

Minutes of the TPPCS Committee Meeting

March 13th 2019

In attendance: Deputy Mayor Andy Dijusto, Chief Anthony Piccolino, Chairman Frank Doherty, Larry Nardecchia, Erich Hartmann, and Samuel Lessem.

The meeting was called to order at 730 pm, (1930), on Wednesday March 13th 2019. Starting of on the agenda was the proposal of planned parking spots for the property on American Legion Drive to be turned into a medical arts building. The committee discussed alternative proposals for those parking spots that can work and not impede the traffic of Ardsley in such a way that the present proposal would. That drawing will be presented and will be given to the Village board.

Following that discussion of American Legion Drive, we discussed the Center Street and 9A with the issue of the 3-lane section coming up. Presently, when coming from the Elmsford side of 9A into the village there is a 3-lane section of the road which consists of a straight road, a left turn and straight through road, and the oncoming lane. We have proposed, and all agreed, and that the left turn and straight portion of 9A become a left turn only section as it presents a hazard to any pedestrian attempting to cross the crosswalk at that area. It creates a blind spot for pedestrians and has created a situation where people are driving quickly through a designated crosswalk area.

In addition to that proposal, we also concurred that a “don’t block the box” area be put up from the Ardsley Wash and Dry to Center Street. This would greatly cut down on that visibility problem previously mentioned, and help to decrease the congestion in the area as it would more adequately stagger traffic in a helpful and safe way.

After this discussion we talked about possibly getting the same type of crosswalk lights that exist near Madaba Deli in crossing 9A for further crosswalk area’s around the village. It has been explained that the crosswalk at Center Street and 9A will be getting a special type of light that can be pressed when a pedestrian wished to cross which can also hopefully cut down on that dangerous intersection’s safety concerns. Crosswalks that could be helped with lighting systems include the crosswalks on Heatherdell and others on 9A and Ashford Avenue. These are crosswalks that could do with more signage as has been done on 9A and could potentially help those students that have to walk home following school, and of course the pedestrians of Ardsley.

The red arrow at 9A and Ashford was also discussed and we came to an understanding that it is not in fact the village that controls that the light is now a red arrow but it is the state that does so. Even with that being true, it never hurts to just bring up the issue as it continually presents a backup problem that never existed when the light was a red light instead of a red arrow.

The largest issues we talked about included the changing of the lane on 9A to a left turn only instead of a left and straight, and the don't block the box which both would contribute to assisting those who cross at the center street area. One last thing that was discussed was the idea of turning the village green into a one in and one out to further cut down on traffic in that congested area. After this the meeting was concluded at 8 35 pm, (2035), with the next meeting time to be decided.