

Notes from Traffic Safety Working Group Meeting of August 25, 2016  
3:30 PM, 425 Cherry Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, Bedford Hills, NY

Present: Mel Padilla, Jeff Osterman, Kevin Winn, Drew Marchiano, Andy Guich, Mary Beth Kass (phone), Michelle Brooks, Chris Burdick

Village Green – Traffic Calming Kevin Winn and Jeff Osterman discussed possible short term remedy would be a raised crosswalk or speed hump. They discussed it with BFD and they would favor it. Chief Padilla said the raised crosswalk accomplishes both slowdown of traffic and visibility. Benefit is that no NYS DOT approval would be needed, it could be carried out quickly and it is relatively inexpensive (unless did Belgian block or brick) and certainly within the \$50,000 set aside for traffic calming in that Village Green area. The concept was sent to BVHDRC for comment. Recommendation to the Town Board should await response.

Truck Scales Chief Padilla reported that on August 9, PD carried out first enforcement with NYS DOT. Purpose of the enforcement is safety driven. 22 summons were issued. Many were landscaping trucks. Another enforcement detail is scheduled for 8/26. Quite time-consuming with only one set of scales. He suggests purchase of another set of scales at \$10,000. Drew Marchiano asked what the split is with the state on the fines. Chief replied that it varies, but many of the fines are high and the locality retains a good portion of them. One example is a \$275 fine of which the town retains \$225. No local law required as the Town writes under the state code.

Variable Message Board Chief Padilla believes they are very effective and there is much need for them. They use both for large scale events. It would assist to get message out to motorists to have a third. They cost \$15,000 each. Chris Burdick mentioned that Comptroller Zambrano has advised that funds would be available in 2016 budget for additional traffic safety equipment and could purchase the truck scales and variable message board.

Parkway and Bedford Road All agreed on the need to address the intersection by the library. Chief Padilla, Kevin Winn and Jeff Osterman have been out to the site a number of times and also discussed it with Deirdre Courtney Batson. The suggest recommending the following, but writing to property owners what we are considering:

- 1) Replace yield signs with stop signs
- 2) Install a rapid flash beacon at the northeast intersection.
- 3) Narrow down Parkway with concrete planters
- 4) Trim the bushes at Lawrence Circle and other areas where line of sight is obstructed.
- 5) Create a “refuge island” at the median on Parkway.
- 6) Increase length of the no parking zone closest to the crosswalk in front of the library

Allison Road – Complaint Regarding Speeding

Chief Padilla said he would deploy arrange for a speed study.

Guard Hill & Route 22

Will be considering what might be done to relieve safety problems at the intersection which has long been on the BVHDRC list.