

**VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK**  
**TRANSPORTATION WORKING GROUP**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 27, 2016**

A regular meeting was held by the Transportation Working Group on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 7:15 p.m. in the Hastings Village Hall.

**PRESENT:** Jeanette Sawyer Cohen (Chair), Samantha Wilt, Dan Sbrega, Matt Hobby, Amy Lambert, Jim Nolan

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** (2)

Approval of minutes

The Sept. 13 regular meeting minutes were approved and forwarded.

School Safety and Village Signage

Amy discussed her meeting with School Superintendent and Marisa Silverstein, a PTSA representative. They discussed ideas for drop off, sidewalks, and crossing guards, as well as communications plans for teachers and students. The Group discussed asking the DPW identify signs that need to be replaced and where 20MPH School Zone signs can be added. Amy will work with representatives from the PTSA to move forward with school safety issues.

Uniform Manual and Traffic Control Devices

Sam and Matt reported on their research on the above. Learning included that within a ¼ mile of a school, you are in a school zone and allowed to add a sign indicating such. “Begin Higher Fine Zone” and “School Zone Fines Higher” signs were also discussed as possible signage to consider.

Community Survey Discussion

Sam reported on progress with its wording and organization. The group confirmed that a question about identifying potential neighborhood captains will be included.

How to Field Concerns

Discussed process for responding to community concerns, which are numerous. In some instances, members of the public come to us with a specific request, in which case our role may be to help shape that request into a recommendation to the Board of Trustees. In other instances, citizens voice concerns without having formulated a proposed solution. James Street, as a perennial village traffic concern and one the Village Board has promised

to address, came up as an example of the latter and was used to guide the discussion about our group process for handling community concerns. The group decided that at this time we will wait for the village-wide survey results before adding James St to our agenda, but in the meantime, given a reported recent vehicular accident, continued public outcry and the long-standing nature of this problem, we can explore “low hanging fruit” solutions such as having the speed and children at play signs repainted, and adding no thru traffic during rush hour sign – both of which would be coupled with increased enforcement. As part of the brainstorming on our own procedures, we discussed a handful of other problem areas in the village (e.g., walking to the train, Ravensdale, Villard, Reynolds Playground area). Neighborhood captains were discussed one way to gather and prioritize various neighborhood concerns.

### Comp Plan

The Chair brought up the comp plan as a good guide for us, as it spells out the need for safe paths to schools, downtown and public facilities. We agreed in the long-term to continue a focus on crosswalks and sidewalks. Part of our mandate as a group involves helping the Board of Trustees implement recommendations from the comp plan, and as such we may address some concerns already noted in the comp plan without need for further study. We will look at this in more depth at our next meeting.

### Next meeting

The next regular meeting will be held at 7:15 pm on October 25, 2016.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the regular meeting at 9:15 p.m.