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Agenda Items

In accordance with the March 12, 2020 Executive Order issued by Governor Baker modifying certain requirements of the Open Meeting Law, the Marlborough Traffic Commission will hold a virtual meeting on Wednesday, May 27, 2020.

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1) MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

- a) Review draft from 2-26-20

2) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Public Safety Concern – Wilson Street

3) OLD BUSINESS

- a) Poor Streetlight Conditions – West Main St./Winthrop St.
- b) Request for Crosswalk Warning Signage – West Main St. @ Winthrop
- c) Parking Issues on Lakeside Ave.
- d) Crosswalk Request from Meadowbrook Child Garden – Concord Rd. @ Mosher Ln.
- e) Brigham Street Concerns

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**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH
OFFICE OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION
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Traffic Commission Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Traffic Commission was held on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 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, Sgt. Zac Attaway and Officer Andy Larose from the MPD Traffic Services Unit and City Councilor Christian Dumais, City Councilor Katie Robey and City Councilor Rob Tunnera.

Also present: local residents in attendance for Lakeside Ave. Parking Issues – Vera Copeland, Alice Wertheimer, Doug Peltak, Patty Davison, Peter Maddox, Brian Libby and Brian Plain (head of condo association – Waterwind Knolls).

and Annette Fernandez – Owner of Meadowbrook Child Garden and Christina Lombardi from The Vin Bin were in attendance for second half of meeting.

Minutes taken by Karen Lambert, MPD Records Clerk.

1- Minutes

The minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting of Wednesday, January 29, 2020.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED:

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

2 - New Business –

2b) Parking Issues on Lakeside Ave.

Chief Giorgi has received multiple phone calls and emails regarding issues with cars parking on Lakeside Ave. along the berm in front of Waterwind Knolls Condominiums. Several of the emails included photos. Sgt. Attaway and Officer Larose advised that they have also been receiving similar complaints. There were several local residents in attendance for this issue. This issue appears to have begun with the opening of The Fix. It seems to have started with restaurant employees parking here but now it also seems to be an area used by the valets. There appears to be three major issues:

- 1) This is a two-lane road, but when cars are parked here two cars can no longer pass at the same time, essentially turning it into a **one lane** road. If cars are coming from opposite directions one car literally has to back up to allow for the other car to pass.
- 2) When entering Lakeside Ave. from Rte. 20 the parked cars **block visibility** and you can't see if another is attempting to exit Lakeside Ave. onto Rte. 20. Entering Lakeside Ave. from the other directions is even worse "due to the hairpin turn you take into a blocked view area", as described in one of the emails. It is only a matter of time before there is a head-on collision or rear end collision when someone is backing up while another is entering.
- 3) The parked cars are **ruining the grassy area (berm)**, creating a well from their tires. Beautification is being destroyed as cars are blocking the lake view of the condo residents.

Many people also use this street for walking and it is becoming increasingly dangerous for pedestrians. Cars are entering here at 40 mph with blocked visibility. There is also a concern that when the outdoor patio opens at the restaurant there will be even more cars parked here. One resident with a trailer was unable to turn right or left onto Lakeside Ave. and could not even leave the condo with the trailer. Access must be maintained. Residents also mentioned that some of these valets seem to have trouble parallel parking and cars are sticking even further out into the road. People also just "pop out" into the roadway after parking. Another said, when guests leave the restaurant, "not everyone is stone cold sober".

Residents would ideally like to see this made into a no parking area. Or, at the very least, no parking allowed from Winter Street to the corner so that there are at least 50 feet of unobstructed view. Another option would be for The Fix to find a private parking area, at their own expense, that could be utilized for employee and guest parking. Or The Fix could pay to have Lakeside Ave. widened. Chief Giorgi advised that any discussion of cutting into the existing berm would need to be referred to Engineering.

Another resident, who has lived in the area for 65 years, said that Lakeside Ave. used to be marked as no parking. Chief Giorgi advised that Engineering can also go back and research the history.

