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By Kent Town Clerk at 3:11 pm, Nov 24, 2020



Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting

November 10, 2020
6:30 P.M.

Present: Jean Speck, Chris Garrity and Ed Matson.

Also, present: Darlene Brady, Eric Epstein, John Grant, Leila Hawken, Donna Hayes, Tim Limbos, Caitlyn Lynch, Rick Osborne, Leah Pullaro, Caralee Rochovansky, John Russell, Matt Starr and Lynn Worthington.

Ms. Speck called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Garrity made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2020 Regular BOS meeting, as submitted. Ms. Speck seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Public Communication:

Written:

- October 12, 2020 email from Haley Prickett – EV Charging Station
 - October of 2018 BOS made a motion to keep the current EV station in its current location until it is no longer operable.
 - Ms. Speck has been attending a 12-week meeting series regarding EV stations and will report back to the BOS at the December BOS meeting.
- October 15, 2020 email from Jerry Tobin – Sidewalks
 - Ms. Speck agreed to contact Mr. Tobin and provide him an update on the Streetscape project.
- October 30, 2020 email from Matt Starr – Storm Water Management
 - Ms. Speck reported the Town is in compliance with the reporting and inspections
 - Deep has been contacted to request a visit from them to confirm compliance
 - Mr. Starr continues to express concern with runoff from the stockpiles into the water ways
 - Mr. Garrity requested better management of the stockpiles
 - Do we need all of the materials
 - Is there a better location for the piles
 - Ms. Speck confirmed she will work with Mr. Osborne in the next few weeks to resolve some of the open concerns

Tax Refunds:

Ms. Speck stated there were no tax refunds.

Report of Treasurer:

Mrs. Herbst did not attend the meeting and did not provide a written report.

Approval of 2021 BOS Regular meeting schedule:

Ms. Speck made a motion to approve the 2021 BOS Regular Monthly meeting schedule on the second Tuesday of each month, as submitted. Mr. Garrity seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Appointments:

Ms. Speck made a motion to approve the following appointments. Mr. Matson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Position	Name	Length of term	Term Expires	New Terms Expire
Conservation Commission	Connie Manes	3 years	12/6/20	12/4/23
Conservation Commission	Carol Franken	3 years	12/6/20	12/4/23
Conservation Commission - Alternate	Vacancy	1 year	12/7/20	12/6/21
Conservation Commission - Alternate	Vacancy	1 year	12/7/20	12/6/21
Animal Control Officer	Lee Sohl	1 year	11/30/20	11/30/21
Animal Control Officer - Assistant	James Sohl	1 year	11/30/20	11/30/21
Tree Warden	Bruce Bennett	1 year	11/30/20	11/30/21
Torrington Area Health District	Elliot Greenberg	3 years	12/31/20	12/31/23
Inland/Wetland Commission - Alternate	Vacancy	3 years	12/31/20	12/31/23
Inland/Wetland Commission	Lynn Werner	5 years	12/31/20	12/31/25
Inland/Wetland Commission - Alternate	Ken Johnson	3 years	12/31/20	12/31/23
Housatonic Res Rec Authority	Jean Speck	3 years	6/30/20	6/30/23
Housatonic Res Rec Authority - Alt	Delores Schiesel	3 years	6/30/20	6/30/23

Streetscape Building Committee – Ed:

Mr. Matson stated the Streetscape Committee is waiting for the engineer to create the full package to send to the state for approval. Mr. Garrity requested a complete timeline, starting with today and finishing with the cement dry from the Streetscape sub-committee.

Swift House Task Force – Chris:

Mr. Garrity reported:

- Hired a contractor to replace the rotten soffits
- Foundation work has been completed
- Building is rodent free
- Task Force discussing potential uses and long-term plan
- Task Force will be prepared to make a presentation to the BOS at the December BOS meeting

Covid-19 update – Jean:

Ms. Speck distributed a Covid guidance last week to the town hall employee. After much discussion Mr. Garrity suggested editing the document down to bullet points for both the public and the employees. He added that the policy should be published on the town website. Mr. Matson suggested that the policy be for any pandemic and not specific to Covid.

Social Media Policy – Jean:

Ms. Speck reported she had nothing new to report on the Social Media policy.

Main Street – noise/traffic – Chris:

Mr. Garrity reported that he has spoken to Trooper Fisher and they would like to put a plan together for next spring and summer. Ms. Speck extracted the data from the four speed signs in town and screen shared the data. The graphs showed the average speed and the average number of vehicles by day and time. (graphs to be attached to First Selectman's report).

Transfer Station Job Descriptions- Jean:

Ms. Speck reported she did not have the Transfer Station Manager job description completed to date. She did report that one person has been hired as a Transfer Station attendant and the highway guys have been true rock stars over the past several weeks.

HRRA Organics Program – Jean:

Ms. Speck reported that she has received a lot of positive feedback regarding an organic program at the transfer station. She added that she would have a recommendation prepared for the next BOS meeting.

Cell Tower – Jean:

Ms. Speck reported we are waiting for the final recommendation.

Conservation Commission Solar Project – Jean:

Wendy Murphy wrote an email on November 4, 2020 (attached) that noted the town hall does not qualify for the proposed solar project.

Policy and Procedure Manual – Jean:

Ms. Speck stated she has been looking at other town's manuals and believes the current manual needs to be rewritten.

