

## **Summary/Minutes of February 7, 2017 Traffic Committee Meeting**

The meeting convened at approximately 7:35 pm, with seven (of nine) members present, plus Mr. Crockett and Chief Fitzgerald.

Upon request, Mr. Kilborn gave brief comments on the background of the Village Speed Hump Policy and its contents. The policy, adopted by the Board in January 2011, is quite specific on the procedures to petition the Village Manager, who would provide notice and circulate a questionnaire to residents in the block affected, request traffic speed and volume studies by the Police Department, tabulate resident approvals, etc. If still under consideration, the application would be referred to the Traffic Committee for its comments.

Mr. Crockett summarized the petition received from Mr. & Mrs. Cooper of Grafton Street, dated December 21, 2016. He had originally intended to propose a waiver of several aspects of the Policy so that the Board could act at the Feb. 13 meeting of the Board, but then decided instead to raise the issue for discussion and possibly propose several amendments to the Policy.

Chief Fitzgerald summarized speed and traffic studies carried out on Grafton in 2014--these showed fairly high traffic volumes especially eastbound, but modest speeds well below the 25 mph speed limit. He noted that no pedestrian incidents had been recorded. The Police do continue to seek solutions for wrong-way drivers exiting Grafton onto Wisconsin. Several members stressed that for child safety family responsibility was as important (or more so) than speed controls or other traffic calming mechanisms.

There was active discussion on all sides of these issues, but no motions or recommendations were proposed. It was the sense of the Committee that the Village has a Policy that reflects much (and best) effort at the time, and that it should be followed rather than waived, giving the Board a range of information before making any decisions. The issue was also raised as to whether there was a conflict of interest when a board member represents a petition which potentially benefits his/her block. The Committee stands ready to review and comment on any Policy amendments proposed, if referred to it by the Board.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9 pm