

CITY OF MARLBOROUGH MEETING POSTING

Meeting Name: Traffic Commission

Date: July 31, 2019

Time: 10:00 am

Location: 3rd Floor City Hall -- Memorial Hall

Agenda Items to be addressed:

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1) MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

- a) Review draft from 6-26-19

2) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Request for Pedestrian Crossing signs on Church Street.
- b) Request to limit the use of air brakes for large vehicles.
- c) Request for speed tables on Farm Road.
- d) Request for parking signs or lines on Decenzo Blvd.
- e) Request for a Truck Exclusion on Stevens Street.

3) OLD BUSINESS

- a) Parking issues on John Street around the playground area.
- b) Crosswalk concerns on Stevens Street near Lodi Road.
- c) Hosmer Street Crosswalk / Traffic Complaints / Jaworek School

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**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH
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Traffic Commission Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Traffic Commission was held on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 10:00 am in Memorial Hall, 3rd Floor, City Hall. Members present: Chairman - Police Chief David Giorgi, DPW Commissioner John Ghiloni, Fire Chief Kevin Breen and City Clerk Steve Kerrigan. Also present: Assistant City Engineer Tim Collins and City Councilor Katie Robey. Minutes taken by Karen Lambert, MPD Records Clerk.

1- Minutes

The minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting of Wednesday, May 29, 2019.

Location of meeting needs to be revised. Draft copy states meeting was held in the City Council Committee Room. Meeting was actually held in Memorial Hall.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED:

TO APPROVE as amended. – All in Favor - Accept and Place on File.

2 - New Business

2a) Crosswalk Concerns on Stevens Street near Lodi Road.

Chief Giorgi received an email from Aimee (no last name given) stating that she “nearly witnessed a young boy get hit by a car in the crosswalk that crosses over Stevens at the bottom of Lodi Road”. She said that it is not the first “near miss” that she has witnessed. She talked about the speed of the cars in the area and the fact that the “crosswalk is nearly invisible”. She also said that sometimes a car stops in one direction to let children cross and then the car coming in the other direction doesn’t stop. She is asking what can be done to make the drivers aware that there is a crosswalk ahead. She mentioned flashing lights, orange cones or a raised crosswalk.

Chief Giorgi advised that he drove by this area before coming to the meeting. There is a crosswalk sign there but the road does peak and there is also a slight curve. Tim Collins advised that there should also be advance warning signs for the crosswalk. They were there before and possibly they got knocked down over the winter. He pulled up an aerial photo which indicated the location of the crosswalk and where the two advance warning signs should be and included a closeup photo of the crosswalk. There should also be an arrow on the crosswalk sign which points directly at the crosswalk. The current sign does not have the arrow. This should be added along with replacing the two advance warning signs.

Steve Kerrigan asked if the crosswalk could be painted another color. Mr. Collins advised that yes there are other colors available, as long as the outside lines are white. He noted that the crosswalk at the Rail Trail has a green center. Chief Giorgi said that the location of the crosswalk is more of the issue and due to the peak in the road he is not sure if the colored center would make a difference.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to the DPW to add the two advance warning signs and the arrow.

2b) Hosmer Street Crosswalk / Traffic Complaints / Jaworek School.

Chief Giorgi advised that the new traffic pattern for the internal parking lot seems to be working, however, he has also received complaints/concerns regarding how it has impacted the traffic flow on Hosmer St. and the parents who are trying to enter and exit the school.

Tim Collins pulled up an aerial photo of the area for reference. He explained that there has been a lot of discussion as to the best location for the crosswalk. The crossing guard has called many times with complaints about the current situation. Someone traveling North on Hosmer Street can't turn left into the school so they turn onto Grace Circle and try to cut back into the line. Chief Giorgi said that letters were sent to all parents advising them to come from the South. The crossing guard is further up at the driveway entrance to the school. The crosswalk was not placed at Grace Circle because it would be too close to the other crosswalk near Stacy Road. The question was asked if there is any type of sign at the end of Grace Circle advising where to go. It was also discussed that people were crossing where there was no crosswalk and it is very dangerous.