KVFD Boat MOU – Jean/Ed:

KVFD President wrote a letter requesting the funds for the boat be released to KVFD (attached). Ms. Speck made a motion to release the funds to KVFD for the boat purchase. Mr. Garrity seconded the motion and the motion carried. Ms. Speck and Mr. Garrity voted yes. Mr. Matson abstained. The motion carried.

KVFD Tax Abatement – Jean/Ed:

Mr. Matson had nothing new to report.

Food Truck Ordinance/Policy – Jean:

Ms. Speck asked the Boards opinion on writing an ordinance for food trucks. Mr. Garrity expressed his concerns with over regulating and felt that food trucks could fall under the current peddler permit. No action taken.

Report of Selectmen:

Ms. Specks written report attached.

Mr. Matson reported:

- KVFD working on budget and capital
- Sidewalk lights at cross walks - not the sub-committees charge, flashing lights would change the landscape of the town
 - Ms. Speck stated she would request a DOT assessment of the signs on Main Street
 - Mrs. Hayes asked if the sidewalks would include conduits for EV charging stations
- Lot of people in town on the weekend – good for town
- Good turnout for Halloween – he thanked Rick and Leslie

Mr. Garrity reported:

- Status of Kent Schools request for a Town meeting
 - Ms. Speck stated she is waiting to hear back from CCM/Cost

Mr. Garrity made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m.


Joyce Kearns
Administrative Assistant

These are draft minutes and the Board of Selectmen at the subsequent meeting may make corrections. Please refer to subsequent meeting minutes for possible corrections and approval of these minutes.



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By Darlene Brady at 8:40 am, Nov 09, 2020

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Regular Meeting
November 10, 2020 6:30 P.M.**

Access to meeting via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89283421709>

Meeting ID: **892 8342 1709**

One tap mobile: **+16465588656,,89283421709# US (New York)**

1. **Call to order**
2. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. October 13, 2020 Regular meeting
3. **Public Communication**
 - a. October 12, 2020 email from Haley Prickett – EV Charging Station
 - b. October 15, 2020 email from Jerry Tobin – Sidewalks
 - c. October 30, 2020 email from Matt Starr – Storm Water Management
4. **Tax Refunds**
5. **Report of Treasurer**
6. **New Business**
 - a. Approval of 2021 BOS Regular meeting schedule
 - b. Appointments – List attached
7. **Old Business**
 - a. Streetscape Building Committee - Ed
 - b. Swift House Task Force - Chris
 - c. Covid-19 update - Jean
 - d. Social Media Policy - Jean
 - e. Main Street – noise/traffic - Chris
 - f. Transfer Station Job Descriptions- Jean
 - g. HRRRA Organics Program - Jean
 - h. Cell Tower - Jean
 - i. Conservation Commission Solar Project - Jean
 - j. Policy and Procedure Manual - Jean
 - k. KVFD Boat MOU – Jean/Ed
 - l. KVFD Tax Abatement – Jean/Ed
 - m. Food Truck Ordinance/Policy - Jean
8. **Report of Selectmen**
9. **Adjourn**



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

[Kent CT] ENERGY!! (Sent by Haley Prickett, Pricketth@kent-school.edu)

1 message

Contact form at Kent CT <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Reply-To: Pricketth@kent-school.edu

To: adminassist@townofkentct.org

Mon, Oct 12, 2020 at 5:05 PM

Hello Selectmen,

Haley Prickett (Pricketth@kent-school.edu) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.townofkentct.org/user/21/contact>) at Kent CT.

If you don't want to receive such e-mails, you can change your settings at <https://www.townofkentct.org/user/21/edit>.

Message:

Greetings,

I think there might be something wrong with one (or both) of the EV chargers at town hall. I have used them in the past successfully. However, now the only way it seems to work is if I continually hold down the "ON" button.

Please help! Thank you!

All good things,

Haley



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[Kent CT] sidewalks (Sent by Jerry Tobin, jgtobin2@gmail.com)

1 message

Contact form at Kent CT <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Reply-To: jgtobin2@gmail.com

To: adminassist@townofkentct.org

Thu, Oct 15, 2020 at 9:19 AM

Hello Selectmen,

Jerry Tobin (jgtobin2@gmail.com) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.townofkentct.org/user/21/contact>) at Kent CT.

If you don't want to receive such e-mails, you can change your settings at <https://www.townofkentct.org/user/21/edit>.

Message:

Please find attached a letter expressing my concern about the sidewalk project. The hard copy will follow.

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Joseph G. Tobin
575 Skiff Mt. Road
Kent, Ct. 06757
860-927-3126
jgtobin2@gmail.com

October 15, 2020

Re: Village Sidewalks

Dear Jean,

Thank you for your community email update.

I'm anxious to learn what, if anything, is happening with the long overdue sidewalk project? I am aware state funding disappears if the project is not completed very soon.

I hope an update will come from your office ?

A retired educator who served many years ago commented "If you look poor and act poor you will be treated very poorly". Our local schools, public and private, local businesses including restaurants deserve an attractive village to convince Kent is a special place.

Future generations will admire a job well done.

