

Greenlawn Civic Association
August 7th, 2018 @ 7pm
Harborfields Public Library – Community Meeting Room

1. Pledge of Allegiance, Introduction of Town representatives, and Comments
2. Officers' Reports: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Member-at-Large
 - a. President: we have a new 2nd precinct commander
 - b. Vice-President: all executive board positions are available at the end of the year
 - c. Secretary: Longest Table info – anyone interested in being put on the waiting list should reach out to the library
 - d. Treasurer: reports available
 - e. Member at Large: Eagle Scout Liam Burns is still working on his projects and refurbishing the flags
3. New Business
 - a. Suffolk County Department of Public Works Chief Engineer, Bill Hillman.
 - i. 5-Corners Update: the intersection used to be a Town road and ten years ago it was given to SC. Still in court regarding responsibility. Traffic study is being conducted, \$100k has been devoted and a contractor has been assigned, kickoff meeting is next week, \$150k in next year's budget for planning.
 1. Question: Why is it in court?
 - a. SC is arguing it should still be the Town's road.
 2. Question: Is closing Tilden Lane an option?
 - a. Yes
 3. Question: Is the public invited to participate in design/feedback?
 - a. Yes, after the consultant has his or her initial meeting. SC may come back to the community with different alternatives at the end of the initial traffic study.
 4. Question: What's involved in the study?
 - a. Data collection of volume, where cars are coming from and heading to, if a road is closed, where would those cars go, etc.
 5. Question: Is the Town involved?
 - a. Yes, in every part of this
 6. Question: If it ends up being the Town's road, how will that affect the study?
 - a. Since the Town will be part of the process, even if it becomes the Town's road, they should use the same plan
 - ii. Resurfacing on Greenlawn Road – anticipate that to take place before school starts
 1. Question: Is that the entirety of Greenlawn Road?

- a. Unsure at this time
- iii. Crosswalks in the downtown – three signs were given to the GCA and they were hit very quickly (same day). Signs were returned and one is unusable but the other two can be fixed. SC feels these signs are not appropriate because they will be hit.
 - 1. Question: Can the signs be cemented in to the center?
 - a. No
 - 2. Question: If SC is not recommending these signs, what is SC's recommendation?
 - a. Additional pedestrian signs can be evaluated. There is a lot going on visually so the street side signs do not necessarily work as well.
 - 3. Question: What about the signs that light up for pedestrians? Ones where a pedestrian hits a button and the sign starts flashing.
 - a. A concern is that it gives a pedestrian a false sense of safety – the cars might not stop.
 - 4. Library Crosswalk different from downtown
 - a. We will look at that differently and consider something else, maybe a bulb out, parking changes, etc.
 - 5. Question: Can we get the signs that remind people that it's the law to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks?
 - a. We can look into that and see if it's allowed by federal guidelines. Traffic safety has to be part of the compulsory education at a state-level. Driver Education should be in every school.
 - 6. Question: Can we change the speed limit to 20 in town? Can we install rubber speed bumps? Elevated bumps, stop signs, etc.
 - a. Many different options for traffic calming (reduce speed). There are guidelines on which to use and how to set speed for roadways. We would need to study the cars as they are now and then set the speed based on that. If the average speed is over 30mph, the options are very limited because cars can be launched (huge safety/liability hazard).
 - 7. Question: How can we, over a period of time, implement some of these capital projects (raised medians, etc.)
 - a. Not feasible for the downtown area because of width, but perhaps north of that (need a minimum of 4 feet). Will speak to SCDPW staff about forming a committee. 2019 is already set but will look forward to 2020.
- iv. Pulaski Road and Broadway – a study was done in 2013 and it did not meet the criteria. Another study will be done and hopefully it will qualify. Keep in mind that introducing a left-turn phase will be reducing the time for other directions.

1. Schlick Design Studio Owner – we have dozens of cars coming through that intersection every day and it is nearly impossible to turn there. Only one or two cars at are able to turn per light cycle.
2. Southbound on Cuba Hill at Broadway also
- v. Lack of Visibility at Lawrence and Broadway - cars are in the way parked on Broadway and it eliminates visibility
- vi. Painting the crosswalks green for increased visibility
 1. SC is not in favor of them. Very few are on SC roadways because they need to be maintained. Villages sometimes have them because they pay/maintain them.
 2. Green is not reflectorized like the white is so they have very little safety value.
- vii. Repaint lines on Centerport Road at Centershore Road
 1. Plans to do that, probably can't do a yield sign
- viii. Sidewalks on Broadway from Grange to Cuba Hill Road (not until 2022-23)
- ix. Flag poles in the sidewalk – can be a tripping concern, it's maybe an option to add to light posts. Issue with adding flags is it's more of a distraction and covers up pedestrian safety features.
 1. Putting them on lamp posts would make it much more tedious and time consuming to put out flags
- x. Community Question – light signals locked on red during the train crossings
- xi. Community Question – resident on Park Avenue at Endicott, need additional speed signs between Pulaski and Endicott.
- xii. Community Question – has there been a study done at Dunlop and Greenlawn Road? Very long backups down Greenlawn Road, sometimes past Lake Avenue. Very confusing intersection because it's a 3-way spot with stop signs at only two of them.
- xiii. Community Question – we need increased transparency and communication between DPW and civic organizations, we experience a lot of silence and walls when we reach out. Flashing pedestrian signs are much more effective than traditional signs and a big improvement. Can be solar powered or hard-wired. We offered to purchase the free-standing mid-road signs and even take them in for inclement weather and it was not received.
 1. Re: communication, 1400 lane miles of road and very limited staff. Agree that you need to be the squeaky wheel.
- xiv. Need to either move crosswalk or change signage for crosswalk at train tracks. Railroad Street at Broadway. whillman@suffolkcountyny.gov

4. Committee Reports

- a. Beautification – Susan Matthews is developing a side committee to have volunteers clean up Maggie's Garden and train station area. She needs people to help. Maybe we need landscaping company to help. Question to Town: if it's the landlord/business owner's responsibility to maintain the sidewalk/grass, can we

documentation for that? Town representative confirmed that it is the building owner/landlord's responsibility to maintain landscaping and sidewalk area.

- b. Business – Bryant Goulding, Laura David, and Walter Rabe have been going around to get business memberships. Looking to make a directory of businesses.
- c. Fundraising & Grants/Events – Thank you to everyone who came to Ladies Night, Trivia Night in November. Grants – unfortunately grant for this year was not approved but still getting grants from 2018, plans to meet with TOH re: new lights, some existing ones need repainting.
- d. Membership – Christina White taking over 😊
- e. Outreach – Community Day is in October, thank you to the Town of Huntington for agreeing to co-sponsor.
- f. Parks and Preservation – Town has posted Pickle Park update, work will be done in September, the plan for the upcoming year is to continue pushing for updates to Tri-Village playground
- g. Traffic & Safety – presentation tonight gave a good idea of how slow the timeline can be and how important it is to be vocal and persistent.

5. Community Participation

- a. Dunlop Road is on the paving schedule for this year after all the National Grid work that's been done.

6. Upcoming Events:

- a. Greenlawn Fire Department Fireman's Fair and Parade, August 30th @ 7pm
- b. September GCA Meeting, Thursday, September 6th @ 7pm
- c. The Longest Table, September 15th @ 5pm
- d. Community Day, October 14th @ Coral Park