

Traffic Safety Committee, Meeting Minutes, 12-17-21

Chief Kilcullen called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M

NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposal to have 3 pedestrian crossings installed at the intersection of Stratton Road/Cessna Place, Stratton Road/Giorgetti Blvd and Stratton Road/Woodland Drive – Sarah Clapp

Jim mentioned that he looked at the above proposal and there are a lot of neighborhoods on East part of Stratton Road that can't get to the West part of Stratton Road. Based on the three proposed locations, we feel that 2 are viable.

At the Stratton Road/Giorgetti Blvd location, there is still a painted crosswalk. We think that we will make a little sidewalk and landing, there. We don't have money for flashing beacons. We'll do double signage. There are a lot of cars on Stratton Road. If we agree to do this, Jim showed what the configuration would be. The same thing goes for the Stratton Road/Woodland Drive location. It doesn't make sense to add a pedestrian crossing at the Stratton Road/Cessna Place. We have poles on left where we couldn't make a landing and it's way too close to the Stratton Road/Giorgetti Blvd proposed site. Devon supports this plan and mentioned that it doesn't create too many breaks in the roadway.

We currently have a flashing beacon light at Stratton Road/Freeman Avenue intersection. The Rutland Regional Medical Center paid for this light and the City put it in. Devon mentioned that if we put in a flashing beacon light at the Hill Pond Rd/Stratton Road/Harrington Avenue intersection, we could eliminate the crosswalk at the entrance to the Rutland High School. He feels that if they send a memo to the parents, we will be fine to do this. This wouldn't be done until next season. Devon thinks that we need to change the location of the crosswalk at the Harrington Avenue location and move it to Hillside Rd side. Jim mentioned that this is where we'd definitely want to have 36" signs. He will put this on the schedule for next season. Ted Gillen will reach out to Sarah Clapp and let her know. Devon said this is a great plan and thanked Jim for researching.

Jim mentioned that the pedestrian signs are 30" tall and the next group of pedestrian signs they ordered are 36" tall and were put up on Strongs Avenue and Merchants Row. Devon mentioned that he will take a look at them and see if he feels the sign size seems appropriate. Jim mentioned that if we think that 36" is too big, we can send them back. He also mentioned that if we return them, we may have to pay a restocking fee.

Chief Kilcullen asked what the determining factor is. Is it speed of road or is it traffic volume. Jim said the width of the road is the determining factor. Devon mentioned that from a safety point, maybe we need the 36" signs. Jim just doesn't want to get pushback from the public. Chief Kilcullen doesn't feel that the signs could be too big. It was decided to start putting keep the 36" signs that were recently installed and continue to order this size going forward.

OLD BUSINESS

“No parking this side” sign at 194/196 Columbian Avenue – Commander Delpha mentioned that it looks like the no parking sign at this location is working.

Parking restrictions regarding the Bemis Family property located near the dead end of Main Street Park – Devon wanted to mention that we forgot to mention that where the Bemis family home is located, there is no cut through traffic and it’s a dead end.

Changing the time of the traffic lights to blinking - Chief Kilcullen asked Jim if he took a look at changing traffic lights to blinking from midnight to 10 pm. Jim said he will bring it up with Brad. Chief mentioned that if our current equipment can’t change flashing red arrow, let’s switch to have them start flashing at 10 pm.

Concerns regarding West St./Merchants Row intersection - Jim mentioned that he talked to Brad about this. They will go out and get some measurements in the next couple of months.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:28 A.M.