



TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

TOWN OF GUILDERLAND

Minutes for Committee Meeting on May 1, 2008

Attendees: **Present:** - Mike Hotaling who chaired the meeting, Norine Molloy, Patricia Slavick, Joe Hallenbeck, and Jerry Houser who recorded the minutes.
Absent: Lieutenant Cox, Scott Snide, Betty McGowan and Minnie Lee

Meeting began at 7:10PM.

- 1) **Minutes** - The minutes from the February 21, 2008 meeting were adopted as submitted.

Unfinished Business

- 1) **Valley Lane at Country Road** – This request for the installation of a stop sign on Valley Lane at Country Road has been sent to the Town Board for consideration with the TSC recommendation for approval. Following his attendance at a sign seminar, Mike created and completed a form to accompany the recommendation package. The form will provide the Town Board with specific information related to the recommendation. The intersection has limited sight distances especially to the left as a driver approaches the intersection. N/F/A
- 2) **Review Letters** – The TSC reviewed correspondence related to the traffic at Mercy Care Lane/Route 20 and Route 158/Route 20. Both of these matters are under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation (DOT).
 - **Mercy Care and Route 20**- DOT once again stated that a traffic signal at this location would be inappropriate and reiterated that the Winding Brook Drive road should be used by library patrons and others who wish to exit to the east on Route 20. DOT stated that they will again make that recommendation should the library expand at which time DOT will be asked for its recommendation. The DOT response was in reply to a letter from Brian Hartson, President of the library.
 - **Routes 158 and 20** – In response to a letter from Briana Del Bene of Altamont, DOT conducted a traffic study of this intersection. The study did not support Ms. Del Bene’s claim that westbound traffic on Route 20 during the morning rush hour incurred extensive delays when making a left turn on to Route 158 toward Altamont. The DOT study indicated: “In all instances the vehicle was able to complete their maneuver [turn] in the next traffic cycle, [if it couldn’t make the turn on the first cycle] and the associated queues cleared up quickly.”

New Business

- 1) **Norman Avenue** – A local resident complained that cars westbound on Rte. 20 were turning into Norman Avenue as a short-cut to Rte. 155 to avoid delays at the intersection of Rtes. 20 and 155. The complainant also indicated that cars were travelling too fast. There was some question among TSC members as to why a driver would take this short-cut since there are two left turn lanes at Rte. 155. Also, it is difficult for cars to turn left on to Rte. 155 from Seward Street to drive toward Voorheesville. The TSC agreed to install a traffic counter at the location to measure speed and volume. T/B/C
- 2) **North Parkway Drive** – Resident on this street reports speeding and asks for some kind of traffic calming including speed-limit signs. This street is quite short, includes approximately 8 houses and is a cul-de-sac. The area is properly signed. The TSC agreed to distribute the TSC postcards to each of the houses on the street. N/F/A
- 3) **215 Placid Drive** – Resident requests Deaf Child Sign on both approaches to their house. Mike will request that the parent complete the necessary information form and will proceed to install both signs. N/F/A
- 4) **Via Ponderosa at Pinyon Drive** – Resident requests a 3-way stop at this intersection. The intersection has been studied in the past by the TSC with the resulting installation of one stop sign on Pinyon Drive at Via Ponderosa. A visit to the site by TSC members did not indicate any changes in circumstances. However, the TSC will install a traffic counter to determine volume, traffic direction and speed. Accident history will also be reviewed. T/B/C

NEXT MEETING: May 28, 2008

Public Present

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