



City of Beacon Parking and Traffic Safety Committee

Minutes

April 27, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.
1 Municipal Plaza, Beacon, NY 12508
Lower-Level Classroom

➤ **Old Business**

1. Turning Right on Red from Main Street on to 9D
2. Turning Left from 9D onto Main Street
3. Crossing Wolcott Avenue
4. Pedestrian Lighting on Beekman Street

➤ **New Business**

1. Signage Near Memorial Park/Ron's Ice Cream

Old Business

1. Turning Right on Red from Main Street on to 9D

There was a suggestion to request that DOT allow for removing the limit on making right turns from Main Street onto 9D. Line of sight is good at the intersection and allowing for such would limit the backing up of traffic on Main Street towards 9D.

December 1, 2022: The Committee asked the administration to reach out to DOT to ask if we need their approval to make the above change.

January 26, 2023: this item will trail, pending DOT response to an inquiry submitted on the matter.

February 23, 2023: this item will trail, pending DOT response to an inquiry submitted on the matter

March 23, 2023: The Administration will follow up on this inquiry prior to the next meeting.

April 27, 2023: The Administration emailed DOT and is awaiting reply.

2. Turning Left from 9D onto Main Street

There was a suggestion to request that DOT allow for making some upgrades to the signaling at the location to help alleviate safety concerns at the intersection.

December 1, 2022: The Committee asked the administration to reach out to DOT to ask if they will change the signaling southbound at the above intersection with a steady red turn arrow. The Committee did ask that the timing was considered to keep things moving and avoid backups along 9D, however.

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3. Crossing Wolcott Ave.

The following email was received:

[My] son attends Sargent Elementary and the after-school program that Beacon Recreation provides. Although there is a crossing guard at Wolcott Ave crossing points in the mornings, when we return from after-school it's unsafe for him to cross on his own.

I was curious if the City of Beacon has ever considered using flashing crosswalk signs with push button

activation to help slow down traffic when someone is looking to cross (like this one), especially at this intersection where elementary children are trying to cross a busy Wolcott Ave.

I would be happy to start a petition to gauge interest in this type of device for families in the area.

January 26, 2023: The City has previously added 'cross-walk ahead' signage approaching the area of concern. The Highway Department will get pricing for the requested type of sign and how they could be synced with one another. Chief VanVoorhis will reach out to the Village of Fishkill to see how they have synced theirs.

February 23, 2023: Highway Department received quotes on requested signage and will check the feasibility of different signs for feasibility at the location on existing poles. Signs have wireless communicators between themselves to light up both sides simultaneously. After finalizing research on such, the Highway Superintendent will speak with the City Administrator on the matter.

March 23, 2023: the Highway Superintendent will look at the cost differential for a double-sided sign and will speak with the City Administrator regarding the above and the item will trail until the April meeting. The Fire Chief reached out to the Beacon School District about sharing the costs of the proposal.

April 27, 2023: the Highway Superintendent received three quotes and the Finance Director is preparing a budget amendment to bring to City Council. There is a 6-8 week lead time on ordering the signage. The Committee also recommends renaming the street entry to Sargent for 911 purposes.

4. Pedestrian Lighting on Beekman Street.

The following suggestion for pedestrian Lights on Beekman Street was received:

When I cross Beekman walking up the hill from the train; cars cannot see pedestrians at night. Very dangerous. Should put flashing cross lights like on 9d.

February 23, 2023: The Highway Department is currently in talks to improve painted parking spot interference with the crosswalk near to Ferry St. The Secretary to the Committee will follow up with the concerned community member to clarify the intersection in question.

Update: The same individual clarified that the area in question is the crosswalk right near the intersection of Ferry and Beekman Streets.

March 23, 2023: The Committee may look at lighting in future, but will first look at the impact of planned crosswalk improvements and new 'sidewalk ahead' signage.

April 27, 2023: This item will be removed from the agenda going forward and the City plans to address the issue in the future.

New Business

1. Signage Near Memorial Park/Ron's Ice Cream

The following email was received:

Just wanted to suggest that a crosswalk with flashing lights be put in near Ron's Ice Cream going from the park to the shop. Fishkill Main St has them in a few places. It's a very busy street and children are crossing there all the time. Thanks.

April 27, 2023: The Highway Department will put out the small crossing sign into the intersection soon. The Committee also confirmed that there is existing 'cross-walk ahead' signs in the area. The City will be commencing a rehabilitation project, including this intersection, later in the year or early next year.

2. Added item: Teller and Miller No Parking

April 27, 2023: The Committee discussed adding a no-parking sign approximately 30 feet from the corner of Teller Avenue and Miller St. The Highway Department will measure such and put the sign up.

3. Added item: Beacon and 9D No Parking

April 27, 2023: The Committee discussed that there was previously an issue of parking at this intersection. If the issue persists, the Committee will recommend a no-parking sign be installed 30 feet from the corner of such.