Thank you,

Jerry Tobin



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Fwd: Town of Kent Storm Water Management

1 message

Jean Conlon Speck <firstselectman@townofkentct.org>
To: Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Fri, Nov 6, 2020 at 11:03 AM

**Jean Speck**

First Selectman, Town of Kent
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www.townofkentct.org
41 Kent Green Boulevard
Kent, CT | 06757

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From: MATHEW STARR <rmstarr03@snet.net>

Date: Fri, Oct 30, 2020 at 12:04 PM

Subject: Town of Kent Storm Water Management

To: Jean Speck <firstselectman@townofkentct.org>, Edward Matson <ematson@townofkentct.org>, Chris Garrity <cgarrity@townofkentct.org>

Dear Board of Selectman,

I have contacted the First Selectman numerous times regarding the continual failure of the Town of Kent to comply with the Town of Kent inland Wetland Regulations and the State of CT Storm Water regulations at the 38 Maple Street location and well as the surrounding property it has expanded into. Now I see a recent approval to store sidewalk materials and processed gravel at the Town Park area that has never been completely cleaned up from prior storage of bank run gravel by the DPW. I get it spend the money so we don't loose it, yes the DPW has been doing this every year for years stockpiling materials at the end of the fiscal budget year so they can ask for the same or more the following year.

Over the years the Town of Kent Department of Public works has grown from a once clean well kept facility with all trucks and machinery stored under cover and all salt, sand and deicing materials stored undercover to the just piles of raw, reclaimed, materials, roadway building products catch basins etc. just a real disaster area.

Ask yourself why the town and state highway facilities around Kent don't look the same? Its clear they are at least making an effort to be a good neighbor, have a clean visually appealing sites, care for the environment and comply with state regulations.

Kent's facility has a pond, a stream, wetlands, all being damaged by the failure of the Town of Kent to follow the State storm water manual and comply with the Storm water General Permit by allowing storm water to run off the site into watercourse and wetlands contaminated with sediment, oil, grease, salt, and roadway deicing products.

While the town of Kent First Selectman and Highway Forman think they can use the site for whatever they like you really need to ask is it necessary? Does the dumping of used roadway and building materials and on site processing really save the Town money? I have asked over the years and have never seen the numbers to prove it. Then you must also consider the eyesore to our beautiful town, the environmental damage caused by the storage, processing etc. is it really worth it? most of the uses it currently does, the Town is not except from the Town of Kent Wetland regulations and the State of CT Storm Water Regulations. This was the same story at the Transfer station, just let things go leave crap everywhere, say yes we can, no care or concerns for the environment and then get caught....

Time to be proactive, do a inventory of the DPW facility before capital and annual budgets, review the equipment, review how many tons of all the materials, what project its for, when or if it will be used, is it really needed, how may years has it been sitting around, mark off the wetlands, mark off the wetland setbacks, make a plan to clean the place up. I see 70K in the capital plan for town garage parking lot, your not going to pave around all the piles are you?

Thanks Matt

Stormwater Manual



Stormwater Manual

The Connecticut Stormwater Quality Manual provides guidance on the measures necessary to protect the waters of t...

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2021 Regular Meeting Schedule

Pursuant to CGS 1-225:

The Town of Kent Board of Selectmen's regular monthly meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Kent's Town Hall, 41 Kent Green Boulevard, Kent, CT 06757. Meetings in addition to these listed below will be considered Special and will follow the State Mandated guidelines for posting a Special meeting.

At the November 10, 2020 Regular Board of Selectmen meeting, the following dates were approved as regular meeting dates for 2021:

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Administrative Assistant



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

guidance document

1 message

Jean Conlon Speck <firstselectman@townofkentct.org>

To: Department Heads <departmentheads@townofkentct.org>

Thu, Nov 5, 2020 at 6:05 PM

Hi All,

Here is the guidance document for town employees - please share out to staff. With so much changing in the last few days, I'm sure this document will be changing as well. We've updated some signage around the building as well - as one can see by just driving down Main street, when signs are the same for too long, we can get desensitized to the messaging.

I realize I sound like a broken record at this point but most importantly, **wear a mask, watch your distance and wash your hands**. If anyone needs masks or other supplies, please let Joyce know - we have plenty.

Thanks everyone for ongoing patience in this unique time we're living in, and for your continued service to the Kent community.

jean



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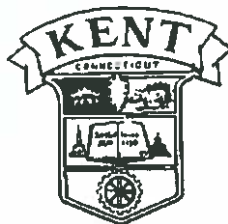


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Town of Kent Stay Safe Working Guidance



CORONAVIRUS

The following document was developed using federal, state and local public health guidance, in addition to federal and state employment laws and workplace safety standards.

All guidance is subject to change based on new and evolving information.

The Town of Kent continues to monitor the community impact of COVID-19 during this pandemic and is committed to maintain citizen access to municipal services while keeping employees and the public safe, and to slow the spread of the virus.

What is known:

- ✳ The virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly from person to person, mainly through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. Spread is more likely when people are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
- ✳ Even if an infected person is only mildly ill, the people they spread it to may become seriously ill or even die, especially if that person is 65 or older with pre-existing health conditions that place them at higher risk.
- ✳ The virus that causes COVID-19 is still circulating in our communities.

Many resources were used in the development of this plan and are compiled in Annex B at the end of this document.

GUIDANCE FOR ALL EMPLOYEES

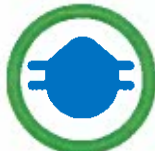
The following are the minimum recommended health guidance for all employees and programmatic volunteers of the Town of Kent. This health guidance is not a limit on the health protocols an individual may choose to adopt. Individuals are encouraged to adopt additional guidance consistent with their specific needs and circumstances to help protect their health and safety.

