

Traffic Safety Committee, Meeting Minutes, January 19, 2024

Commander Whitehead called the meeting to order at 9:02 hours

Members Present: Commander Whitehead, Jim Rotondo and John McCann

Members Absent: Chief Kilcullen, Ted Gillen and Bradley LaFaso of LaFaso Electric

NEW BUSINESS – No New Business was discussed today

Other Old Business

Pedestrian button to trigger lights at intersection of Route's 4 & 7 - Commander Whitehead mentioned that he had talked with Chief Kilcullen the other day about pedestrian crosswalk button and the traffic lights up by Grand Union/Route 7. The pedestrian crosswalk button needs to trigger the lights to be Red. John McCann thought Mayor Doenges had said that it's capable, just need to change it. Jim Rotondo mentioned that we had changed the lights to switch to flashing, from 11:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Jim mentioned that he thinks that we need an exclusive phase. John McCann thought the issue in this area is in the morning hours. Jim mentioned that he would talk to Brad at Lafaso Electric regarding this. John McCann asked if he could also look to see if there is a need to switch back from flashing, earlier in the morning. He also stated that if we can get the pedestrian button to trigger traffic lights, rather than make the switch back from flashing earlier, it would work better.

Old Speed limit signs - Jim Rotondo stated that at a previous Traffic Safety Committee meeting, there was a question regarding Speed limit signs and where they were in the City. Jim stated that there are 11 signs North to South on Main Street and 5 on Woodstock Avenue. Commander Whitehead think's our mentioning was because some stop signs had been taken down & not replaced. If the City determines we need more, we can put them up. Jim provided us with a list of the current Stop signs in our City. The paving project for Route 4 & Route 7 is being bid today. As part of this project, all old stop signs will come down and be replaced.

Jim Rotondo stated that all Old Business is taken care of and the "Blind driveway" sign was installed on Crescent Street bridge to warn traffic of a driveway, there.

John McCann mentioned how we just had a pretty good snowstorm and asked if there were any issues with the parking ban. Any discussion to change it in the future? Commander Whitehead stated that they did ticket a lot of people for parking on the streets during this winter parking ban. There are 4 or 5 signs up to advertise the winter parking ban. He said that we usually try to put out warnings the first couple of weeks of winter. Recently, a local landlord received a winter parking ban ticket and asked where winter parking ban signs are posted. John stated that City Hall has a notice up there. Commander Whitehead stated that the Police Department posts notices about the Winter parking ban on our page on Facebook. We should talk about this further. Jim mentioned a previous Traffic Safety Committee meeting where everyone was present where we discussed needing to do some research and check with other Towns to see what they do in the Winter regarding parking and what works. It was too late to make a change to the Winter parking ban for this current year.

Meeting adjourned at 09:14 Hours.

Submitted by Nora J. Moore, Records Clerk

