

Traffic Safety Work Group

September 20, 2023

9:45 AM

Via Zoom Meeting

Committee Attendees: Don Scott -Chair; Sgt. Nancy Wallwork-Police Dept.; David Dobbins; Brendan Keegan; Drew Marciano; Michael Weisburger

Committee Members Not in Attendance: Ellen Calves; Supervisor; Kevin Winn-Highway Dept.; Mary Cassidy; Jessica Youngblood-Planning Director; Geraldine Zikely

Guest Attendees: Resident: Kyle Cullam; Bobby Dennett; Maureen Morrissey; Mike Palladino

Town of Bedford Staff: Maria Arena-Police Dept.

NEW CONCERNS:

1. Beechwood Road

- Speeding (may not be out of legal range)
- Concern of stop sign compliance in area
- Safety concern - Kids play in street
- GPS apps guide vehicles on to this route
- Cut through road

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS/RESPONSE:

- Perceived speeding issue
- Speed study
- BPD details/enforcement
- Speed feedback sign
- Replace existing old "Kids at Play" signs
- Town road; possible engineering fix
- Possibility of speed bumps
- Look into lowering speed limit

2. Rte. 117 & Depot Plaza

- Town island not well aligned
- Cars make left on wrong side of median into oncoming traffic
- State road
- Left on Depot and left on Hill is confusing
- Multiple infractions observed per day

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS/RESPONSE:

- Painted street directional signs
- All changes must be presented to State
- Add more signs on island

3. Haines Road/Croton Lake/Rte. 117/Cherry St.

- a. Speed concerns
- b. Dangerous for pedestrians running or walking
- c. Blind curves at Twin Ponds, just past Wood Rd. & Kasho/Bulls Head
- d. Vehicles go into oncoming traffic at the blind curve without slowing down to avoid pedestrians
- e. Commercial vehicle compliance
- f. GPS guidance up Haines
- g. Issues making turns onto Haines/Cherry/Dunkin Donuts

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS/RESPONSE:

- Look into foliage cutback for improved visibility
- Signage and speed study to be explored
- Additional chevrons at turn by Bedford Hills Park
- Law not allowing tractor trailers on Haines unless making delivery
- Residents should notify BPD if law is broken
- Not a safe area for pedestrians

4. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

- Town enhancement on website
- Supervisor should promote link for traffic issues
- Include response email link
- To be reviewed by committee

UPDATES:

1. Cycling

- Planning events
- Recruit more members for Walk, Bike Bedford group
- Rides to highlight places for improvement
- Bedford Center Rd.-Vegetation cut back and improved
- Looking into making bike lanes on Bedford Center Rd.
- Cyclists safety tips to be republished into Supervisor's newsletter

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Court Rd.

- Enforceable 20 mph school zone speed limit
- Speeding from school traffic
- Additional Patrol at that time
- One-way issue even with all the signs
- Parking on the No Parking side
- Buses struggle to get through
- Excess signage causes confusion

2. Rte. 22/Court Rd.

- Legal parking space creates a safety issue
- Forces a wide turn

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS/RESPONSE:

- Take out parking space
- Square off corner
- Create a tighter turn
- Provide more visibility
- Add flex posts
- Additional BPD details

3. Bedford Post office & Theater

- People refuse to walk to crosswalks
- Do Not Cross Sign across from Theater is ignored
- Possible additional stanchions in street NOT at crosswalks
- State road

4. Sign Clutter

- Evaluate town sign inventory
- People do not pay attention to excessive signage
- Select the signs that add value
- Remove the less important/smaller signs

2023 Future Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, 11/15/23 @ 9:45 AM

Respectfully submitted,
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