



City of Beacon

Parking and Traffic Safety Committee

Minutes

August 25, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

1 Municipal Plaza, Beacon, NY 12508

Lower Level Classroom

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1. Unsafe Pedestrian Signage - Phillips and Wolcott Ave. & Hillside Dr. and Wolcott Ave.

Message from a resident:



I am writing to you concerning the low visibility pedestrian crosswalk signs at the intersection of Phillips St. and Wolcott Ave. (Please see attached photo).

Over the last several months I have noticed that Beacon has placed highly visible pedestrian signs near the new housing on Wolcott Ave. and Memorial Park. The new signage is excellent and it strikes me that this type of signage should be used throughout the City, especially in places where pedestrians are crossing heavily traveled roads like Wolcott Ave. Based on the recent Highland Current article,

The Slowdown Everyone Wants, it seems I am not the only one who is concerned about the safety of our crosswalks.

One of the reasons that my husband and I chose to live in the City of Beacon is because it is in many respects a walkable city. We have noted during milder weather that our neighbors also enjoy walking their dogs or toddlers in strollers. One street that we need to cross in order to reach Main Street is Wolcott Ave at Phillips St. While there are some slow traffic times, we have often experienced the following in attempting to safely cross the street:

- Many drivers seem unfamiliar with the concept that pedestrians have the right of way at crosswalks
- Many drivers exceed the 30 mph speed limit so we don't risk stepping into the crosswalk assuming that they are going to fast to stop in time even if they see us
- And, there are some good citizens who actually stop to let pedestrians cross the street -- we

consider that a win because once one driver stops, drivers from the other direction usually stop as well

Our assumption is that some drivers may be aware that pedestrians could be using the crosswalk at Wolcott and Phillips, but are not clear exactly where the crosswalk is located because it is not strongly marked as indicated in the attached photo. Nor is there any signage to inform drivers to slow down in case people are crossing the street.

As I am sure that the City does not want to see any more traffic fatalities, I request that a serious audit of pedestrian crosswalks that have not been upgraded with more visible signage be conducted not only in my neighborhood, but in other areas as well to ensure that drivers are alerted to the possibility that people may be crossing busy streets.

Solutions could be as simple as adding arrows to clearly point out the crosswalk, paint the sign poles a bright neon yellow to draw attention to the crosswalks, or refresh the crosswalk street markings. Of course, traffic lights would be great and also a way to slow traffic but better signage would be a welcome first step.

I would greatly appreciate a reply advising me of plans that the City has to improve pedestrian safety in Beacon as well as improving the signage at Phillips Street and Wolcott Ave. in the near future.

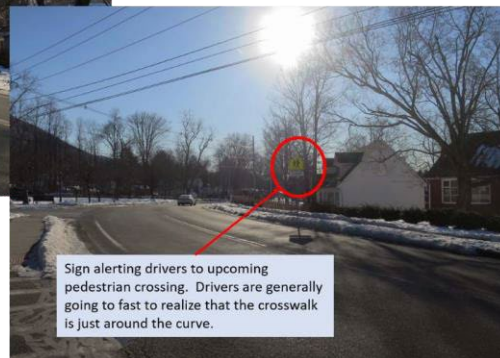
A second message from the same resident:

I took some additional photos of the crosswalk signage at Hillside Dr. and Wolcott which is also in my neighborhood. As I assume you are aware, this is a fairly busy area in warmer weather because of the entrance to the Mt. Beacon parking lot and the presence of many hikers.

Image A - the corner of Hillside Dr. and Wolcott is a school bus stop where students wait for the bus. Their wait also coincides with some early morning rush hour traffic which is often above the speed limit. It would seem that enhancing the visibility of the crosswalk sign would make sense not only for those crossing the street but also to help slow traffic for students congregated on the corner.

Image B - On the opposite side of Wolcott. The concern here is that the oncoming cars are often speeding up the hill. While there is a sign indicating a pedestrian crossing ahead before reaching the top of the hill, the drivers really can't anticipate how close the crosswalk is because of the curve.