Please note, public health guidance cannot anticipate every unique situation. Individuals should stay informed and take actions based on common sense and wise judgment that will protect the individual's and the public's health.

The Four Basics:



Physical
Distancing



Mask/
Facecovering



Hand-washing



Disinfecting

- ⚙ If you feel ill, stay home and notify your supervisor.
- ⚙ For contact tracing, all employees should sign in and out each day using the online form - <https://veoci.com/veoci/p/form/by472yp7rpm#tab=entryForm>
- ⚙ Wear a mask if you are in a shared space and cannot maintain 6' distance, and anytime you leave your workspace. This includes in common areas of the building, when visiting other offices, and when interacting with the public.
- ⚙ Maintain at least 6 feet distance from other individuals.
- ⚙ Practice good hand hygiene - Wash hands or use hand sanitizer to disinfect hands often, including upon entering another office and after any interaction with employees, customers.
- ⚙ Wipe down high touch surfaces frequently and at the start and end of each day. This includes keyboards, phones, desks, chair armrests, doorknobs.
- ⚙ Wipe down shared equipment (copiers, microwave handles and buttons) after use.

If an employee tests positive for COVID19, they are not required to notify the employer, but for everyone's health and safety, we ask to be notified. Once notified, we will contact Torrington Area Health Department for contact tracing.

GUIDANCE FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS

The priority for all employees working during pandemic conditions is to ensure the safest work environment possible for the employees and our community. Individual

responsibility – that is each one of us is responsible for doing our part – is paramount.

- ✳ Encourage employees to stay home if they are not feeling well, and to go home if they start to feel unwell during the work day.
- ✳ Encourage employees to perform a daily health check prior to coming to work, and keep a log.
- ✳ Consider continuation of working remotely.
- ✳ Review these guidelines with staff periodically and any time an update is published.
- ✳ Ask for staff input and suggestions for additional safety measures. Their input and work experience is valuable to help inform reasonable safety guidelines within individual departments.
- ✳ Evaluate staff schedules to manage alternative/staggered work schedules to lower congestion within offices.
- ✳ Ensure all staff have access to face masks, hand sanitizer (at their workstation), surface disinfecting supplies, gloves and eye protection (if needed).

GUIDANCE FOR DPW CREWS

Due to the nature of work and tasks conducted by Public Works employees, keep in mind differences in working environments. When traveling with other employees in trucks, masks should be worn. When working solo (ex. mowing), a mask is not required.

WHEN TRAVELLING OUT OF STATE

Pursuant to Governor Lamont's **Executive Order No. 7III**, anyone traveling into Connecticut from a **red** state as identified on the map on the COVID19 Travel Advisory page of the CT Coronavirus website, *must* fill out a travel health form upon arrival. **Travelers must fill out the form online at ct.gov/travelform.**

- ✳ If you are planning travel to an affected state, be prepared to self-quarantine for the 14-day period upon return, or have testing completed in the 72 hours prior to arrival in Connecticut.
- ✳ If a family member is visiting from a state on the Advisory, refer to the guidance on the CT Coronavirus website.

RETURN TO WORK GUIDANCE

In the case of an employee who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to work in accordance with current CDC guidelines:

- ✳ **In the case of an employee who tests positive for COVID-19 and is symptomatic** and were directed to care for themselves at home, they may discontinue isolation under the following conditions:
 - ✓ At least 10 days have passed since symptom onset and
 - ✓ At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and
 - ✓ Other symptoms have improved.
- ✳ **In the case of an employee who *is symptomatic* that could be COVID-19 and does not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19**, the individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to work until the individual has completed the same three-step criteria listed above; or
- ✳ **If the employee has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to work before completing the above self-isolation period**, the individual must obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis.
- ✳ **In the case an employee is *asymptomatic* but tests positive for COVID-19**, the individual may not return to work until at least 10 days have passed since the date of their first positive COVID-19 diagnostic test, assuming they have not subsequently developed symptoms since their positive test.
- ✳ **If an employee's family member tests positive and the family member has had close prolonged contact**, the employee should quarantine for 14 days from their last direct contact with the positive COVID-19 individual.

ANNEX A - CONDUCTING IN-PERSON BUSINESS AT TOWN HALL

While the building will remain closed to the general public for the time being, those needing to conduct in-person business in Town Hall may do so by scheduling an appointment directly and conducting business outside. Departments should work together, use common sense and wise judgement to ensure everyone's safety.

Remote methods for conducting town hall business remain the preferred method whenever possible. This has been working well and will help limit the number of individuals in the building.

Personal / Building Precautions:

- ✳ Masks/face coverings are required for anyone entering the building. A limited supply of masks will be available in the lobby in case someone needs one. If someone is unable to wear a mask, staff will provide information on how to assist customer with remote services.
- ✳ 6ft distancing shall be maintained whenever possible.
- ✳ Hand sanitizer is available throughout building
- ✳ The building will continue to be cleaned twice a week.

Entry/Exit/Usage:

- ✳ Stairwell doors will be left opened during day to reduce potential for contact (the last person at the end of the day on each floor should close door to hallway prior to leaving).
- ✳ In-person appointments should not be used for socializing.
- ✳ When possible, open windows to increase ventilation.

