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MINUTES

VILLAGE OF COLONIE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2025

6:30 P.M.

The scheduled meeting of the Village of Colonie Traffic Committee was held on Thursday, July 10, 2025, at 6:30PM.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lemperle at 6:31 p.m. with a salute to the flag. Chairman Lemperle requested that all electronic devices be silenced.

Roll Call: Chairman, John Lemperle
George Lashoff
Les Samiof
Michael Normandin
Frank Blake (Absent)
CPD Liaison Lt. Breslin
Liaison Frank Prevratil

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting that was held on May 08, 2025, were reviewed. Mr. Samiof made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Lashoff seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in favor of the motion.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Lemperle turned the meeting over to Liaison Prevratil to discuss the recent traffic counts completed. Neighbors have been concerned that traffic from Central Ave may be turning down these streets to avoid the light on Central Ave causing more traffic than normal and safety concerns.

Liaison Prevratil advised that a traffic count was completed on Hawley Ave May 13th – May 20th, there were 2,311 cars that traveled on the street during the week. 1403 of the vehicles were traveling toward Central Ave. The mean speed of traffic was 20mph. The peak hours for traffic were 4pm-5pm on weekdays and 11am-2pm on the weekends.

On Holland Ave the counts were taken May 21st – May 28th. There were 6,005 cars that traveled on the street during the week. The mean speed of traffic was 24mph. There were 511 more cars that traveled toward Central Ave. There was steady traffic on weekdays between 9am – 5pm and weekends 9am – 7pm.

On Harriet St. counts were taken June 2nd – June 10th. There were 8,015 cars that traveled on the street during the week. The mean speed of traffic was 23mph. There were 297 more cars going toward Lincoln Ave. The peak hours for traffic were 3pm – 5pm on weekdays and were steady between 9am – 5pm on the weekends. There were 52 vehicles traveling at a speed of between 46-65 mph.

Lt. Breslin added that they could be double axel vehicles. It would be hard to get your speed up that fast on a small street. Liaison Prevratil suggested that the Traffic Committee request a traffic count on Woolard Ave as well.

Chairman Lemperle thanked Liaison Prevratil for the review of these counts.

Liaison Prevratil advised that a lot of work has already been done in this area to slow and deter traffic. Lane narrowing has been completed, a 4-way stop sign was added as well as a speed sign. A repeat study should be done next spring to see if there is any difference. Liaison Prevratil added that the Fire Chief stated that speed humps are not good when responding to emergencies.

Chairman Lemperle announced that he is in favor of speed humps on Hawley Ave and Holland Ave.

Mr. Lashoff asked if there would be a speed hump sign at the beginning of the street to let people know or if they would just be present at the actual hump. A look at Pine Ave in the Village showed that a “Speed Humps ahead” sign is at the beginning of the street.

Mr. Phil Minissale of Harriet St asked if the traffic committee thinks that speed humps on Hawley Ave will slow down the traffic on Harriet St.

Ms. Donna Lussier of Hunting Rd stated that she saw a post on the internet that Sand Creek Rd was now 25 MPH. She also added that there was a reminder in the Villager to drive 25 in the Village. She would have liked to see the new speed limit for Sand Creek Rd be posted there as well.

Mayor Rubino advised that this was done through the Village Board meeting. Village Board meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays and agendas for these meetings are posted ahead of time on our website. Residents are encouraged to attend and voice concerns; Mayor Rubino wishes more residents would attend these meetings.

Mr. Normandin mentioned that the timing on the lights on Central Ave sometimes lead people to take side streets so they can be avoided. Liaison Prevratil mentioned that there is very little we

can do about the lights. DOT is in charge of them, they have been notified and the Village has even had meetings with them.

Mayor Rubino added they we are between two big cities and are always working on ways to make our streets safer. Lt. Breslin agreed that we are doing the right thing and DOT is typically more concerned with traffic on larger streets like Central Ave.

Liaison Prevratil read traffic count results from a Peter Dr count that was completed May 29th – June 5th. There were 7,093 cars that traveled on the street during the week. There were 93 more cars that traveled toward Sand Creek Rd. The mean speed was 26mph. The peak hours for traffic were 3pm-4pm on weekdays and 12pm – 6pm on weekends.

Mr. Bill Gariepy from Sand Creek Rd was presented and believes that more trucks and buses have been trying to avoid Hunting Rd and travel on Sand Creek Rd instead. He also believes that more people have been traveling on Peter Dr to avoid the speed humps from other streets.

Chairman Lemperle asked if there have been any recommendations for Peter Dr? Liaison Prevratil answered no, but if the traffic committee has an idea, it can be brought to the Village Board.

Lt. Breslin added that there are speed tables which do not affect emergency vehicles like the speed humps or bumps would but he is not aware of anyone that uses them here.

Liaison Prevratil mentioned that we can look at all options available and decide what action is best.

A traffic count was also completed for Hunting Rd/Thoroughbred Ln but the reports did not print correctly. Coordinator Douglas will reach out to DPW for new reports.

Liaison Prevratil stated that traffic counts were completed on Sand Creek Rd from June 11th – June 18th. One was completed at Sand Creek Rd and Jodiro Ln, there were 101,435 cars that traveled on the street during the week. The mean speed of traffic was 30mph. The other was at 614 Sand Creek Rd; there were 63,507 cars that traveled during the week. The mean speed of traffic was 32mph.

Coordinator Douglas will also reach out to the Town of Colonie to see if they have any traffic counts done on Sand Creek Rd.

Mr. Gariepy added that he sees many trucks speed down the street between 4:30am-6am. Mr. Gariepy also asked what was happening with the Sand Creek Rd project.

Liaison Prevratil advised that we are on Phase 2 of the project. We have not approved any work to be done yet but we can move forward with funding for the project. This project will be done in phases. We are currently looking to make the intersections safe and are exploring options. Federal grants come out in March and we will apply then.

Mr. Lashoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM. Mr. Normandin seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in favor of the motion.

Respectfully,

Stacie Douglas
Traffic Safety Coordinator