Again as I suggested in my first email, it would be good to look at all the crosswalk signage on Wolcott as well as other busy streets that have not been upgraded. Solutions could be as simple as adding arrows to the signs that are located at the crosswalk.



February 3: Michael Manzi will look into installing crosswalk signs that are brighter and to adding reflecting material to the sign-posts. Further, Michael Manzi will continue looking into upgrading crosswalk signs.

February 24: The Highway Department determined that the signs of concern belong to New York State, but did add reflective tape to the posts for such. The item is continued to next meeting to discuss possible contact with DOT or the County for next steps.

March 24: The Highway Superintendent will ask NYS DOT to change signs to be brighter.

April 28: The City is awaiting response from NYS DOT.

May 26: The matter is continued for next meeting, still pending response from NYS DOT.

June 23: The matter is continued for next meeting, pending response from NYS DOT.

August 25: The matter will trail to the next Meeting. Highway Department will follow up with NYS DOT.

2. Pedestrian Safety crossing at East Main/Spring/ Washington

Message from Councilmember Aymar-Blair, on behalf of a Ward Four Resident:

I'd like to submit to the traffic safety committee a review of pedestrian safety crossing at East Main/Spring/Washington, notably for the droves of children on their way to and from Forrestal school in the mornings and afternoons. I'm happy about the one-way street on Spring but it did not address the concerns that are raised to me so often. We have to do something about this intersection; I believe stop signs and painted crosswalks are a necessity here.

Let me know if you have any questions. I've heard more complaints about this intersection than any other in Ward 4, and I want to stress how unsafe it is for pedestrians.

Have a good weekend!

All the best,
Dan

A Follow up message on the same matter: (received 5/6/22)

Can you please forward the following to the Traffic Safety committee. My first query is something they can probably easily answer without a meeting:

1. Thank you for the new striping at East Main and Washington. The minutes of the April 28th meeting don't mention any other measures to be taken at this intersection. I'm curious if there was any discussion about stop signs or anything else that can be done at this intersection. Is the idea that we'll

see how the newly painted crosswalks and then to come back to this? Reminder this is a major corridor for JV Forrestal students and their families.

2. I would like to suggest painting parking places on both sides of Howland between Wolcott and Kingdom Hall. Overflow mountain traffic continues to be a problem, blocking intersections as well as the outlet from Exeter Circle. With properly striped parking spots, it will be clear where to park and also enforceable. The added bonus is that this striping could be a badly needed traffic calming measure on Howland.

3. Lastly, I'd like to raise the need for a stop sign on Crescent where it meets Rende. Drivers come up Crescent and speed through that left hand turn to get to Phillips and Wolcott. Local residents have been complaining about this corner for some time. I raised this same issue two years ago but believe it's important to revisit. There is a stop sign at the other end of Crescent (at Phillips) with the same amount of traffic speeds and volumes we see at Crescent/Rende - information I didn't share last time. We need a hard stop here as there are children living and playing on Rende on both sides of this corner.

April 28: Department of Public Works will look into new cross walks as repainting Main Street and will update striping for pedestrian crosswalks at this location, if possible, on three of the four sides.

May 26: Regarding item number 1: there will be a new cross-walk painted at this location in the near future and the Committee recommended revisiting afterwards to see how that has helped with the above concerns. Further, the Committee has recommended permanent 'cross-walk ahead' sign to be installed along East Main Street past Russel.

Regarding item number 2: The Committee noted that the above-noted vehicle would be parked illegally if blocking the intersection. Further the Committee did not find it necessary to line the spots at this time given that the concerns noted primarily apply on weekends only.

Regarding item number 3: The Committee noted that at T-intersections traffic would be required to stop as-is under the law. The Police Department will look into the accident history of the intersection at issue and will follow up to find out the volume of complaints received about such.

June 23: The matter is continued for next meeting, pending Police update regarding accident history.

August 25: Highway Department reported that the new cross-walks have been painted at the area of concern. The matter will trail until the next meeting to add a 'Crosswalk Ahead' sign at Russel Street on one side.