ANNEX B – RESOURCE REFERENCES

While not inclusive of every resource in the development of this document, this annex includes many useful links.

✳ CDC:

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/disposition-in-home-patients.html>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/general-business-faq.html>
- CDC updated definition of “close contact”: *Someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period* starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to test specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.*
** Individual exposures added together over a 24-hour period (e.g., three 5-minute exposures for a total of 15 minutes). Data are limited, making it difficult to precisely define “close contact;” however, 15 cumulative minutes of exposure at a distance of 6 feet or less can be used as an operational definition for contact investigation. Factors to consider when defining close contact include proximity (closer distance likely increases exposure risk), the duration of exposure (longer exposure time likely increases exposure risk), whether the infected individual has symptoms (the period around onset of symptoms is associated with the highest levels of viral shedding), if the infected person was likely to generate respiratory aerosols (e.g., was coughing, singing, shouting), and other environmental factors (crowding, adequacy of ventilation, whether exposure was indoors or outdoors). Because the general public has not received training on proper selection and use of respiratory PPE, such as an N95, the determination of close contact should generally be made irrespective of whether the contact was wearing respiratory PPE. At this time, differential determination of close contact for those using fabric face coverings is not recommended.*
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/disposition-in-home-patients.html>
- https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/disposition-in-home-patients.html?deliveryName=USCDC_2067-DM27395

✳ CT.gov:

- <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus>
- <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Covid-19-Knowledge-Base/Latest-Guidance>
- <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/travel>
- <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Data-Tracker>

✳ ADA: https://www.ada.gov/emerg_prep.html

✳ OSHA: <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/>

✳ TAHD: <https://www.tahtd.org/>



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Re: Good News and Bad

1 message

Jean Conlon Speck <frstselectman@townofkentct.org>
To: Wendy Murphy <wmurphy@pobox.com>
Cc: Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Wed, Nov 4, 2020 at 2:34 PM

Hi Wendy,
 Thank you for all this information. It is unfortunate that the other buildings don't meet the qualifications. Cc'ing Joyce to share with the BoS.
 Thank you for your diligence and hard work!

Stay well,

Jean

On Wed, Nov 4, 2020 at 11:11 Wendy Murphy <wmurphy@pobox.com> wrote:

Hi Jean,

Please convey to the Board of Selectmen that I heard from Emily Basham last week regarding the solar potential of the various buildings the Green Bank Engineers have inspected and their findings. Only one of our buildings--Kent Center School--qualified on the basis of Return on Investment (ROI) for the Green Bank MAP program. This is because the Green Bank sets its baseline at systems that consume 50 Kw or more; the other buildings on our list even if capable of generating lots of juice do not use nearly that much electricity currently which makes the costs of putting in a system to handle that usage and guarantee if for 25 years or more unworkable.

Here is the simple report Emily gave me:

1. Kent Volunteer Fire House- front bldg [Route 341 \(28 Maple Street\)](#)/ Yes passed Rooftop est. system size 40.3 kWac
 No Kent Volunteer Fire House- rear bldg [Route 341 \(28 Maple Street\)](#)/ No Low consumption (max system 6 kWac) As two separate entities meterwise, however, the rear building does not qualify.
2. No Kent Town Hall [41 Kent Green Blvd](#) /No Low consumption (max system 25 kWac)
3. No Sewer Treatment Pump/Plant (2 bldgs) [125 Schaghticoke Road](#)/ No because of Low Consumption but figure not given

4. Yes Siting limitation N Kent Center School 9 Judd Ave Y Rooflop est. system size 155.3 kWac
5. Yes to siting Town Garage Route 341 (38 Maple Street)/ No to Low consumption (max system 12 kWac)

I am happy to report that Matt Starr for KVFED is now planning to investigate other means of acquiring a leased or purchased solar system for the Firehouse given that the building's exposure and condition make it a perfect candidate for some other grant source to consider.

And Kent Center School will definitely be offered a program, very likely involving panels on its newer roof sections, using the Green Bank's Municipal Assistance dollars.

Disappointing as the failure of the other buildings to qualify at this time, it is still worth noting that a fair amount of data collection and analysis has been done by Green Bank and will be useful data to retain in our files in case other opportunities arise to get some financial assistance. Also keep in mind that KW rates are bound to climb year after year. Emily Basham commented that because of Kent's small and compact size and its current low consumption of KWs, the town is already relatively efficient as compared with some older town municipal plants. But as prices for solar systems continue to fall--dramatically in some cases--we should not abandon this idea especially for Town Hall.

The Green Bank will be contacting the team at Kent Center School with a more specific description of the installation proposed and the terms of a contract that they will work out for their consideration, but probably not until after January 1, 2021.

Wendy Murphy

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Jean Conlon Speck
First Selectman
Town of Kent



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Jean C. Speck, First Selectman
Christopher Garrity, Selectman
Edward L. Matson, III, Selectman

November 07, 2020

Dear Selectmen,

I have been directed by the Kent Volunteer Fire Department membership to respectfully request that the Board of Selectmen waive the Memorandum of Understanding requirement for obtaining the monies held by the Town of Kent which were provided by two First Light grants acquired for the sole purpose of KVFD purchasing a boat.

