

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, January 21, 2015

Meeting commenced at 1:10 p.m., Wednesday, January 21, 2015

Present at Meeting: Chief Melanson, Lt. Buckley, Scott Zenke , Matt Blume, Mike Vibert, Bill Warner, & Jim Platosh

I. Old Business:

1. **0914-03 – Burlington Fire Department Signage for Rails to Trails** – (Mike Boucher) – Mike Vibert reported no update on this Item, it will be reviewed again in the Spring.
2. **1214-02 – Share the Road Signage** – (Matt Blume) – It was reported that several roads were approved for the signage at the last TRB Meeting. This Item closed and re-opened if needed.

II. New Business:

1. **0115-01 – Request Block the Box Enforcement for Rte. 4 & Rte. 177** – (Marybeth Petersen) – It was suggested that a Town Ordinance and perhaps some Do Not Block the Intersection signs would help. Mike Vibert reported that the traffic from this intersection also backs up to the Fire House and makes it difficult to make a right turn out of the Fire House parking lot. Committee does not recommend the specific intersection markings. It was decided to send a letter to the State to request some “Do Not Block the Intersection” signs and to increase selective enforcement, police visibility and to also educate the public. Item closed.

III. Issues:

Center Line Rumble Strips – Matt Blume reported that the DOT has started a program for installing rumble strips in the center line of some roads and that he received a list of roads that they would consider installing the rumble strips on. Some of the roads listed were Coppermine Road, Fienemann Road, Middle Road, New Britain Avenue, Red Oak Hill and Town Farm Road. Matt Blume reported that the proposed rumble strips spacing and depth vary from what is typically installed nationally. The rumble strips are less frequent and shallower than standard, and the DOT has not yet conducted a study on their effectiveness. There are concerns with long-term pavement life given the rumble strips are to be installation at the centerline of the road, at a joint where pavement failures are common. Many of the roads that the State suggested are densely populated and would not be an appropriate candidate for this feature. After more discussion, it was recommended by the Committee, to have Matt Blume send a letter to the DOT stating we like the concept but are choosing to hold off on installation until additional information about their effectiveness can be obtained. Item Closed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m. The next TRB meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room of the Police Department.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Golas, Confidential Secretary