

City of Beacon
Traffic Safety Committee
December 5, 2019
Agenda

Please note that the November Traffic Safety Committee Meeting fell on Thanksgiving so it was moved to December 5th. There was no December Traffic Safety Committee Meeting.

➤ Open Issues

1. Dummy Light
2. Commerce Street
3. Roundtree Court

➤ New Business

1. Scofield and Philips

Open Issues

1. Dummy Light

The Issue: Please see the letter below from a resident regarding traffic patterns at the Dummy Light.

"I have been having bad experiences at the dummy light. Yesterday was the most dangerous one though. People treat the railroad tracks like a crosswalk and it's not. There is also a downward hill there (so if someone walks in front of your car as you are rolling down it can be harder to stop) and drunk party people walking around, it's too dark as well.

Is there anything in the works to improve this area? There is a lot going on there and it's not well light at all or clear as to where to walk and people get confused (tourists) about where to turn etc. also, not well marked at all."

Committee Recommendation: A decision will be made based upon an interdisciplinary pedestrian and bicycle audit on Main Street.

October Follow Up: The Dummy Light is now flashing. PD will monitor. This item is open and is awaiting the Main Street Audit.

Update: A resident stopped by City Hall asking when the crosswalk will be painted.

2. Commerce Street Parking

The Issue: Please see the letter below from a resident on Commerce Street.

I'd like to request the addition of some No Parking signs around my driveway, which is on Commerce Street.

Because Commerce is a narrow, one-way street with parking on both sides of the street, I often have trouble getting in and out of my driveway. Cars are parked both too close to the driveway on my side of the street as well as on the opposite side, forcing me either to do a three- or five-point turn to get in or out, or simply preventing me from using my driveway at all. I share my driveway with my neighbors at 20 South Avenue, so this problem affects them as well.

A buffer zone of approximately five feet on each side of the driveway would resolve this issue and still leave plenty of parking spaces for neighborhood residents and visitors.

I'm happy to meet to discuss this request, if that would be helpful.

October Follow Up: This item is open and will be discussed at the next meeting.

3. Roundtree Court Parking

Three residents from Roundtree Court came and made the comments below:

- The street light between 61 and 63 is out
- Several stop signs need to be replaced
- All stop signs need to be codified
- Parking in the intersections is a problem
- The residents are requesting no parking signs in several locations, please see the map below. (The map is a little unclear, the residents are requesting no parking near the pool, and on the inside of the bends presented in yellow on the map.)

Committee Recommendation: MM will work with Central Hudson to turn the light back on. MM will replace the stop signs. CM will work with city attorneys to codify the stop signs. PD asked that the residents call whenever someone is illegally parked in the intersection. The committee will take the “no parking” requests under consideration at their next meeting.

New Business

Scofield and Philips Street

The engineer on the Philips Street Project included a 3 way stop in the plans. It will need to be codified.