We have provided the Town of Kent with all other requested documentation related to the boat acquisition and request the Town release the grant funds so we may complete the purchase.

Respectfully,

Caralee Rochovansky,
President, KVFD

First Selectman's Report - October

A brief month-in-review report of current projects and initiatives in work

Meetings attended: 47

Pistol permit interviews conducted: 2

COVID19 Pandemic: Number of cases since March is 26. The most recent case was November 4. Town services continue to be delivered, with the option of using the drop boxes at the front entrance, in-person by appointment, or via phone. Always call/email the office you are looking to conduct business with first. Continue to participate in regular conference calls with governor's team, regional DEMHS regional coordinator and multiple other stakeholders on various topics including executive orders, vaccine readiness, and continuity of operations planning. Still awaiting guidance from COST and CCM on [EO 9H](#) regarding hybrid meetings.

Schaghticoke update: no update

Cell Tower update: Siting Council public hearing closed; the Siting Council was granted an extension to submit their final decision until January 25, 2021. The Town submitted their [post-hearing brief](#).

Pedestrian safety: Lines have replaced the cones on Main Street with positive results to keep crosswalks clear for pedestrians. Your Speed Sign data is attached.

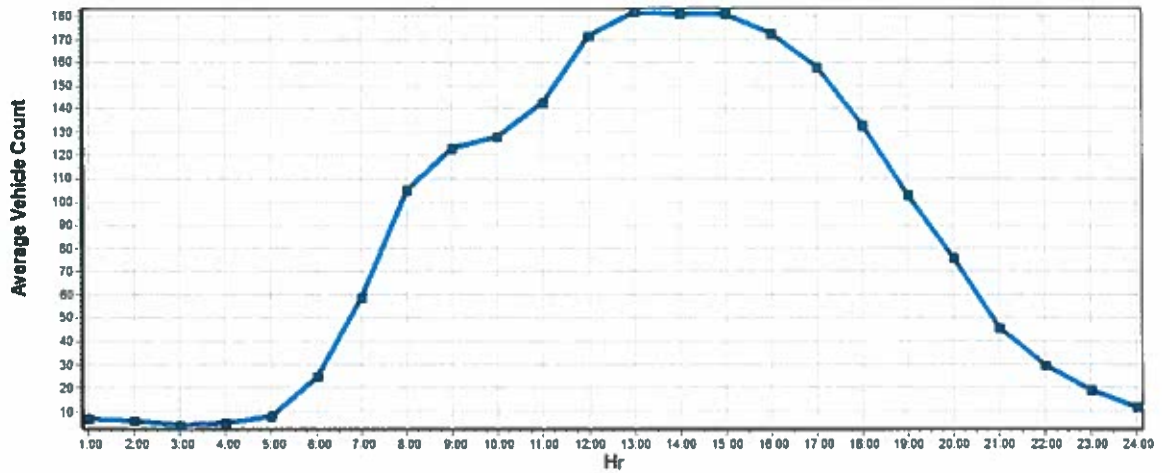
CCM Prescription Discount Card Program: Usage data is below. Usage is trending down due to the pandemic.

Year	Total Claims	Total Cards Used	Member Rx Cost	Avg. Member Rx Cost	Price Savings	Avg. Price Savings	% Savings
2015	64	81	\$2,322.79	\$36.29	\$2,139.74	\$33.43	48%
2016	21	24	\$302.16	\$14.39	\$1,181.58	\$56.27	80%
2017	64	41	\$1,552.91	\$24.26	\$3,480.78	\$54.39	69%
2018	53	36	\$2,027.55	\$38.26	\$2,802.24	\$52.87	58%
2019	55	42	\$3,204.27	\$58.26	\$1,608.40	\$29.24	33%
Jan-20	3	2	\$198.22	\$66.07	\$92.32	\$30.77	32%
Feb-20	3	3	\$109.74	\$36.58	\$63.15	\$21.05	37%
Mar-20	1	2	\$6.67	\$6.67	\$53.68	\$53.68	89%
Apr-20	1	1	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
May-20	2	2	\$42.33	\$21.17	\$58.57	\$29.29	58%
Jul-20	0	1	\$0.00		\$0.00		
Aug-20	1	1	\$35.66	\$35.66	\$4.69	\$4.69	12%
YTD 2020	11	12	\$402.62	\$36.60	\$272.41	\$24.76	40%
Program Total	412	345	\$13,643.81	\$33.12	\$22,511.68	\$54.64	62%

