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MEMORANDUM

TO: Marie Krepelka
Board Administrator

FROM: Officer Corey P. Rateau
Traffic and Parking Unit

DATE: June 6, 2017

RE: Requested Amendment to the Traffic Rules & Orders - Article VII

The Traffic and Parking Unit is requesting that Article VII, Section 8A (Operation of Vehicles) of the Traffic Rules & Orders be amended by adding the following restriction under **Travel Prohibited**:

The operator of any vehicle or other conveyance shall not enter Princeton Road Northbound beyond the intersection of Spy Pond Lane from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturday, Sunday and Holidays excluded.

This request is in response to a review of the area by a working group formed by the Town Manager. The goal is to help alleviate the problem of several hundred cars during this time frame cutting through Kelwyn Manor and subsequently traversing Alfred Rd. in order to bypass rush-hour traffic on Lake Street.

Cc: Frederick Ryan, Chief of Police
Capt. Julie Flaherty, Support Services Commander
Lt. Paul Conroy, OIC / Traffic, Details, and Licensing
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-----Original Message-----

From: Jack Hurd <jdhurd27@gmail.com>

To: Adam Chapdelaine <achapdelaine@town.arlington.ma.us>, Jim Feeney <JFeeney@town.arlington.ma.us>, Corey Rateau <crateau@town.arlington.ma.us>, Tom Wilhelm <tomwilhelm@gmail.com>, Andy Jacobs <Apjacobs@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, 24 May 2017 18:27:21 -0400

Subject: Kelwyn Manor / Pondview / Alfred traffic issue

Hello all,

First, I appreciate the opportunity to engage in the discussion about excessive and very dangerous traffic (approximately 400 cars per afternoon) cutting thru Kelwyn Manor and on through Alfred and Pondview roads. During that meeting two viable options came up to resolve the problem. 1. Do Not Enter 4 to 7 PM weekdays at the Princeton end of Pondview and Alfred Rd. 2. Do Not Enter 4-7 PM week days at the halfway point of Princeton road outside KM at the intersection of Spy Pond Lane. There seemed to be general support of these ideas from the group. These options, after a some confusion initially, would "dead-end the problem" understanding that enforcement may be limited. The only downside of this would be that KM, Alfred and Pondview residents can't cut-thru either! This idea was presented on the KM email list which includes about 150 of 185 households. There was only one person that expressed concern about their inability to cut-thru to avoid Lake street traffic. At that meeting I informed the group of a newly formed KM traffic committee that I would be chairing that would be meeting to discuss this matter very soon. There was also agreed to have a follow-up joint meeting with the Alfred and Pondview reps. Last Friday the KM committee met along with Tom Wilhelm of Alfred road and another gentleman from Spy Pond Lane. The group discussed the seriousness of the problem and the proposed solutions. It was discussed and agreed upon that the 6-month trail of traffic flow effecting Eliot Road and Mary Street significantly increased the traffic flow through KM and that both problems go hand and hand. The consensus of the group was that either proposal would achieve the same results but the group had a preference for option #2 because of potential turnaround confusion. As I recall the option that required some follow-up from Officer Cori Rateau was whether a Do Not Enter on that private way stretch of Princeton would be enforceable.

We would appreciate your thoughts and your support on this matter and we would like to get one of these proposals before the BOS as soon as possible.

Thanks very much,
Jack Hurd

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Date: Tue, 30 May 2017 17:25:55 -0400

Subject: Re: Kelwyn Manor / Pondview / Alfred traffic issue

Hi Cori,

Yes, there has been discussion about adding the Bollards back at the KM end of Princeton. I think it's a good idea because of the narrow and obstructive nature of that corner. This would prevent traffic thru Princeton but I would expect that most of that group would then go down Spy Pond Parkway. I think the residents are well aware of the limited enforcement factor but feel that the majority of people follow the law and the Waze App would change their recommended route once they no it's a new traffic law. Eliminating cut-thru traffic by 70 or 80 % would be a very significant safety improvement. Thanks for installing the counters today. Right now I am watching out the window a steady stream of cut-thru cars many of them speeding up as they approach the park. Talk to you soon.

Thanks,
Jack

On Tue, May 30, 2017 at 3:16 PM, Corey Rateau <CRateau@town.arlington.ma.us> wrote:

Jack,

Any comment on adding in the knockable bollards at the end? I think that would definitely curtail the problem more so than having just a sign that can probably only be periodically enforced.

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