3. Traffic Safety on Verplanck Ave. & Dutchess Terrace

Message from Councilmember Rhodes, on behalf of a Ward One Resident:

Here's the email from the Ward One resident (and maybe soon to be Tree Committee Member!) about the

intersection of Dutchess Terrace and Verplanck. It's interesting to have this come so shortly after the N. Walnut and Verplanck conversation, and to see the committee's discussion from March around making pedestrians at N. Walnut more visible. (Dutchess Terrace is also shortly after the crest of hill at Cross Street, to its east, so you have the some similar sight line issues.)

Cheers,
Molly

Message from the resident:

I am writing because I am concerned about the safety of the intersection of Verplank Avenue and Dutchess Terrace. This intersection is frequently used by pedestrians crossing from the neighborhood north of Verplank Avenue to access the Main Street area, as well as in the other direction. My daughter and several of my neighbor's children take piano classes out of a private home on Dutchess Terrace north of Verplank Avenue. These children are put at risk every time they walk to their music class.

The reason this intersection is especially dangerous is because it is on a hill and so it is difficult to see traffic coming from the eastern direction on Verplank Avenue. Traffic speeds up because of the hill and this intersection is not visible until a car is dangerously close. I have personally witnessed two car accidents at this location. In both cases I reported the accident so there may be some record of this.

I would like to request a traffic study at this intersection. If the study does not show a need for traffic calming measures, I would suggest we look at accident reports at this intersection.

The traffic calming measures I would suggest include:

- touch activated flashing light for pedestrians to cross
- brightly painted crosswalk
- pedestrian crossing sign with text on the NYS pedestrian right of way law and fines/penalty for violation
- a speed bump uphill of the intersection (east of Dutchess Terrace on Verplanck Avenue)

UPDATE (June, 2022): The Office of the City Administrator will send an official request once in receipt of emails from Chief VanVoorhis, Lt. Walden, Highway Superintendent Michael Manzi, and Committee Chair Matthew Dubetsky detailing why Verplanck specifically. These will be used in an official letterhead request to be sent to the County (email requesting such sent 6/7/22).

April 28: the Department of Public Works will revisit conducting a possible Traffic Study which would include Verplanck Avenue.

May 26: The Committee recommended to the City Administrator to work with Dutchess County to conduct a traffic safety study along Verplanck with specific attention to pedestrian safety and sidewalks included.

June 23: Committee members will provide written email justification for a Dutchess County Study and the City Administration will prepare a letterhead request for such.

August 25: The Police Department reported that there has been one accident at the area of concern since January of 2021. Committee members approved a draft letter requesting a Dutchess County Traffic Study along Verplanck. The committee also mentioned further specific areas of concern to be noted in the request: cross-walks on Verplanck and Willow and Verplanck and North Walnut. Also: the committee would like input from the County on whether making Dutchess Terrace to Talbot one-way would be advisable.

4. Wolcott Ave. Speed Concerns

Thanks for discussing the traffic speed issue on Wolcott. Cars regularly do 40-45 in this residential zone every day, right by a school and just before/after the school zone. I think that stop signs at the Phillips intersection would be the best, most effective solution. Also extending the school zone to Philips since there is another school there at the church. Add in some police presence like Cold Spring and the traffic will calm down.

Here's the link to a facebook post:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/79901704313/permalink/10160304527359314/>

It looks like there were 170 comments or so.

May 26: The Police Department will increase monitoring and radaring of the area of concern.

June 23: The Police Department has had traffic details at the area of concern. While patrols cannot be posted at Wolcott all day, radar speed indicator will be put back out soon after repairs. Police will contact St. Luke's to see if a radar speed indicator can be placed on the grass area in front of the building, otherwise, will use the smaller one once repaired. The Committee will also research how far a school zone can extend and if/how such can be changed on a state road.