Chief Giorgi also advised that he met with the owner of The Fix yesterday regarding this parking issue. The Chief acknowledged that he did approve the "temporary" employee

parking here until they were able to find an alternative, however, he understands that this obviously is not working. He explained that the Owner is negotiating with nearby businesses to try to work something out. Once he can find another option, the issue will be over. He also has the valet service from Wednesday through Saturday. Sgt. Attaway said that he has seen cars double and triple parked within the business.

Chief Giorgi said that it would at least make sense right now to restrict parking at the entrances to Lakeside Ave. Residents are asking for a date in which to expect a resolution. They also said that a speed limit sign would be helpful as well as a Caution Pedestrian sign, as there are no sidewalks on this road.

Chief Giorgi said that his goal is to have this resolved by the next meeting on Wednesday, March 25th. Commissioner Ghiloni said that all are aware that there is a problem and that it needs to be resolved. Yesterday was the Chief's first meeting with the Owner and he will continue to be in contact with him over the next few weeks. In the short term, we can mark the area from Winter Street to Rte. 20 as "No Parking", and see if a better resolution can be found before the next meeting on 3/25.

A resident mentioned another issue with cars parked there overnight. Officer Larose said that he talked to one woman who was parked there and she was a condo resident parking an extra car there as there are only two spots allowed per unit. More than two vehicles on the property results in a fine.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to ENGINEERING to post the area from Winter Street to Route 20 as "No Parking" and REFER to Chief Giorgi to work with Owner of The Fix on a resolution to the parking issue for the next meeting.

2a) Crosswalk Request from Meadowbrook Child Garden – Concord R. @ Mosher Ln.

This request came from the Owner of Meadowbrook Child Garden through Officer Parente. She is requesting a crosswalk that runs from Mosher Lane to the entrance of their lot along with some signage.

Chief Giorgi said that he hasn't been out there yet to see the area in question. Tim Collins pulled up photos on the screen for all to view. He questioned where the crosswalk would actually be placed. He noted that there is no sidewalk. Officer Larose said that parents park on Mosher and then walk across the street with their children. The request doesn't specify why they want the crosswalk or what type of signs are needed.

Chief Giorgi said that he can have Sgt. Attaway reach out to the Owner and get more specifics and also advise that a crosswalk probably won't work because a crosswalk needs to go to a sidewalk not a driveway.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to Sgt. Attaway to get speak with the Owner.

2c) Brigham Street Concerns.

Councilor Dumais forwarded an email from a local resident with several concerns. He has gone back and forth with resident addressing his concerns, however, there are two issues he is bringing before the Traffic Commission again.

- 1) **Request for Commercial Vehicle Exclusion** – This request was initially denied due to Brigham Street not meeting truck traffic volume requirements and the alternate route for truck traffic did not work because it was a “bit circuitous”.
- 2) **Request for electronic speed signs.**

The resident is asking if a current truck count can be done. He said that the other count was done 12 years ago. Also, if the truck volume is such a low percentage of traffic volume then the alternate route would only inconvenience a small percentage of drivers. He mentioned the unique layout of Brigham Street, i.e. close proximity of houses to the street, several choke points where it is impossible for a tractor trailer or large box truck to pass oncoming traffic without one side having to come to a complete stop and move to the extreme edge, no sidewalks and many walkers, joggers and cyclists. Councilor Dumais said that he recently drove down the road and said he is “again surprised at how tiny and tight the road is”. There has been a lot of construction and growth since the last truck count was completed. Can it be done again?

Chief Giorgi mentioned that an alternate truck route was suggested that went through Southboro. The Town of Southboro did not approve this route. Tim Collins advised that a Commercial Vehicle Exclusion needs to be approved by the State and there is a very specific window regarding the number of trucks allowed on the road. Also, the State did not like the detour that was presented back in 2007. Their response was that it was “too circuitous”. All agreed, however, that a new truck count would be a good idea, however, the alternate route given in the past through Southboro is now marked as a Truck Exclusion. Mr. Collins advised, however, that we have asked that State about a Truck Exclusion on Brigham Street 3 times and all 3 times it was denied.

