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Mac:

At our last meeting of the Board of Trustees, you were kind enough to state you intended soon to have a meeting of the Planning Board and that you would be glad to receive my suggestions, preferably in writing, any of us might care to make. This is to submit a few items (among the many that have occurred to me and others) for consideration. You will understand that they are not necessarily to be regarded as recommendations.

SAFETY

(1) Street Signal Devices. They should be checked to make sure they are adequate for day and especially for night driving. I have noticed that additional signal devices have been installed recently in some of our neighboring villages. You will recall our discussion.

(2) Sidewalks. The matter of installing sidewalks should be considered, especially where there is danger of a pedestrian being struck by a car, such as at curves or blind spots.

(3) Blind Spots at Entrance Lanes. There are a number of these, in general due to high shrubs actually on unpaved village road areas, that is, on property not owned by the resident. At least one child has already been seriously injured when he came out of his lane on a bicycle and was struck by an approaching car. There have been a number of narrow escapes. Several specific complaints have been made and something should be done about them.

(4) Widen Roads. Where necessary, the roads should be widened, especially on curves, etc.

(5) Repair roads. Holes and ruts of substantial size should, of course, be filled. Injury to a car would be bad

enough, but what a tragedy if a child on a bicycle should have a bad spill and suffer severe injuries, perhaps be permanently injured or killed! As you know, Gil aims to correct this condition early each spring, directly after the freezing weather. Since this was done recently, we have had some additional frosts and some additional holes and ruts have been formed. A number of the residents have complained to me about the matter.

(6) Rebuild roads. Now that the war is over and materials and labor are becoming available, some long range planning appears to be in order. While we are not financially prepared to rebuild all of our roads at once, it may be feasible to provide fairly good seal coats to prevent undue deterioration of the roads. In other words, we should have in mind what is best and cheapest in the long run. We should even consider the advisability of rebuilding some of our roads in sections -- to spread the cost from year to year. In other words, I am again wondering whether in the long run this would not be more economical than making frequent, and often unsatisfactory, repairs. We should not hesitate to consult with Gil and Mr. Ward, our engineer, or even other experts, if that is indicated.

← Parking cars. The matter of providing space at or near the station for parking cars has not been settled and as more homes are constructed in our village there may be more demand for such a facility. The Long Island Railroad, we are told, is considering the advisability of abandoning the Manhasset and Plandome stations in favor of a new station about midway between the two, where ample facilities for parking can be made available. I doubt we can count on this in the reasonably near future.

There are a number of possibilities, including among others the leasing or purchase of land for the purpose:

(1) Plandome Golf Club. A leasing plan could perhaps be arranged with the GOLF CLUB at a not too high rental. This would, however, place the parking area in Plandome, outside our village, and the legality of such a plan would have to be determined. If our village could not act legally, and I doubt that it can, the Golf Club would perhaps be willing to grant a permit to each car owner at a nominal fee. In other words, the arrangement would be between the Club and the resident. A special marker could be placed on the wind-shield, for example, to identify each car. Overriding both proposals, however, is another legal point -- would such an arrangement be approved by Plandome?

(2) Plandome Park. The Park area opposite the Golf Club is not being used and it may be that an arrangement could be made with Plandome. However, that raises the same legal point as to whether our Village can legally provide for a parking area in another village.