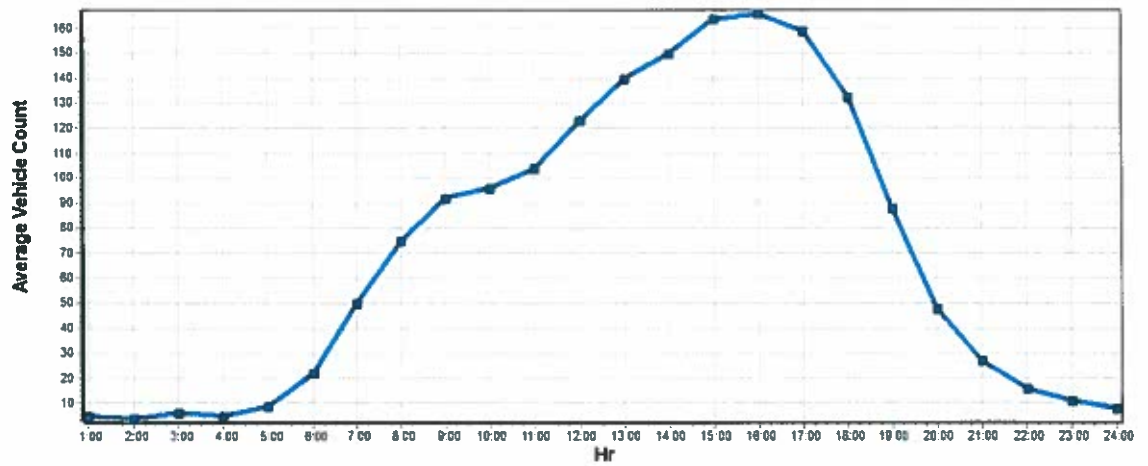


Monthly Average **Vehicle Count** By Hour October

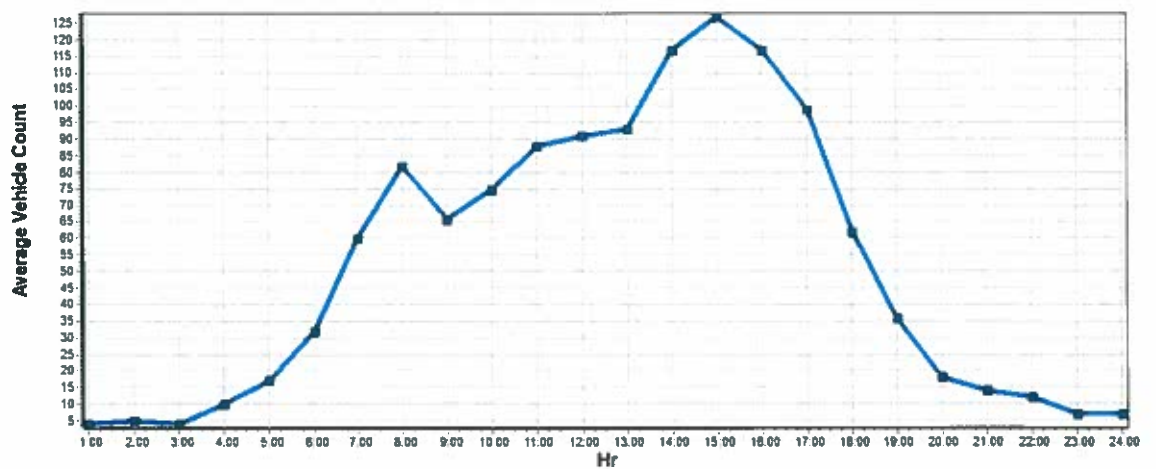
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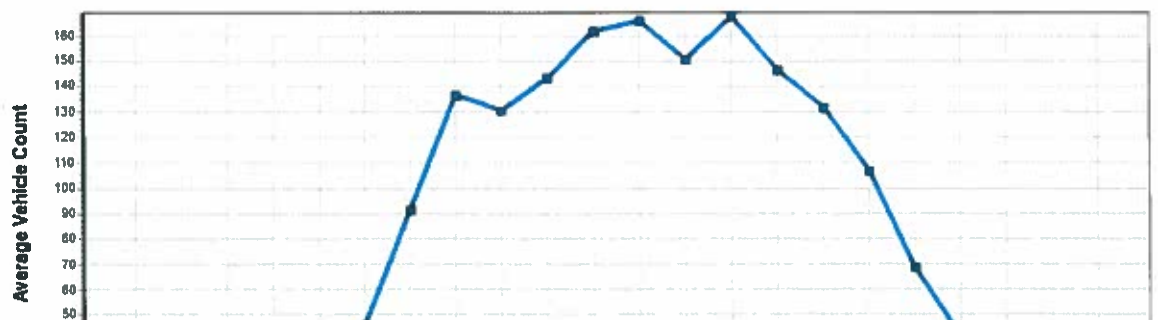
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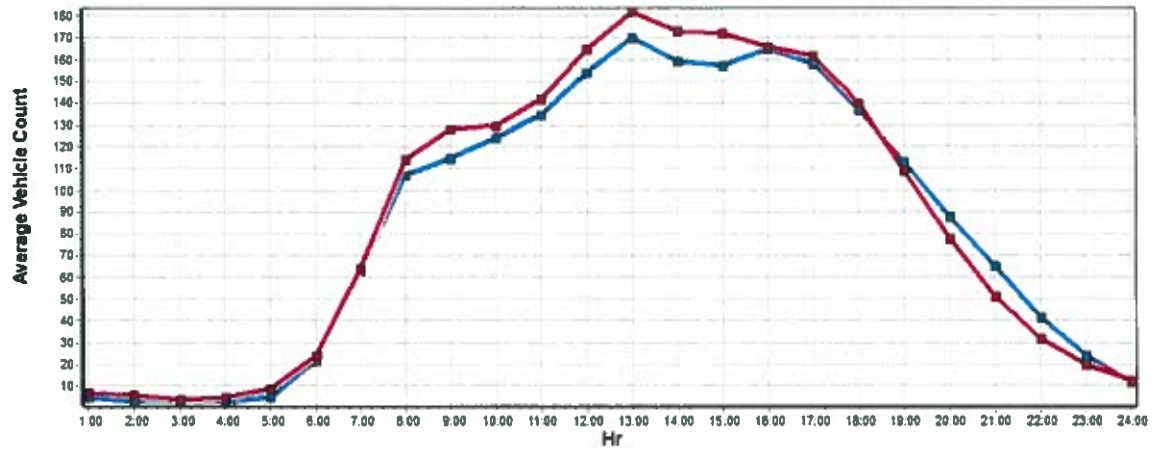
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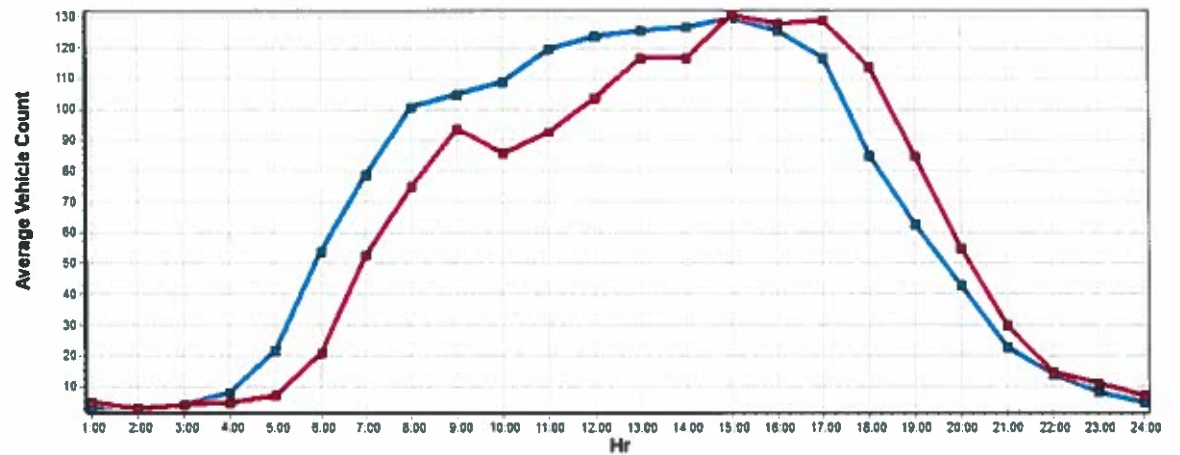