Commissioner Ghiloni advised that this issue is being addressed and a new crosswalk will be ready for the start of the new school year. He asked to table this item for the next meeting so that he could confirm the exact location that was decided upon.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to TABLE until the next meeting for an update from Commissioner Ghiloni.

2c) Beaman Lane Complaints

Sgt. Campbell received a call from a resident of Beaman Lane requesting a speed limit sign and a "Caution – Children at Play" sign.

Tim Collins pulled up 3 photos for reference: 1) Stow Rd. northbound approaching Beaman Lane 2) Beaman Lane @ Stow Road and 3) Stow Rd. southbound approaching Beaman Lane. He noted that a stop sign was added at the intersection of Beaman and Stow Rd. He said that this road would not qualify for "Thickly Settled" because it would not meet the requirement for average distance between houses due to the location of the golf course. Chief Giorgi felt that this may be more of an enforcement issue. He said that he would try to get a timeframe for the issues involved and something more specific.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to the POLICE DEPARTMENT for enforcement.

3-Old Business

3a) Traffic Concerns on Lincoln Street, especially at intersection of East Main St. & Stevens St.

This issue was referred to the Police Department for enforcement at the last meeting. Officer Larose advised that he would put the electronic speed sign out to gather accurate data and that we would also monitor truck traffic in the area.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to leave on the Agenda for the Traffic Services Unit to advise on their findings.

3b) Parking Issues on John Street around the playground area.

All agreed that the current parking situation here is dangerous. Tim Collins pulled up a diagram of this area which included a proposed 150 ft. safety zone in front of the playground, no parking signs and "Caution Playground Ahead Signs". There was also discussion as to whether the bank was going to allow cars to park in their lot to use the playground. Councilor Robey questioned whether there was possible liability for the bank if this occurred. Commissioner Ghiloni said that the sidewalk from Monnicks would also be extended up to the playground. This may already be included in the St. Mary's reconstruction plan.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to hold off on any changes until the St. Mary's Plan was finalized.

Chief Giorgi asked to suspend the rules to bring up an item not on the agenda.

New Agenda Item – Warning Sign Permit Application.

A Warning Sign Permit Application was dropped off at the Police Station last night. It was for a "Slow – Deaf Child" sign on Lakeshore Drive. Tim Collins brought up an aerial photo of the area for reference. He reviewed the fact that this type of sign needs to be renewed annually on January 1st.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to APPROVE the Warning Sign with the wording "Deaf Child Area".

Chief Giorgi asked if anyone had anything else they wanted to discuss.

Tim Collins mentioned a SeeClickFix item regarding speed issues on Prospect Street. Chief Giorgi passed out the speed study for Prospect Street that was compiled using the Electronic Speed Sign during the period of 5/28/19 to 5/30/19. Mr. Collins will reach out to the resident and have them send an email to the Chief so it can be added to the next Agenda.

That there being no further business of the Traffic Commission held on this date, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Lambert
Records Clerk
Marlborough Police Department

List of documents and other exhibits used at the meeting:

- City of Marlborough Meeting Posting for Traffic Commission Meeting on Wednesday, June 26, 2019, including meeting agenda.
- Draft of Traffic Commission Minutes from Wednesday, May 29, 2019.
- Email from Aimee (no last name given) to Chief Giorgi, dated 6/3/19, re: Stevens Street/Crosswalk.
- Email from Chief Giorgi, dated 6/19/19, re: Hosmer St Crosswalk/Jaworek School.
- Email from Sgt. Campbell, dated 6/21/19, re: Beaman Lane Complaint

Additional Handouts:

- Diagram of John Street around Playground area with proposed signage and safety zone indicated.
- Aerial Photos of Stevens Street area, specifically the crosswalk at Lodi Road.
- Aerial Photo of Hosmer Street in the area of Jaworek School
- 3 Photos of Stow Road and Beaman Lane area.
- Extended Speed Summary Report for Prospect Street from 5/28/19 to 5/30/19.
- Warning Sign Permit Application for 47 Lakeshore Drive "Deaf Child Area".

