

**TOWN OF BEDFORD
WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NY**



**Minutes of Meeting
3:30 PM, October 20, 2016
Town Offices
425 Cherry Street, 2d Room Conference Room
Bedford Hills, NY**

Present: Wendy Camerik, Drew Marchiano, Jeff Osterman, Mel Padilla, Kevin Winn, Chris Burdick, Mary Beth Kass (by phone).

Village Green- Traffic Calming

Kevin Winn and Jeff Osterman explained that based on comments received from the Bedford Village Historic District Review Commission, Hahn Engineering (the Town's Engineers), will prepare revised plans of a raised crosswalk (brick and cobblestone) in front of the firehouse (replacing the existing crosswalk) and a speed hump between the driveway to the Presbyterian Church and the intersection of Village Green and Route 172. The revised plans then would be circulated among stakeholders in Bedford Village for further review and comment.

Construction would take place next year at the earliest. The question would then be whether to pave the road at the same time.

Valley Road and Winding Lane Residents had complained about parked vehicles on the shoulder impeding traffic flow. Kevin Winn reported that a letter was sent to residents of Valley Road and Winding Lane regarding options ranging from no parking permitted at all to a four hour limit. Valley Road residents favored a four hour limitation and Winding Lane residents favored no parking. This will be recommended to the Town Board for its November 1 meeting.

MTA Proposed Plans for Railroad Crossing (Jay Street) Jeff Osterman explained that DOT had positive feedback some 10 years ago regarding plans which the Town had prepared, but then nothing progressed due to no available funding. The most recent draft report from the DOT's consultant, in fact, are based on those plans. All the recommendations regarding signage have been implemented. Another key feature of the plans is a walkway running across the tracks. It was suggested that there be a public information meeting on the plans to discuss with the community before we proceed further on it.

Lawrence Circle/Parkway Staff reported back that a recommendation would be made to the Town Board at its November 1 meeting with the following:

- 1) Replace yield signs with stop signs
- 2) Narrow down Parkway with concrete planters
- 3) Trim the bushes at Lawrence Circle and other areas where line of sight is obstructed.

4) Create a “refuge island” at the median on Parkway.

5) Increase length of the no parking zone closest to the crosswalk in front of the library.
Parkway & Gazebo A resident had raised concerns about drivers entering the one way at Katonah Avenue after crossing the railroad tracks toward the hamlet. DPW will move the “Do Not Enter” sign presently behind the gazebo, so that it is more visible.

Dunkin Donuts at Haines/Cherry A resident had suggested that the traffic flow be changed to improve safety with respect to vehicles entering and exiting the site. Exiting vehicles confront a difficult intersection. One possibility is an arrow on the road surface to help direct traffic. Staff will report back to the TSWG at its next meeting.

Truck Scales The acquisition of truck scales now enable the Bedford Police Department in cooperation with NYS DOT to carry out enforcement actions against dangerous overweight trucks. Chief Padilla reported that the Police Department had received its second set of scales. The second set of scales was acquired to speed the enforcement details because each axle has to be weighed requiring one axle at a time to be weighed. The second set allows both axles to be weighed at the same time. The new scales now need to be calibrated and NYS will need to certify them. Chief Padilla reported that four enforcement details have been carried out, for the most part jointly with DOT. DOT identifies violations and BPD issues the violations. Over 100 safety related violations have been issued.

Speed Study for Allison Road In response to a complaint by a resident of Allison Road, a speed study was conducted. Chief Padilla reported that the study clocked the speed of 2991 cars and it showed that 85% of the vehicles were travelling at 30 MPH (the posted speed limit). No further action would be warranted given the outcome of the study.

The following is the schedule of upcoming meetings:

Thursday, 12/8/2016 @ 3:30PM
Thursday, 02/16/2017 @ 3:30PM
Thursday, 04/20/2017 @ 3:30PM
Thursday, 06/22/2017 @ 3:30PM
Thursday, 08/17/2017 @ 3:30PM
Thursday, 10/19/2017 @ 3:30PM
Thursday, 12/14/2017 @ 3:30PM

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