

**TOWN OF BEDFORD
WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NY**



**Traffic Safety Working Group
Meeting Notes
3:30 PM October 19, 2017
Town Offices
425 Cherry Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Bedford Hills, New York**

Members in Attendance: Kevin Winn, Drew Marchiano, Jeff Osterman, Mel Padilla, Chris Burdick, Michelle Brooks (via phone), Andy Guich. Also in attendance: Tom Diebold, Bryan Healy.

1. Traffic Calming/Safety Measures:
 - a. Valley Road/Cottage Place
 - i. Commissioner Winn met with the neighbors near the intersection. The road has now been striped to keep vehicles near the center of the roadway.
 - ii. It was decided to install a concrete sidewalk approximately 200 feet long from Cottage Place to New Street, which would then allow pedestrians to safely cross at New St.
 - iii. The work has been scheduled to be completed in Spring 2018.
 - b. Church Street/Babbitt Road
 - i. The primary concern here is for students walking to Bedford Hills Elementary School.
 - ii. The location is not ideal for a crosswalk – sight distance is poor.
 - iii. It was also decided that a sidewalk installation would allow student walkers to travel to a location where better sight distance would allow for safe crossing.
 - iv. The work has been scheduled to be completed in Spring 2018.
 - v. Police will do a count of students crossing at both this intersection and North Street/Babbitt Road. Chief Padilla is confident that the count will show, based on pedestrian and vehicular volume, neither location requires a crossing guard per the NHTSA guidelines.
 - c. Haines Road/Bedford Road
 - i. Supervisor Burdick reported that the last meeting with NYS DOT (that occurred in August) seemed promising.
 - ii. The DOT confirmed that a pedestrian-activated blinker is scheduled to be installed but timetable is unknown.
 - iii. The possibility of moving the crosswalk north to Railroad Avenue was also discussed.
 - d. Oak Road/Woodfield Road
 - i. Work on narrowing the intersection has been completed; positive feedback has been received thus far from the neighborhood.
 - e. Huntville Road/Glen Ridge Road
 - i. Parents have requested an additional crosswalk near the intersection of Huntville and Glen Ridge to help cross safely between Katonah Elementary School and its visitor parking lot.

- ii. The school has reviewed the request and agrees with the proposal.
 - iii. A public hearing has been scheduled for November 9 on the elimination of two parking spaces on Huntville to allow space for the new crosswalk.
 - f. Bedford Village Parking Regulations
 - i. New temporary parking regulations have been put into effect in the Village Green area of Bedford Village. These parking regulations are in effect through November 30.
 - ii. The Bedford Village Business Association will be polling its members and will provide feedback to the town on how the parking regulations could be improved/amended.
 - iii. Depending on the feedback received, the regulations may become permanent.
- 2. Snow/Leaves on Town Roadways:
 - a. Commissioner Winn stated that any situation involving snow/leaves which cause a safety concern are addressed by DPW staff.
 - b. Andy Guich mentioned a specific location on Valley Road where leaves collect on the sidewalk, forcing pedestrians out into the street. Commissioner Winn will investigate and send a letter if necessary.
 - c. It was decided to look into sending a notice to all homeowners via the quarterly water billing reminding them of the rules around leaf/snow deposit on town roadways. The police department will supplement this notice by increasing enforcement efforts where possible.
- 3. Speed Studies – Police Department
 - a. Lieutenant Diebold gave an update on the various speed studies that the department has conducted over the past month:
 - i. Woodfield Road before the turn: Speed study done from September 21 to September 27 – 85th percentile was 23 MPH.
 - ii. Oak Road past Stepping Stones: Speed study done from October 5 to October 13 – 85th percentile was 27 MPH.
 - iii. Roosevelt Drive: Speed study done from October 6 to October 13 – 85th percentile was 27 MPH.
 - iv. Middle Patent Road: Speed study done from September 21 to October 2 – 85th percentile was 34 MPH.
 - b. Chief Padilla acknowledged that the speed studies all show that the majority of motorists are driving the speed limit in most cases (speed limit on the above roads is 30 MPH).
 - c. Sergeant Comunale will be following up with the requestors of the speed studies to let them know of the outcome.
 - d. The police department is currently conducting speed studies on Huntville Road and Valley Road and will be deploying a variable message board on McLain Street over the next few days.