**Roads and Safety Minutes 04/27/21**

* Please plan to attend the Public Land Planning Charrette on Saturday, May 15, 9am-12pm
* Lizzy: We will aim to meet nextMay 3rd @7:30 pm ET (May 10th as back-up) - confirm okay with Fern; then email committee to confirm

**What results do we want??**

* Less traffic - do we need to also be doing something to discourage traffic coming to these areas in the first place?
* More responsible drivers - how can we be affecting driving behavior? Should we also be coordinating with Parks & Rec Committee on Comm issues?

**Priority, for now, to discuss speeding issues:**

* Lizzy: Budget - talk to Lee, what is our committee’s overall budget? Can we make an intent-presentation during Charrette, or another time?
* Lizzy: Engineering - what do we have in terms of access to an engineer of record for the Town of Walden (Mac McCarley?); If not included in current fees, can it be added or can we find a pro-bono professional engineer?
	+ Which roads in Walden are private, HamCo, and Town of Walden jurisdiction?
	+ Need a directed traffic/speed study >> we would need a budget for this; cost-benefit analysis in order to justify??
	+ Add stop sign at the top of the triangle on Ivory coming up Chestnut, to create a 3-way stop; also 3-way stop at Wilson intersection
	+ Restripe lanes to make it uncomfortable to speed - on Ivory, 2 different engineering firms have advised that lanes are striped too wide, and shouldn’t have a double-yellow line in center
	+ Add rumble strips to center or edge lines to keep motorists from crossing lanes, or simply as a precursor to stop signs as an alert
	+ Add speed bumps, however appropriate, throughout Ivory-to-Chestnut conversion and on straight-aways on Wilson, Forest park drive all the way to Falling Water natural area.
	+ Close off a portion of Sawyer Road to through traffic
* Lizzy: Ticketing - try to get Sheriff and 2nd in command (Austin Garrett) to come present at next meeting; are there grants available for these types of issues? - hope to have Sheriff/officer come up for “trial period” to deter and to collect data >> do we need a budget for this? Possibly, $500/day for officer presence?
* Lizzy: can we get a speed tracker installed, add a new one or move an existing one - does it collect any useful data?
* Talk to the Land Use Committee to get permission to go ahead to try some of our proposed solutions

**Ideas discussed:**

* Stop sign at the top of the triangle on Ivory coming up Chestnut, to create a 3-way stop - also 3-way stop at Wilson intersection (Kristin) - SEE ENGINEERING SECTION ABOVE
* Issues with trucks on the W road, getting worse (Kristin)
* Potholes on the roads (Kristin)
* Restripe lanes to make it uncomfortable to speed - on Ivory, 2 different engineering firms have advised that lanes are striped too wide, and shouldn’t have a double-yellow line (Kirby) - SEE ENGINEERING SECTION ABOVE
* Add rumble strips to center or edge lines to keep motorists from crossing lanes (Kirby) - as a precursor to stop signs? (Ryan)- SEE ENGINEERING SECTION ABOVE
* Add speed bumps, however appropriate, throughout Ivory-to-Chestnut conversion (Kirby); Wilson (Ryan),Forest Park (Tal) - SEE ENGINEERING SECTION ABOVE
* Add a pedestrian-activated flashing-yellow sign(s) for neighbors entering/occupying the most dangerous sections of the roadway (Kirby) - DID NOT DISCUSS
* Do something to address “through” traffic in Walden - the amount of people who fly down Wilson to just use it as a cut through presents a huge issue. It’s not just pedestrian, it’s also workers of landscaping, construction etc. (Ryan)
* Community awareness - everyone has an opinion on this issue, the best common ground that we can find to where the majority of Walden feels like it’s a win (Ryan)
* Photo-capture tickets - are they effective? (Lizzy) - HOLD, FOR NOW