Karen Lambert

From: David Giorgi
Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2019 2:49 PM
To: Karen Lambert
Subject: Fwd: Church St signs
Attachments: church st.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Can you add this request to the July agenda?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Devane, Jason"
To: "David Giorgi"
Subject: Church St signs

Chief Giorgi

Per our discussion on 7/16/2019 I would like to ask that the traffic commission consider putting up some pedestrian crossing signs on Church St. I am requesting these signs because I have noticed that at the corner of Warren Ave and Church St. is where a fairly large number of children ranging from Middle School, High School, Assabet Valley and I believe elementary school in the morning wait for the bus in the morning on the southeast side of that intersection and then get off the bus in the afternoon on the Northwest side of the intersection. At both times many of those children must cross over Church St. which although I know it is not a very fast street I have seen a number of vehicles moving at a good speed (maybe not speeding but still a good speed) down Church St. with the number of children that cross at that intersection I think and hopefully the traffic commission agrees that putting up a few street signs and hopefully making people aware that there is a somewhat dense population of school aged children in that specific area may slow them down and make them pay attention just that much more may possibly prevent a child from getting hit.

I have attached a couple of pictures to show what I would love to see go up there. If not all four of these signs maybe just one each way on Church St. at Warren Ave.


Thank you for your time and consideration

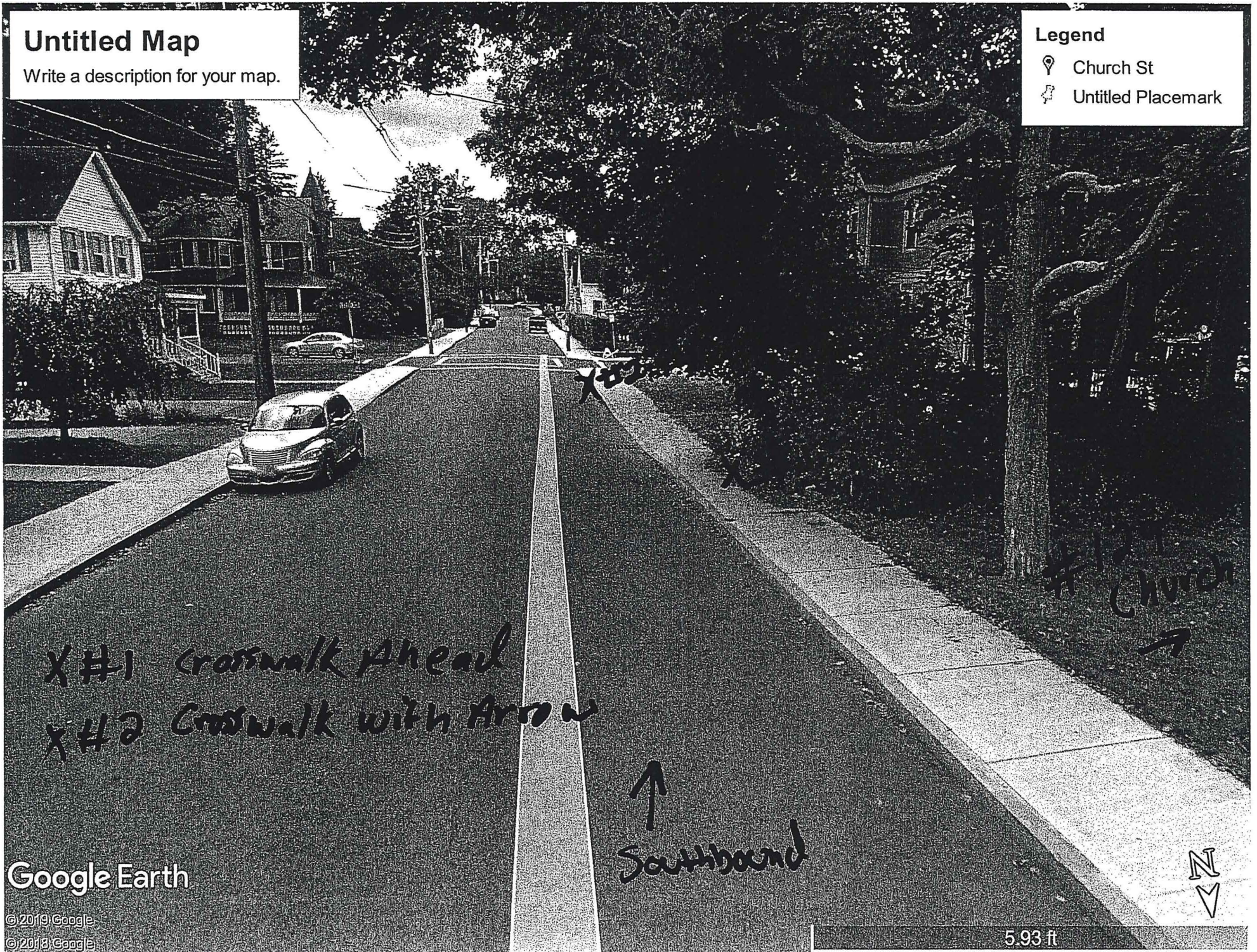
Jason Devane

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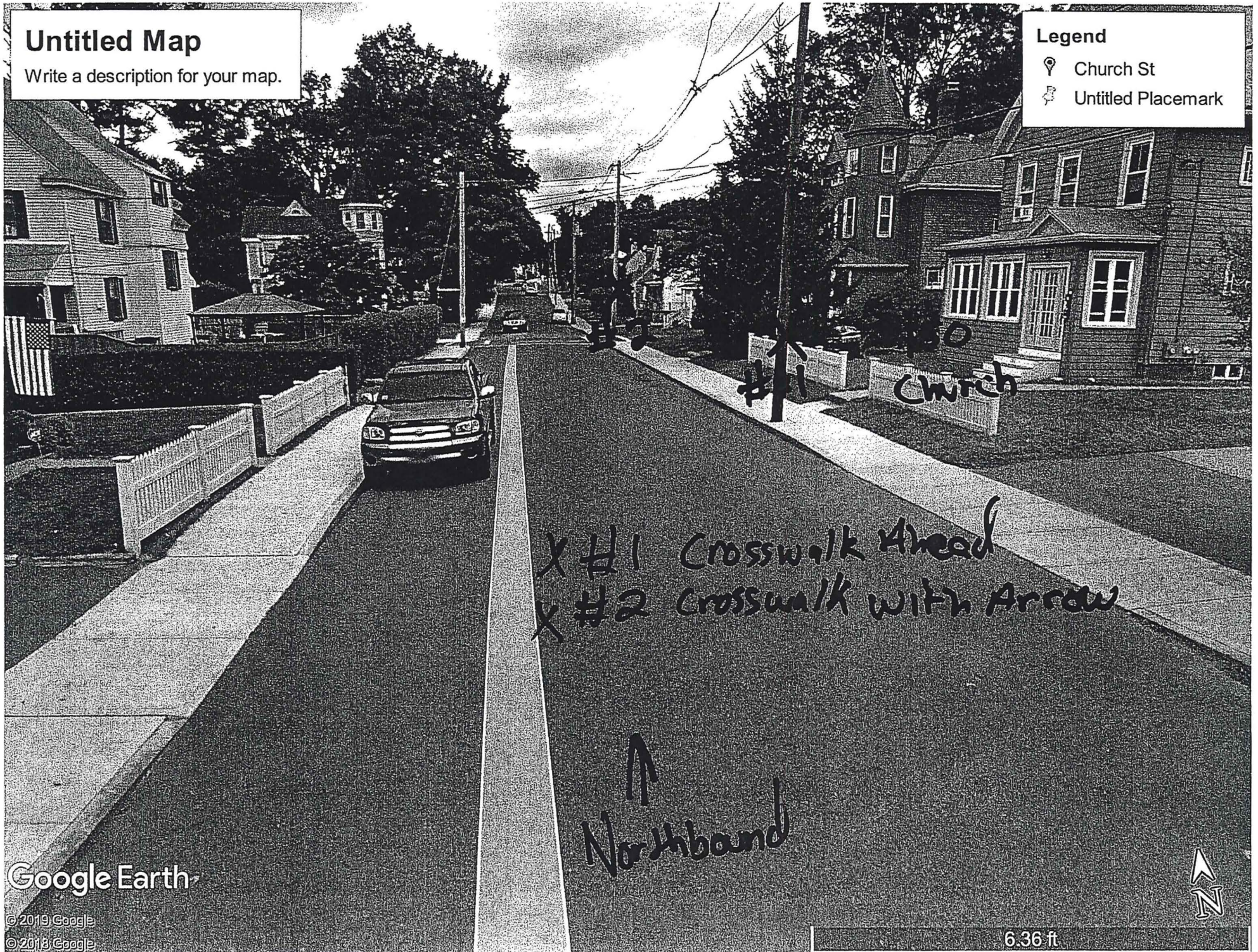