August 25: The Committee considered extending the existing school zone in the area of concern to Phillips Street, but determined such would not be advisable due to concerns of creating an overly long school zone that would not be complied with. The Police Department noted that the temporary speed indicator sign is still under repair, but that such would be replaced once it was available.

5. Maple Street between Fishkill Ave. and Cannon St.

The following email was received from a resident:

Following up on this conversation from last year. Many other residents have commented on this issue. I am not sure when next meeting is but see below.

In regards to Maple St between Fishkill Ave and Cannon St. There has been an increase of traffic and speeding. Over the years, more families with young kids are playing on the street and this has become dangerous. It has been evident throughout the day but mornings have been increasingly problematic with speeding. Many residents/families of Maple St have brought up concerns. It seems people use Maple st as a cut through as well possible traffic caused by commercial space. It is a particular problem, when a car comes from Fishkill ave towards Cannon on Maple. There is a slope in the road which causes a blindspot and fear a kid will be playing down the slope and not be seen. We are hoping a speed hump may be placed or

some other method to deter speeding and cut throughs. Thank you so much

June 23: The Police Department will increase monitoring of the area and the Committee will reevaluate to see if that helps to calm concerns now that school has adjourned for the summer.

6. Route 9D Approaching Sargent Elementary School

The following message was received from a resident:

Good Morning! I'd like to find out if it would be possible to add 2 flashing crosswalk signs and new paint to the crosswalk at the intersection of Route 9D and the Sargent Elementary School Road. My family has had numerous close calls with cars that refuse to stop at the crosswalk. I'd like to think that if the crosswalk were more visible then perhaps motorists would obey this New York State law. I am not the only person affected by this; many other residents have also experienced this problem. If you need assistance with the work I'd be willing to help. Thanks for your consideration of a clearly needed infrastructure improvement to our community.

June 23: The Committee will discuss the possibility of flashing signs or yellow pedestrian crossing signage on either side of 9D with the Department of Public Works.

August 25: The Highway Department will research the cost of flashing signs or yellow crossing signate. Committee members indicated that there are crossing guards at said location and that the cross-walk itself is newly-painted. The Committee will follow up with the concerned party to ascertain further detail on the nature of the issue(s) experienced.

7. Washington Avenue Traffic Safety Concerns

The following email as received from a resident:

Hello there,

I live at 332 Washington Ave in Beacon with my husband and 7-year-old daughter. We love our community and our home, but we are concerned about the safety of Washington Ave.

We and our neighbors all agree that the traffic on Washington Ave is dangerous, particularly in front of our homes in between Liberty St and the Depuyster split.

The speed limit is 30, yet the cars regularly fly by at 45 mph or higher. My family, along with others who have children on this stretch, park off the street, literally just a few feet from traffic as it whizzes past. We have had several near misses but count our blessings that we have not been hurt.

However, that hasn't been the case for others, as there have been a number of car accidents on this stretch between Liberty and Depuyster, most recently a car flipped and landed on the St Joachim cemetery fence.

Luckily no one was hurt, but surely that luck will run out, especially as Beacon's population grows and traffic increases.

There are a number of children, including my own, that live here; they walk and ride bikes on this stretch of road and their lives are very much in danger of the highway speeds these cars drive. Since Washington Ave has no shoulder, all it would take is a foot or two of displacement for a car to inadvertently kill someone.

We, the neighbors on Washington Ave who live between Depuyster and Liberty, feel strongly that putting in STOP signs on Washington Ave at Liberty st, where there is a blind hill, and also at Depuyster, where there is a confusing fork in the road and a dangerous bend people regularly walk along, would slow traffic down and make it safer for everyone.

All of the neighbors are in agreement that Washington Ave traffic has been a big cause for anxiety and stress, as it is a serious risk to the people living on it. We believe these two STOP sign areas, at Liberty and Depuyster, would immensely help make this road safer for everyone.

Please let me know the next steps necessary to help make this wonderful town more of a safe place for all of us, but especially the children. I am happy to collect whatever information needed to move forward.

Thanks so much.