Chief Giorgi asked if we could at least provide Councilor Dumais with the most recent vehicle count for Brigham Street, recorded from the portable speed limit feedback units placed along Brigham Street? Mr. Collins advised that this count does not specify truck traffic but it would at least show if there has been an increase in total volume. When the last speed study was done, it was found that cars weren’t traveling as fast as was thought. Farm Road was able to get a truck exclusion a long time ago as it was shown to be a narrow windy roadway with a school. Commissioner Ghiloni advised that Farm Road does not meet the warrants for a Truck Exclusion and would not get approved for one today.

Tim Collins also advised that the City can’t set the speed limit on Bigelow Street. Councilor Robey asked about the new regulation that said the City could set speed limits. Mr. Collins said that the Traffic Commission can set Advisory Speed Limits only.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to ENGINEERING to conduct a new Traffic Count and Truck Count on Brigham Street.

2d) Request for “No Right on Red” sign at intersection of Farm Rd./Boston Post Rd. E/Mustang Ave.

A resident of Farm Road sent a letter to Chief Giorgi requesting this signage. There is currently a red light and crosswalk at this intersection. He explained that people drive through this light as if it were a right-hand turn. He has experienced “drivers honking angrily at me for not going through this light”. He posted about his frustration at this intersection on the City of Marlborough Facebook page. He attached the transcript of the post with his request to the Traffic Commission as “it has become obvious that the legality involved in whether or not this intersection is a legal turn is ambiguous”.

Tim Collins brought up an aerial photo of the intersection for reference. He said that the stop line is way before the red light but people tend to creep up and then assume they can take a right turn on red. He advised that he sent an email to Duane Thomas at MA DOT on 2/24/20 with a photo and the specific question. “Can a vehicle, after stopping at the stop line on Farm Road proceed on (merge onto) Boston Post Road East, under the condition that right turns on red lights are allowed unless specifically prohibited?” He received an automatic response back that Duane Thomas was on vacation until March 3rd. He also said that this intersection will be changed under the proposed layout for improvements on Boston Post Road East. The project is scheduled to go out to bid in the fall of 2021.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to ENGINEERING to follow up on the response from the DOT and advise at the next meeting.

2e) Request from Vin Bin for designated parking space for order pick up.

Christina Lombardi from the Vin Bin made this request through Pam Wilderman, Code Enforcement. She is asking if one or two of the parking spaces in the lot next to the Vin Bin could have a notice indicating that it is to be used for limited parking for pickup at the Vin Bin. She noted a similar scenario in the lots near Starbucks and Crown Chicken.

Tim Collins pulled up an aerial photo of the area for reference. Commissioner Ghiloni explained that the lot next to the Vin Bin is a Municipal Lot with two-hour parking allowed, while the area near Starbucks and Crown Chicken is private property. The main lot there is a Municipal Lot with all day parking but the area close to the building is private property. Councilor Robey asked if overnight parking was allowed in the Municipal Lot. She said there is always at least one truck parked there every day and it seems to stay overnight. She asked if it could be ticketed. Chief Giorgi advised that he would have the Police Department take a look at this.

Commissioner Ghiloni said that there are several other restaurants on Main Street that would want the same type of parking arrangement if the City were to allow it for The Vin Bin. If the City did it for one restaurant they would have to do it for all. Commissioner Ghiloni thinks that part of the problem is that people are parking for longer than 2 hours in this lot.

Tim Collins advised that there are three parking spots in the back of the building and asked if they could possibly negotiate something with those. It was discussed that these

spots would not work as they are too far to walk from the entrance. Councilor Tunnera asked about handicapped parking. Commissioner Ghiloni advised that one of the spots in the back is marked as handicapped parking and that there is an elevator at the back entrance.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to Chief Giorgi to advise The Vin Bin of the discussion.

NOTE: Chief Giorgi had to leave the Traffic Commission meeting at this time to attend another meeting.

2a) Meadowbrook Garden – continued.

The new owner of Meadowbrook Child Garden, Annette Fernandez, arrived at this time. The normal time for the monthly Traffic Commission Meetings is 10:00 am. Today's meeting was rescheduled for 9:00am and she was unaware of the change.

