

Comments from Cobblestone Drive Residents

In attendance at TAB meeting on 10/17/2019: Joe Vanderford, Mary Sonis, Ryan Mills, Rena D'Adolf, Josh D'Adolf, Ryan Oates

- Ms. Sonis indicated that Cobblestone Drive is a viable bike route and we need to consider how speed humps or tables affect bikes and how they affect emergency vehicle response times. Furthermore that the process was not properly followed and Stage 1 traffic calming was never assessed before moving forward with Stage 2.
- Mr. Mills indicated that he thought the speed cushion design would also move cars closer to the middle of the road and be more dangerous.
- The group discussed the prevalence of traffic incidents on Cobblestone Drive. Those on the 200 Block indicated they don't recall any. Those on the 100 Block recalled a deer being struck and a parked car being struck.
- Mr. D'Adolf indicated that more people (kids, bikes, walkers, runners, dogs) are using the street in general and traffic doesn't seem to have been slowed by the stop sign or the reactive speed sign. Speed humps or tables are needed for safety even if it causes him to take longer to get to work.
- Mr. Oates said that the BOA had directed staff to implement Stage 2 traffic calming and that no further analysis was needed.
- Mr. Mills said that if the town was going to install temporary devices, they should try a setup with 3 speed tables/humps and a setup with 4 to determine what works best, but that the device used should be consistent with the permanent design as the current device is too narrow, it is more like a speed bump.
- Mr. Oates expressed concerns in spending extra money to test out multiple devices.
- Mr. Mills thinks much of the opposition to traffic calming is coming from residents of the 200 Block who don't have to deal with higher vehicle speeds as they live on a dead end street.
- Ms. Sonis indicated that delivery trucks will still be a problem as even if they slow down for speed humps/tables they just speed up again as they have a certain number of deliveries to make.
- Staff received an email on 10/8/19 from Kenneth Reither saying he thought that three speed tables would be ridiculous and would cause traffic to divert and impact other streets.
- Staff received an email on 10/8/19 from Joe Vanderford indicating the most important thing in this process is to make sure all the neighbors are engaged.
- Staff received an email on 10/10/19 from Matt MacKinnon in full support of traffic calming.