June 23: Committee members will visit the area of concern to determine the possibility of stop signs on Depuyster and Washington, with stop ahead signs on Washington approaching a potential 3-way stop and/or flashing stop ahead sign.

The Committee also recommends a traffic study of Hellen Court all the way to Depuyster and Washington, with specific attention to the above intersection of concern.

August 25: The Committee will proceed with requesting a traffic study.

8. Washington Avenue and Helen Ct.

July 2022: two new emails from the same resident

First new email: In January 2020 I first wrote to the city about the dangerous intersection at Washington Ave and Helen Ct.

On April 28, 2022 I attended the Traffic Safety Committee and brought up the fact that nothing had been done since September 2021 when the Committee recommended installing a Hidden Road sign (MUTCD W2-2R). At that meeting I was told that "within a few weeks" the Highway Department would erect a 'Hidden Drive' sign approaching said intersection from both the west (from Beacon) and east (from Fishkill).

Since nothing has been done in nearly 3 months the 29 families of Glendale Estates would please ask that the city hold to their promise to address the situation before someone gets hurt. The school bus drops off children at that intersection and drivers hold their breath when entering or leaving the community.

Second new email: I started addressing this issue with the city nearly 2 yrs ago. In Sept 2021 the committee recommended below:

September: The Committee recommended installing a Hidden Road sign (MUTCD W2-2R) on the southwest side of Washington Ave. approaching Helen Ct. The Committee also recommended cutting back the brush on Washington Ave. approaching Helen Ct. Collin sent this brush recommendation to the Building and Highway Departments.

Six months later by April 2022 nothing had been done. I attended the April 26, 2022 meeting. I was told specifically that a Hidden Road sign (MUTCD W2-2R) would be put up approaching the intersection as one approaches from Beacon and another approaching from Fishkill within a few weeks. Washington Ave and Helen Ct is practically on the border of both towns.

The April meeting minutes from that meeting do not reflect this. Instead it simply reads:

5. Signage at Washington Ave. & Helen Ct.

Nice speaking with you today. Below is a history of our hope to get a sign installed near the hazardous intersection at Washington Ave & Helen Ct. I look forward to your response. Thank you.

And further the May 2022 meeting minutes simply repeats the same notes as the April meeting. It also reflects that I attended the May meeting, which is incorrect.

So as 3 months have passed without any action in addition to the the 6 month period from Sept 2021 to April 2022 where nothing was done, I hope you can appreciate the concern of the 29 families of Glendale Estates that this issue is being ignored. I plan to attend the meeting tomorrow to bring this to everyone's attention.

August 25: The Highway Department reports that a 'Hidden Drive' sign has been installed coming out of Beacon towards the area of concern and that the brush has been trimmed back to aid in visibility.

9. Verplanck Avenue Traffic Safety Concerns:

The Following email was received from a resident:

It has been a couple of months since a car jumped the curb on Verplanck Ave. and stopped on the lawn of 97 Verplanck Ave. and I have been meaning to write to you ever since.

I live at 31 North Walnut Street. My wife love to walk the neighborhood and enjoy our sweet little town. Traffic has become more and more of an issue and with these difficult times

it seems more people want to go much faster than the 25 MPH speed posted on Verplanck Ave. One effective and needed way to slow down the traffic would be to place a 4 way stop sign at Verplanck Ave and North Walnut Street.

It is really needed for several reasons: Firstly, at that intersection North Walnut does not proceed in a straight fashion. Next, when proceeding towards Memorial Park on Verplanck Ave. there is a fairly quick descent that impairs the line of sight for both vehicles and pedestrians. Lastly, again when proceeding towards Memorial Park on Verplanck Ave., the turn onto North Walnut Street is very sharp. As a result of these 3 factors Verplanck is a difficult street to cross at that point and it is difficult to slow down and make a right turn to head south on North Walnut. It is also very difficult when on North Walnut to make a left when heading south or a left when

heading north.

Before making a decision about this issue I encourage you to both walk the area and to drive around Verplanck and Walnut to truly understand why it is so necessary to have a 4 way stop sign there. Thank you for serving on the Town Council and for all that you do for Beacon.