Tim Collins reviewed the discussion for her and explained that a crosswalk needs to go from a sidewalk to a sidewalk. He asked if she could explain more clearly as to what they are trying to "fix" with the crosswalk. She explained that the speed of cars on Concord Road is very dangerous. West bound cars are going downhill and east bound cars come around a sharp curve where there is not enough time to see them coming when trying to cross. The cars do not appear to be keeping to the 25-mph speed limit. There are 77 students (ages 2.9 to 6) in the school who are dropped off and picked up on Mosher. The main concern is with the speed of cars when students are trying to cross. She thinks that a crosswalk and appropriate signage may slow cars down and allow for more time to cross.

Tim Collins advised that there may be some type of warning signs that can be posted that would help to slow cars down. Commissioner Ghiloni said that he would like to investigate this more before making any decisions. Sgt. Attaway said that the Police Department could put out the portable speed signs in the spring to check for speeding and then conduct directed patrols. Officer Larose asked if the speed trailer could be placed on island in from the preschool. Ms. Fernandez advised that this would be fine.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to Engineering to review possible signage for further discussion at the next meeting.

2e) Parking for Vin Bin – continued.

Christina Lombardi from The Vin Bin also did not realize the meeting was changed from 10:00am to 9:00am. She came in at the end of the meeting when Chief Giorgi was leaving. Her issue was readdressed by Tim Collins and he explained that if a spot was set aside for The Vin Bin, all other restaurants would want the same thing. It was also further discussed that if the 2-hour parking limit were enforced, it would free up a few spots. It appears there are at least 5 cars that park there all day. There are many different types of businesses in the area including office buildings that are using the lot and parking from 9 to 5. There needs to be more enforcement of the 2-hour parking. Ms.

Lombardi said that there used to be more ticketing. She has received tickets in the past. It was noted that there is currently no parking clerk.

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

3-Old Business

3a) Poor Streetlight Conditions – West Main St./Winthrop St.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to TABLE.

3b) Request for Crosswalk Warning Signage – West Main St. @ Winthrop.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to TABLE.

That there being no further business of the Traffic Commission held on this date, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 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, February 26, 2020 including meeting agenda.

-Draft of Traffic Commission Minutes from Wednesday, January 29, 2020.

-Email from Officer Parente to Chief Giorgi and Sgt. Attaway, dated 2/7/20, re: Crosswalk Request on Concord Rd. (original request from owner of Meadowbrook Child Garden – including 3 photos).

-Email from Councilor Tunnera to Chief Giorgi and Commissioner Ghiloni, dated 2/13/20, re: Parking on Lakeside Ave. (includes email from Vera Copeland of Waterwind Knolls with 4 photos and email from Alice Wertheimer).

-Email from Councilor Dumais to Chief Giorgi, dated 2/10/20, re: Brigham Street Concerns (includes email from Michael Kerick).

-Email from EJ Kropp to the Police Department, dated 1/29/20, re: request for No Right on Red sign at the intersection of Farm Rd., Boston Post Road and Mustang Ave. (including a map and copy of FaceBook group discussion).

-Email from Pam Wilderman to Chief Giorgi, re: request from VinBin for limited time parking space for order pick up).

Additional Handouts:

-Email from Tim Collins to Duane Thomas of MA DOT, dated 2/24/20, Re: Farm Road Right on Red.

-Email from Bill Franke, dated 2/26/20, re: Lakeside Ave. parking issue. (including 4 photos).

-Email from David Chen to Chief Giorgi, dated 2/24/20, re: Parking on Lakeside Avenue.

-Aerial photo of intersection of Bolton Street and Main Street, including parking lot at Vin Bin.

-Diagram of Alternate Route for Commercial Vehicles on Brigham Street.

Karen Lambert

From: Laura Wagner
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 11:30 AM
To: David Giorgi
Subject: Traffic Comm./ Public Safety Concern, Wilson St

Hi Chief Giorgi,

Thanks for taking the time to speak with me today. Below are is the summary of concerns re. Wilson St., which were communicated to me by Wilson St. residents.

History:

- Speed concerns: people traveling down Hemenway St, turning left onto Wilson and traveling at a high rate of speed. Neighbors living near the corner of this intersection report multiple incidents involving speeding cars:
 - Hydrant hit 6 times
 - Mailbox at 274 Wilson knocked down 5 times
 - Resident at 274 Wilson reported having to leap over his fence to avoid being hit by a speeding car.
- Neighbors report advocating for a stop sign on Hemenway, at the intersection of Wilson for the past 20 years.

