore and Delancey**

Issue: Update on the project by NYSDOT.

Discussion: Dan reported that he is meeting with the resident engineer of Westchester County NYSDOT on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Robert requested that since it will take considerable time before the traffic signals can be synched, that the VOM put signs on Fenimore alerting drivers to yield to pedestrians crossing BPR. It was suggested to put the Yield to Pedestrian signs on the cable on BPR for better visibility. Dan will check if a motion is required by the TC.

Action: Dan will follow up on his meeting with the rep from NYSDOT and provide an update for our next meeting. He will also look into the idea of the Yield to Pedestrian signs.

### **Waverly Avenue Bridge Project - Update**

Issue: Status of project.

Discussion: Dan reported that the TOM and the VOM have reached a tentative agreement so that the work can proceed.

Action: The TOM will look for ways to improve the traffic flow.

### **FASNY at New Street and Underhill – Update on Stop and No Parking signs**

Issue: Update on the Stop and No Parking signs

Discussion: Robert reminded Dan about the Stop Sign request on Underhill and the No Parking sign requested at the corner of New Street and Grand opposite the Church.

Action: Dan will follow up on both the Stop Sign and the No Parking sign.

### **Royal Place and OPR – Crosswalk and Hedge Trimming**

Issue: Follow up on trimming the hedges and painting the crosswalk at Royal and OPR.

Discussion: According to Dan, the crosswalk does not require BOT approval.

Action: Dan will follow up with DPW about the hedges, which is apparently very short-staffed at this time. Dan will have the contractor who will be doing the sidewalk paint the crosswalk.

### **490 Bleeker Avenue – Handicapped Parking Request**

Issue: A resident from 490 Bleeker with a physical disability requested a handicapped parking space.

Discussion: Robert reported that the Condo Board at this property is unable to provide a place for the resident to park on the property. His only option is for the VOM to add a handicapped parking space on the street.

Action: How should this be resolved?

### **Mamaroneck Avenue and I-95 – Follow up for Tina**

Issue: Fix this – listen to video!

Discussion:

Action:

### **Rockland and Waverly Avenues crosswalk - Follow up for Tina**

Issue: Both Tina and Robert had previously requested that the crosswalk at this location be painted ASAP.

Discussion: Robert again requested that the crosswalk at this location be painted ASAP.

Action: Dan will have the contractor do it ASAP.

### **Crosswalk at Walters on Palmer Avenue - Follow up for Tina**

Issue: Request for a pedestrian-safe crosswalk on Palmer by Walters Hot Dogs.

Discussion: Dan reported that the County gave permission to add the crosswalk and the design will include a flashing light.

Action: Awaiting project completion.

### **Prospect and Fenimore – Traffic Accident follow up.**

Issue: Recent vehicular accident at this location reported by Katherine Desmond. Ryan responded.

Discussion: Dan reported that width reduced from 58 to 25 feet on Fenimore. Need to replace traffic safety structure damaged by vehicle.

Action:

### **412 N. Barry – fix parking space by the driveway**

Issue: Need to resolve a misunderstanding with DPW as to how to fix a previously resolved issue at this location.

Discussion:

Action: Dan will review the Resolution and fix the parking space by the driveway at 412 N. Barry.

Ryan thanked Michael Star for his participation and passion in helping to resolve traffic and pedestrian issues during his time on the Traffic Commission.

Ryan made a motion to accept the minutes from July 19, 2023. David seconded. All voted in favor.

Michael made a motion to accept the minutes from October 11, 2023. Ryan seconded. All voted in favor.

There being no further business before the Commission, Ryan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 pm. David seconded. All in favor.