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Karen Lambert

From: David Giorgi
Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2019 4:25 PM
To: Karen Lambert
Subject: Fwd: Item for 7/31 Traffic Commission meeting

Could you add this one as well please?
Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: David Doucette
Date: July 17, 2019 at 4:23:45 PM EDT
To: David Giorgi
Cc: City Council
Subject: Item for 7/31 Traffic Commission meeting

Chief Giorgi,

I hope your moving around soon. As discussed over the phone, I have some items that I wish to include in the next traffic commission meeting. I'll confess that these have been building up over time and I needed to propose them on a day I could attend your meeting.

- 1) **Limit the use of Air brakes for large vehicles.** I have had complaints by neighbors about tractor trailers using air brakes on route 20. This noise can be unsettling, especially on quiet nights when noise can travel far distances. We have a sound ordinance that should stop at night, shouldn't this cover trucks as well? I also don't believe that this should be done when trucks are travelling on residential areas such as Farm Rd or Steven's St. I would propose the use of air brakes be prohibited from 11 PM – 7 AM (or whatever the sound ordinance says) and residential zones. Signs should be posted for drivers on roads considered major city entrances (i.e., Rt 20, 85, Forest St, Cedar Hill St, etc.)
- 2) **Speed tables on Farm Rd.** Traffic on Farm road is getting out of hand, the new road construction provides a by-pass of downtown which has been handy during Rt 85 road construction, and will be again during Rt 20 road construction in a few years. Glezen Lane in Wayland is a long, windy country road with occasional speed tables to slow traffic. I also believe these speed tables are a deterrence for large trucks to take this route. Most of the complaints on Farm Rd traffic is from the overuse of trucks.
- 3) **Parking signs or lines on DiCenzo Blvd.** As this large neighborhood has matured, people are parking vehicles on DiCenzo instead of the neighborhood. The problem is that they park directly near the entrances to the streets and become blind spots when exiting the streets. Settler's Lane is probably the worse situation. There is also a car that parks across from Settler's Lane, which can cause a traffic hazard if someone has to stop to turn left onto Settlers with other traffic unable to pass on the right.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns on these issues. I'll reach out to John Ghiloni about the Speed tables to get the opinion of DPW.

Best Regards,
Dave Doucette

Karen Lambert

From: Ed Clancy
Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2019 3:07 PM
To: David Giorgi
Subject: Truck Exclusion on Stevens St.

Chief Giorgi,

I am again receiving request from Mrs. Brecken, a resident on Stevens St., about the amount of truck traffic and their use of the "jake brakes", as they pass her house. A heavy truck exclusion was requested several years ago for the street and was denied by the State. Could the request be resubmitted to the State via the Traffic Commission again? She has requested enforcement for speeding and noise. We should talk!

Ed Clancy