City's Response

The Wilson/Hemenway St intersection area was redesigned in 2019. In an effort to reduce speed and proper cornering at the intersection, a median rumble strip was added and the roadway was narrowed.

Effectiveness of Roadway Improvements

On 3/9/20, I spoke to the resident at 266 & 274 Wilson (the concern was brought to my attention by the resident at 274 Wilson). The residents stated that not only have these roadway changes not had the intended impact of reducing speed, but now the residents have the added displeasure of hearing the noise produced by the speeding cars traveling over the rumble strip.

Safety Concerns

Elderly residents from New Horizons walk in this area. Sidewalk improvements are helpful; however, there was incident on Farm Rd 10-15 years ago that involved a motor vehicle hitting a father and his daughter who were walking on the sidewalk.

Neighbors on Wilson St., who live near the Hemenway St. Intersection report being in fear of walking on their street, getting their mail or engaging in lawn/garden care near Wilson St.

When speaking with residents this week, I was informed that a motorcycle passed a vehicle on Wilson traveling at an estimated speed as 60 MPH. The existing or proposed improvements would not prevent this type of incident; however, I mention it because there is a history of excessive speeding on this road. The most tragic example is the case of the Reed Brothers who, after exiting the LDS Church, traveled at an exceptionally

high rate of speed on Wilson, crashed into some trees and were grievously injured (both were quadriplegics following this tragedy).

Proposed Changes

1. Residents requested a raised median structure, similar to the one found on Simpson Rd. Upon investigation, I've learned that this type of structure was explored but rejected as being an impediment to trucks and emergency vehicles negotiating this turn
2. Install a stop sign on Hemenway - residents have requested this addition; however, both the residents and I have little confidence that a stop sign will be honored, and therefore, it too, will be ineffective
3. **Install speed bumps on Hemenway, prior to entrance to the LDS church, which will force people to slow down prior to taking a left on to Wilson.** (This may be the most effective solution)

I've personally walked through this neighborhood and experienced, first hand, the dangerousness of this roadway. I agree with the residents that risk of an incident involving significant injury or death caused by a speeding car is high. I look forward to working with you to identify the most effective option to address this problem.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and please let me know when this issue is included on the Traffic Commission agenda -

Laura

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Karen Lambert

From: Andrew Larose
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 1:38 PM
To: David Giorgi; Zachary Attaway; Paul Connors
Subject: Re: Traffic Comm./ Public Safety Concern, Wilson St

Chief,

I have been monitoring the intersection of Wilson and Hemenway due to the resident's concerns. The fastest speed I observed a vehicle turning from Hemenway onto Wilson was 25mph (confirmed by RADAR). It did appear the vehicle was traveling at a much higher rate. The majority of vehicles were making the turn at 20MPH or less.

The rumble strip island is not forcing vehicles to slow and go around it. Almost half of the vehicles I observed just drove right over it. Depending on the vehicle speed, the noise did get pretty loud and I could see why the neighbors are upset.

A speed sign has been placed on Wilson Street to monitor traffic heading towards Hemenway. The sign will be moved next week onto Hemenway to monitor traffic heading back towards Wilson Street.

While placing the speed trailer, a neighbor approached me about vehicles speeding. He believes many offenders are employees of New Horizons, this was based on their uniforms. I went to the facility and spoke with the manger about the neighborhood concerns. She is going to send out an email to everyone reminding them of the speed limits.

Respectfully,
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From: David Giorgi <dgiorgi@marlborough-ma.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 12:56 PM
To: Zachary Attaway <zattaway@marlborough-ma.gov>; Andrew Larose <alarose@marlborough-ma.gov>; Paul Connors <pconnors@marlborough-ma.gov>
Subject: FW: Traffic Comm./ Public Safety Concern, Wilson St

David Giorgi

From: Laura Wagner
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 1:51 PM
To: David Giorgi
Cc: Zachary Attaway
Subject: Re: Traffic Comm./ Public Safety Concern, Wilson St

Hi Chief Giorgi,

Thank you for your response. While I appreciate the addition of the speed monitor, in all due respect, this response is not really addressing the safety concern.