June 23: The Committee determined that such should be lumped into the requested traffic study along Verplanck. The Committee has previously discussed adding crosswalks at North Walnut and Verplanck

August 25: The Committee reiterated that such would be included in the request for a Traffic Study at Verplanck.

New Business

1. Wolcott Avenue Speeding Concerns

A phone call was received from a resident who lives in the area of Wolcott Avenue and Rector Street. They were concerned that people go far beyond 30 mph all day, every day in this area. They were concerned that the speed reader has been removed. They report that residents are afraid to ride bikes around there. They recommended stop signs, lights, etc. They noted that Cold Spring has lowered their speed limits to either 20 or 25 mph near their schools.

August 25: The Police Department will continue efforts of enforcement in the area of concern and is in the process of repairing and replacing a speed indicator sign at said location.

2. Visibility Obstruction at West Center and Wolcott Avenue

A community member came into City Hall to report a large bush obstructing visibility and causing dangerous conditions at the above intersection. They requested such be trimmed or the resident/owner be asked to do so.

August 25: The Committee requires further clarification from the concerned community member. The intersection reported is not consistent with the problem raised.

3. No Parking Sign on Robinson

The following email was received:

There were two No Parking signs installed at the east end of Robinson where it meets Howland. The sign on the south side is much closer to the intersection than the one on the north side. (I didn't measure but 25 vs 40 feet maybe?) The residents on the north side complained that the sign spans most of their front yard and limits their parking and ability to unload their groceries. Is there a reason that the signs are posted at different distances from Howland and, if not, can the one on the north side be brought into alignment with the one on the south side of the street?

August 25: The Committee clarified that the rationale behind the offset 'No Parking' signage at the area in question is that there was continual parking too close to the intersection on the north side which had caused dangerous turning conditions for oncoming traffic.

4. Exeter Circle Parking

The following email was received:

While parking is banned on the north side of Exeter Circle, mountain tourists continue to park on the south side of the street. This creates congestion, and people speeding up and back from the cul de sac to get out. It's a particular problem however for 7 Exeter Circle (see photos and yellow arrow on the map) who can not back out of their driveway when a car is parked across from their driveway on what looks like the narrowest stretch of the street.

Yellow-striping the section across from the driveway seems like the simplest solution but I'm open to other solutions.

I'd love to create a solution that limits tourist parking but allows residents' guests to still park on the street. Are there street signs that say parking is for residents only that could be posted at the entrance to Exeter Circle? Or perhaps a few parking spots could be painted at the west end of the street so people think the rest of the road is no-parking?

Thanks for considering this.





August 25: This item will trail to the September 22, 2022 Traffic Safety Committee Meeting.

5. Planning Board Referral: 16 West Main Off-Site Improvements & Four Way Intersection

As per the City Attorney: The applicant's traffic engineer studied an all-way stop controlled intersection at West Main Street/Beekman Street/The View Driveway and found it was not warranted, but the applicant is still willing to implement the all-way stop to help traffic control in this area. The Planning board was in favor and referred it to the City's Traffic Safety Committee for review. Further discussion of the issue is in the applicant's traffic report and the City Traffic Consultant's July 11, 2022 memo. Both documents are posted on the planning board's July agenda. We would expect the Committee to make a recommendation as to whether the all-way stop should be implemented.

A copy of the off-site improvements plan provided by the planning board applicant, the traffic study for the area, and the traffic consultant's memo have all been provided for your reference and discussion. Applicant will appear before the committee to answer questions and provide a brief overview of the project and comments sought from the Traffic Safety Committee.

August 25: The Planning Board Applicant's representative was present and discussed the proposed project with the Committee. The Committee recommended against the proposed four-way stop at Beekman and West Main Street due to concerns of exacerbating backed-up traffic along Beekman during peak hours and weekend events on the riverfront. Instead, the Committee recommended installing solar-powered crosswalk signs on either side of the east end of the intersection in question.

