



City of Beacon

Parking and Traffic Safety Committee

Agenda

October 23, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

1 Municipal Plaza,
Beacon, NY 12508

➤ **Old Business**

1. Liberty Street Speed Concerns
2. Washington Avenue Traffic Control
3. Catherine Street and Teller Avenue Visibility

➤ **New Business**

No new business for October 2025

In attendance: TBD

Old Business

1. Liberty Street Speed Concerns

The following email was received:

I am writing with concern about the amount of speeding on Liberty Street. I live on the corner of Liberty and Stone Street. Personally, I have almost been hit several times when walking my dog in our neighborhood. I have also witnessed plenty of dangerous situations that others have been in – kids included.

I think there are a few key issues working together here and I would like to speak with the Committee on how to best move forward in coming up with a solution to make Liberty Street and the surrounding neighborhood a safer place to exist:

- There are no regular speed limit signs on the entirety of Liberty Street. The only signs that exist are outside of the 2 x schools that list the school speed limit and "end school speed limit"
- There is a one lane bridge on Liberty that often causes confusion and it's quite tight so people and cars are often quite close to each other
- A lack of sidewalks leads to people (kids/families going to school, runners, walkers, etc.) having to be in the road
- People come from Glenham and "cut through" the neighborhood to get to Main Street, often at high rates of speed and lack of care for being in a neighborhood setting.

June 26, 2025: The concerned individual attended the meeting and clarified that the specific time of day is primarily during morning commuter hours, and when school lets out. The Committee will follow up and see if any signage is missing in the area.

July 24, 2025: This agenda item will trail to the September 2025 meeting to address signage. The Committee suggested that signage that indicates the beginning of a school zone is needed or the area should be checked to see if overgrown brush is obscuring existing signage, as may have happened in years past.

September 25, 2025: Residents attended and expressed impatience regarding a potential East Main Street – Liberty Street crosswalk. The Committee expressed hesitation to recommend any crosswalk paint without curb cuts, inviting individuals to cross without a ramp to enter onto sidewalk infrastructure across the street. The City will check with the attorneys as to whether the City even has the option of adding painted crosswalk road markings without proper curb cuts on either side.

Regarding signage, the Committee noted that there are signs coming both ways and the Highway Department will evaluate if any brush has overgrown. Police Department had monitored the area and didn't observe high speeds.

October 23, 2025: Residents attended and reiterated requests for a crosswalk at East Main Street and Liberty. Specifically, approaching from Main Street towards Liberty Street. The Committee discussed that the City Engineer will look at options. The agenda item will trail for further updates on potential crossings and to address signage.

2. Washington Avenue Traffic Control

A resident attended the meeting and raised concerns about speed along Washington Avenue requesting improvements to help mitigate such and noting that the speed sign near St. Joachim's and between Barb's Butcher and the City limits is hidden.

The Committee noted that DPW can put up additional signage, as needed, and that the moveable speed reader sign can be rotated to the area at some point (perhaps in a couple of months).

The resident requested a budget item to put in a permanent speed reader sign. The Committee noted that they had suggested a line in the annual budget to gradually work through priority areas for permanent speed reader signage.

July 24, 2025: This item will trail for further discussion with the Highway Department regarding signage.

September 25, 2025: The Highway Department noted that the signage had not been added to date, but would be in the near future. The Police Department noted that they are aware of speed concerns in the area and confirmed that it is an existing and regular post for officers to monitor. The Committee noted that issues along Washington are probably beyond the scope of this Committee and could be considered for future capital projects. The Police will consider moving the portable speed reader sign to the area in the future and the Committee recommended budgeting for additional similar signs.

September 25, 2025 update: a separate agenda item regarding speed concerns along Washington Ave. Specific asks were to consider either a stop sign or speed bump at Liberty and Washington to help slow the traffic down

October 23, 2025: Residents returned to thank Police for the assistance with concerns in the area. The City's Highway Department representative noted that signs will be up soon. The residents also requested a solar speed reader sign along Washington Avenue. The Police will evaluate whether moving the portable sign could be moved to the area, and Council will discuss the matter in budget discussions.

3. Catherine Street and Teller Avenue Visibility

The following email was received:

Can the Traffic Safety Committee consider what I and others believe is a sight-related safety issue at the intersection of Catherine Street and Teller Avenue?

It's hard for a vehicle attempting to enter Teller Ave to see oncoming traffic without nosing out due to (1) the orientation of the streets - i.e., Catherine Street is like the shaft of an arrow with both directions of Teller forming the arrowhead, and (2) the wall abutting the sidewalk on the south side of Catherine Street.

A possible solution is a traffic mirror (convex?) which could be placed on an existing pole on the east side of Teller - but not sure that is a preferred solution. I do believe something is needed there to protect both vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists from a hazardous situation.

July 24, 2025: The Committee reiterate its long-standing opposition to traffic mirrors as not being a viable option due to other issues that they cause. They discussed how the walls approaching the intersection do have impacts on visibility, but also noted that this is not a high-volume street. They suggested beginning with considering if there are enforcement issues with the bushes. This item will trail for further discussion.

September 25, 2025: The City will get feedback from the Building Department to relay to the Committee for the October meeting.

October 23, 2025: The City Building Department reported that they will investigate the issue and will take actions to get any code violations corrected. The Committee discussed that if the issue isn't resolved through the Building Department process, it can be revisited at a later date.

New Business

No new business for October 2025

1. (Added item) Spring Street No-Parking

It was raised that the no-parking zone near Liberty Street on the north side of Spring Street may be unnecessary. It was discussed to potentially reduce to the standard 30-feet from the intersection, and that the prior distance was based on when the street was two-way (now one-way) for fire access. The Fire Chief noted that current apparatuses for the Department can likely make the 30-foot turn.

Next meeting: *TBD (dates to be discussed at October 2025 meeting)*