- The hydrant on Wilson was hit 5 times - the city gave up and removed it (to me, this concedes acceptance of the dangerousness of the situation and is valuing the cost of replacing a hydrant - but not the impact on the residents)
- There was another serious accident on 4/6

My constituents on Wilson are terrified to complete the simple task of getting their mail.

If I may, I suggest that you please consider this problem from a public safety perspective and not just a data perspective. The speed monitor may not result in meeting the actionable threshold for the number of speeding incidents. One of these speeding incidents, however, may result in serious injury or the death of a resident on Wilson. Mr. Tivan, 274 Wilson, has a heart condition. I spoke to both him and his neighbor at 266 Wilson, who were both extremely upset when the 4/6 accident occurred. Either one of these residents could have been working in their yard at the time of the crash.

These two residents, who live near the intersection of Hemenway, are extremely frustrated with the situation - which they report that they've been fighting for 20 years. Another constituent who lives on Hemenway contacted me this week to ask about what's being done.

If we can't have the meeting, I understand, but a serious conversation regarding the installation of speed bumps on Hemenway needs to be had as soon as possible. Speed bumps will slow down drivers as they approach Wilson. I think this will be an economical and effective solution. The residents are very angry. I've asked them to be patient and let me address the situation. I hope to avoid the pursuit of litigation, but again, they are very angry and afraid, and I don't know how long I can get them to be patient with the process.

I also don't want to get the call telling me that someone was killed or seriously injured.

I know you don't either and I respect how incredibly busy you must be right now. I just want to impress upon you just how angry and scared these residents are. A few speed bumps seem like a very small ask - one that actually may solve the problem.

I wish I could be having this conversation in person with you. I hope my respect for you, and your position is being communicated via this email.

Thank you,

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From: David Giorgi <dgiorgi@marlborough-ma.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 1:10 PM
To: Laura Wagner <ward_1@marlborough-ma.gov>
Cc: Zachary Attaway <zattaway@marlborough-ma.gov>
Subject: RE: Traffic Comm./ Public Safety Concern, Wilson St

Good Afternoon Councilor Wagner,

I apologize for the late response to your email. With respect to the April meeting of the Traffic Commission, I was not going to hold the meeting as the only item on the agenda(which we carried from the March agenda) was the speeding concern on Wilson St. and Hemenway St. I have spoken to other members of the Commission and we agree that this has been an on-going issue and that, as you mentioned, the Commission has tried to address on a few occasions in the past. Since your email in March, one of the Traffic Unit officers set up a speed sign to monitor the traffic volume and speed on both Wilson St. and Hemenway St. and we can provide you with the data from those two reports. In addition, he spoke with a resident who believe that some of the speeding vehicles may be coming from the New Horizons facility so he stopped in there and spoke with management who was going to distribute a memo to all employees to be conscious of their speed while travelling on Wilson St. and Hemenway St.

During a normal Traffic Commission meeting, anyone is allowed to speak regarding the agenda items and the residents can certainly submit documentation or speak during the meetings- hopefully this will be happening sooner than later. However, in the interim, I have spoken to our Traffic Unit Sergeant Zac Attaway who can contact either you or the residents and share the data generated from the speed signs. They can voice their concerns to him and he can share what steps his unit is taking to try to address the situation. The design or location of the rumble strip at the intersection is something which would have to be addressed by the Engineering Dept. and I will forward your concerns to them for their input.

We will continue to carry this agenda item onto the next meeting which we can hopefully have in person in May. Thank you and I hope that you and your family are staying safe during this crisis.

D. Giorgi

From: Laura Wagner <ward_1@marlborough-ma.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 3:26 PM
To: David Giorgi <dgiorgi@marlborough-ma.gov>
Subject: Re: Traffic Comm./ Public Safety Concern, Wilson St

Hi Chief Giorgi,

Could you please confirm that the April 29th, 10:00 AM Traffic Commission meeting is happening?

Hopefully, it is - if so, could you please make sure I get the video link?

I have three residents who are very concerned about the public safety issue of speeding cars on Hemenway and Wilson. As you know, there was another serious accident that occurred on 4/6.

