

MT. LEBANON TRAFFIC BOARD

Meeting Date: April 4, 2018
Members Present: Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Waine, Ms. Krieger, Ms. Green
Staff Present: Officer Crabb, Ms. Kostelich

Mr. Fitzgerald opened the meeting.

Agenda Item 1: Roll Call, Mr. Glock, Mr. Sloan and Ms. Amin were absent.

Agenda Item 2: Opening Remarks from Chair

Agenda Item 3: Meeting Notes from March 7, 2018

Motion was made to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2018 meeting. Motion was approved and passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Agenda Item 4 Request for Stop Signs, Crosswalks and Pedestrian Stanchions at Intersection of Hoodridge Drive and Rockwood Avenue.

Mr. Haberman stated he reviewed 2 previous studies of this intersection that determined stop signs were not warranted on Hoodridge. He also reviewed the criteria and information regarding the Yield to Pedestrian Channelizing Devices. He stated devices must be placed directly on a double yellow line within the driver's sight distance, and painting lines is not feasible due to parking being permitted on the street. Mr. Haberman stated they also reviewed the crosswalk on Hoodridge and determined it should be repainted; he will coordinate with Public Works to have the painting scheduled consistently due to paint on the brick surface fading quickly. Mr. Haberman also did not recommend a crosswalk on the Rockwood approach to Hoodridge Drive due to the width of the intersection. Mr. Haberman also pointed out that, technically, all intersections have crosswalks even if they are not marked and there is no regulation prohibiting or requiring the installation of a painted crosswalk.

Commissioner McLean stated it was unfortunate that none of the criteria was met due to the multiple safety issues at the intersection, and he did not agree with the findings and believes the use of stop signs should be permitted due to safety issues.

Mr. McLean stated he will collect additional signatures for a new study to be completed. He also stated he will discuss with fellow Commissioners the need to add a "common sense" clause to the NTMP.

Mr. McLean felt double yellow lines could be painted near the intersection in order to use the stanchions. He stated vehicles do not park in the area of the intersection.

Board members discussed eliminating the curve on Rockwood and making it a straight T intersection. Mr. Haberman stated that would not fall under Traffic Calming but would be a Capital Improvement which would have to be approved by Commissioners.

No further action was taken.

Agenda Item 5: Request for School Zone designation and signage on Lebanon Drive between Cochran Road and Towercrest Drive.

Mr. Haberman received a copy of the existing school zone permit plans for the existing school zone and the plans confirm that school zone signage should be present on the southern side of Lebanon Avenue, specifically a "School Speed Limit 15" sign, an hourly restriction sign and he recommended that the existing "End School Zone" sign on the northern side of Lebanon Avenue be relocated to the west of Horsman Drive.

A motion was made to install and move the signage as recommended by Gateway Engineers. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

New Business:

Agenda Item 6: "Crosswalk Policy" Discussion

Mr. Haberman distributed a policy on the installation of crosswalks that was implemented by the Town of Brookline, Massachusetts. He stated that Municipal Manager McGill requested that the board review the policy and make recommendations on whether Mt. Lebanon should implement a similar policy. Board members will review and discuss further at the May 2, 2018 meeting.

Agenda Item 7: "Repeat Request/Re-evaluation Policy" Discussion.

Mr. Haberman stated that the purpose of a Repeat Request/Re-evaluation Policy would be to establish criteria for when a request for a particular intersection or neighborhood can be evaluated for any traffic control changes or traffic control measures when that area has already been evaluated for a similar request. Board members agreed a policy should be implemented and will further discuss at the May 2, 2018 meeting.

Agenda Item 8: Items from the Floor

No further items. Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

c. All Attendees
K. McGill
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