6. Cross Street and Orchard Place

The following email was received on June 2, 2022:

Hope this finds you well.

I have emailed and or spoken to you before about the serious issue of traffic speeds on Cross Street and Orchard. It is an issue for safety due to no sidewalk on one side of the street and many kids plus dog walkers. I have contacted the city for years about this. In one small way Covid for some time helped with this issue but as we now have Ring plus our kids are trying to enjoy this warmer weather I am seeing this issue coming up again. Why is this street 30 mph? Also, most do not keep to that speed as well. They did put a traffic monitor up on the top of the block in the past, but it was off 1/2 of that time.

There is not one person in the neighborhood that will tell you it is not a problem and no one is misjudging the speed of the cars and trucks only because "it seems fast".

I have seen people on their phones speeding by, people flooring it, and also blowing the stop signs as well. It has become one of the main ways to avoid traffic on 9D.

We have been here for 15 years and have seen it get worst without any intervention.

I know the city is rolling out a new plan for more green space and changing some of the traffic flow. I am supportive of that plan. Not sure if that will address some of these issues. Someone needs to be done before someone gets hurt.

The following email was received on July 26, 2022:

Hello:

Hope you are all having a nice summer. I would like to follow up on this last email. I have not gotten any response except for Ms. Rhodes which I really appreciated.

As fall is coming, I was also reminded about this issue as well parking on the street which also added another element especially when there is NO sidewalk on the other side of the street. We are playing with fire. There are all kinds of parking or idling in this area as well. I took a pic of today to give an example. Especially when people are flying down the street.

August 25: This item will trail to the September 22, 2022 Traffic Safety Committee Meeting.



7. 22 Ellen Drive

Resident is requesting blind child signs with enough room on either side of the property. Tracey Drive before the bend and up the hill along Ellen Drive.

August 25: The Highway Department will install two signs at either end of Ellen Drive. The Highway Superintendent will contact the property owner to verify that these locations will be sufficient.

8. Dutchess Terrace and Rock Hill Road – dangerous turn

The following email was received on August 3, 2022:

I am following up with you because I have not heard anything since over a month ago. Today I had to go to Dutchess Terrace and rock Hill Road again and the attached pictures is what I found. They should at least have a flagman there. This is such an extremely dangerous turn as it is and now it's even more dangerous today. Believe me I am keeping all of these emails in case any of my family members get injured. Something needs to be done. Right now the flag man should be out there.

The following email was received on August 5, 2022:

I asked over a year ago for a simple fix to at least hang a mirror on the pole on Dutchess terrace so when you come up Rock Hill you can see if someone is coming up Dutchess. Nothing came of it. Now with work trucks working on the house on the corner it's even more dangerous with even more limited visibility and forcing you to move to the other lane so you could possibly get hit head on. I am. It understanding why it takes so long to correct a dangerous situation when it has been brought to the City's attention repeatedly.

When driving through the city I see stop signs added on South Avenue past the firehouse going south. Not sure why they are there as they make no sense and I lived in the city of Beacon since 1977 and never saw or heard of any issues there. Yet I am repeatedly pointing out a dangerous situation and keep getting told it will be brought up at a meeting. Let's see what happens now. Perhaps the city needs me to have my friend bring his bucket truck and hang a mirror on the pole?? I think with the taxes everyone pays the city can at least afford to do that.



August 25: This item will trail to the September 22, 2022 Traffic Safety Committee Meeting.

9. Wilkes Street Speed Concerns

A resident called with concerns about speeding along Wilkes Street. The resident would like ask for a speed indicator sign and police enforcement for the area. The resident also noted that other neighbors share their concerns.

August 25: Three community members attended to discuss the area of concern with the Committee. The community members provided a signed letter from neighbors to the same effect. Community members voiced concerns of speeding, signs not being easily visible, and lack of crosswalks. Community members suggested speed bumps or something to slow traffic.

The Committee will research whether speed bumps or humps can be installed as well as the costs of permanent speed indicator signs.