Let me know if public testimony will be allowed and if I can invite my constituents to join the video meeting. I have written statements I can provide, as well.

Thank you so much,
I hope you, your team, and your family are managing alright during this difficult time

Laura

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From: David Giorgi <dgiorgi@marlborough-ma.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 3:16 PM
To: Laura Wagner <ward_1@marlborough-ma.gov>
Subject: RE: Traffic Comm./ Public Safety Concern, Wilson St

Good afternoon,

The March Traffic Commission meeting has been postponed. All items on the agenda will be carried to out April meeting on the 29th.

Thank you,
David

From: Laura Wagner <ward_1@marlborough-ma.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 1:18 PM
To: David Giorgi <dgiorgi@marlborough-ma.gov>
Subject: Re: Traffic Comm./ Public Safety Concern, Wilson St

Hi Chief,

I hope you and your department is holding up ok during these challenging times.
Just wanted to confirm - I know all non essential meetings are postponed - I just wanted to check that the traffic commission mtg on March 25th is postponed, correct?

Thank you,
Laura

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Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 12:57 PM
To: Laura Wagner <ward_1@marlborough-ma.gov>
Subject: RE: Traffic Comm./ Public Safety Concern, Wilson St

Good Afternoon Councilor Wagner,

I will add your email and the concerns of the residents to the Traffic Commission agenda for the March meeting held on the 25th at 10am.

Thank you,

D. Giorgi

From: Laura Wagner
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 11:30 AM
To: David Giorgi <dgiorgi@marlborough-ma.gov>
Subject: Traffic Comm./ Public Safety Concern, Wilson St

Hi Chief Giorgi,

Thanks for taking the time to speak with me today. Below are is the summary of concerns re. Wilson St., which were communicated to me by Wilson St. residents.

History:

- Speed concerns: people traveling down Hemenway St, turning left onto Wilson and traveling at a high rate of speed. Neighbors living near the corner of this intersection report multiple incidents involving speeding cars:
 - Hydrant hit 6 times
 - Mailbox at 274 Wilson knocked down 5 times
 - Resident at 274 Wilson reported having to leap over his fence to avoid being hit by a speeding car.
- Neighbors report advocating for a stop sign on Hemenway, at the intersection of Wilson for the past 20 years.

City's Response

Karen Lambert

From: David Giorgi
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 11:58 AM
To: Karen Lambert
Subject: Fwd: May 27 Traffic Commision Mtg

Can you please add this to the z drive for the meeting?
Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Laura Wagner <ward_1@marlborough-ma.gov>
Date: May 21, 2020 at 11:41:10 AM EDT
To: David Giorgi <dgiorgi@marlborough-ma.gov>
Cc: Karen Boule <kboule@marlborough-ma.gov>
Subject: **May 27 Traffic Commision Mtg**

Greetings, Chief Giorgi,

I'm writing to confirm the May 27, 10 AM Traffic Commission meeting. When you get a chance, please let me know the logistics for this meeting. Specifically, will the public be able to attend and will they have the chance to speak (I'm assuming this will be a video mtg, correct?).

As I shared in previous communications with you, several Ward 1 residents are very concerned about the dangerous conditions in regard to Hemenway St and the Wilson St. Intersection. I've gathered the letters/emails that my constituents have sent me in this [shared google drive folder](#)

Thank you for this opportunity to share our concerns, and thank you for all that you do to keep our city safe.

Regards,
Laura

Laura Wagner, MSW
Marlborough City Council, Ward 1
Email: Ward_1@marlborough-ma.gov
Cell: 508-308-9261
Pronouns: She/Hers/Hers

Meagan McLean
Thu 5/21/2020 9:50 AM
Laura Wagner

Hi Laura,

I recently received a note from my neighbor, Eileen Codyer regarding a traffic commission meeting where you will be presenting speeding concerns from residents on Hemenway St. That's great news!

I would like to share my experiences with speeding on Hemenway St. Here are a few examples:

1. A driver who was speeding and probably texting at the same time, crashed into my mailbox so hard that the dirt and pieces of the planter traveled 50 feet across my yard. The mailbox was mangled beyond recognition. She crushed the front of her car. Thank God I was not out getting my mail at the time.
2. A driver who was speeding and drinking at the same time drove up onto my neighbor's lawn, caught air, and landed on top of her stone wall next to her driveway, taking out 2 trees in the process. Miraculously the driver was OK. Thank God my neighbor was not in her driveway at the time.
3. My son was out doing yard work when a driver just drove up and into our lawn obviously not paying attention to where he was going. Thank God my son had moved from that exact spot minutes before.
4. When out walking with my family and standing in the crosswalk at New Horizons, not one car stops to let us cross. We don't expect anyone to stop anymore - we'd be plowed over if we assumed they were going to stop.
5. My cat was mowed down by a speeding car, the driver of which had his music up so loud and was going so fast, he didn't even notice the bump as he hit my cat.

Those are a few of the examples we've experienced. We've noticed several temporary electronic speed signs over the years, but without any enforcement, honestly, it's not effective. I've seen maybe a handful of officers over the years enforcing the speed limit, but that lasts a few minutes.

Unfortunately the stretch of road between Wilson St. and New Horizons is nice and flat, so drivers love to speed up and see how fast they can go on a flat road.

I'd love to see speed bumps on this part of road. Or at a minimum, multiple permanent electronic speed signs like the ones on Farm Road.

Thanks for your attention to this.

Sincerely,

Meagan McLean

318 Hemenway St.

From: **Andrew Tivnan**
Date: Sat, Mar 14, 2020 at 6:13 PM
Subject: Fwd: Traffic Commission Meeting 3/25/20
To: <Laurawagner789@gmail.com>

Hemenway Street Traffic Stop Sign and Speed Bump Proposal

Laura Wagner
Ward 1 City Councilor
Marlboro, Ma. 01752
(508) 308-9261

Dear Laura Wagner,

It was nice speaking with you this week. We appreciate that you will be able to address this issue with the City of Marlboro Traffic Commission on Wednesday, March 25, 2020. My wife Nancy and I have been homeowners at 274 Wilson Street for 37 years. Along with our neighbors, Bob Hetzel and Dan Verricho. we have been concerned about the safety of the intersection at Wilson and Hemenway Streets. Over the years, there have been multiple accidents with damage to our property, mail box and city's fire hydrant. Also, it is dangerous to walk along the road to get our mail or shovel snow at our street mail box due to the cars that speed around the corner. Also, it is dangerous when cars speed down Hemenway Street Extension, as we pull out from our driveway onto Hemenway Street Extension. Today, there has been an increased amount of traffic on Hemenway and Wilson Streets making this a more dangerous intersection.

In April 2016, we sent a letter to the city requesting a stop sign be placed at the corner of Hemenway before taking a left onto Wilson Street in order to slow traffic. This request was not approved. Since that original request was submitted, the city has widened the intersection and placed a rumble strip in an effort to slow down traffic as vehicles turn the corner. Since it's completion, we have not seen any improved changes in the speed at which vehicles turn the corner or improved safety at the intersection.

We propose a traffic stop sign and or speed bump to be placed at Hemenway Street before making the turn onto Wilson Street to provide safety to our community.

. They have requested that I remain at home to minimize my exposure to the Coronavirus (Corvid-19).

Please accept this letter to represent Nancy and myself, along with my neighbors at the traffic commission meeting.

I look forward to hear from you and the response from the City of Marlboro Traffic Commission.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Andrew and Nancy Tivnan
274 Wilson Street
Marlboro, Ma. 01752



May 13, 2020

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The high-speed traffic on that stretch of road has been a concern, particularly with the amount of foot and bicycle traffic on the street. Even before the COVID-19 pandemic began, many families and elderly people living at New Horizons had increasingly been walking, running and bicycling in the neighborhood. In addition, a number of people working at New Horizons walk to work up Hemenway Street.

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Sincerely,



285 Hemenway Street
Marlborough, MA 01752

Catherine LaJeunesse

May 13, 2020

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Jeremiah Encarnacion

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275 Hemenway Street
Marlborough, MA 01752

? Leeleman ?

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264 Hemenway Street
Marlborough, MA 01752

Mary Oyleman

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307 Hemenway Street
Marlborough, MA 01752