Average **Vehicle Count** By Hour Comparison August to September

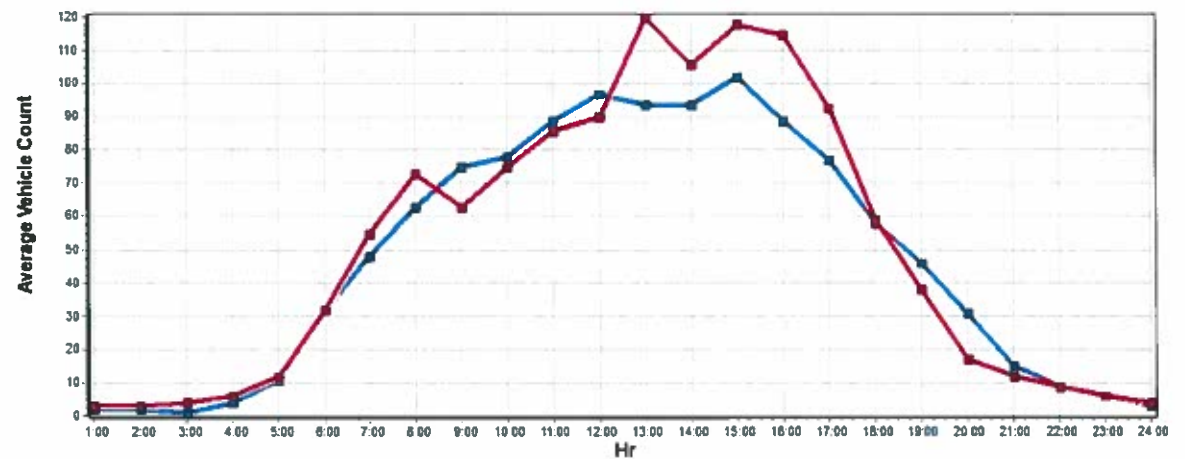
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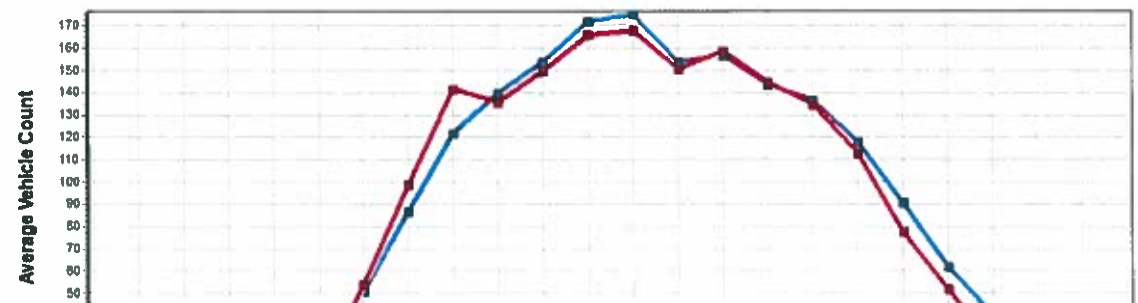
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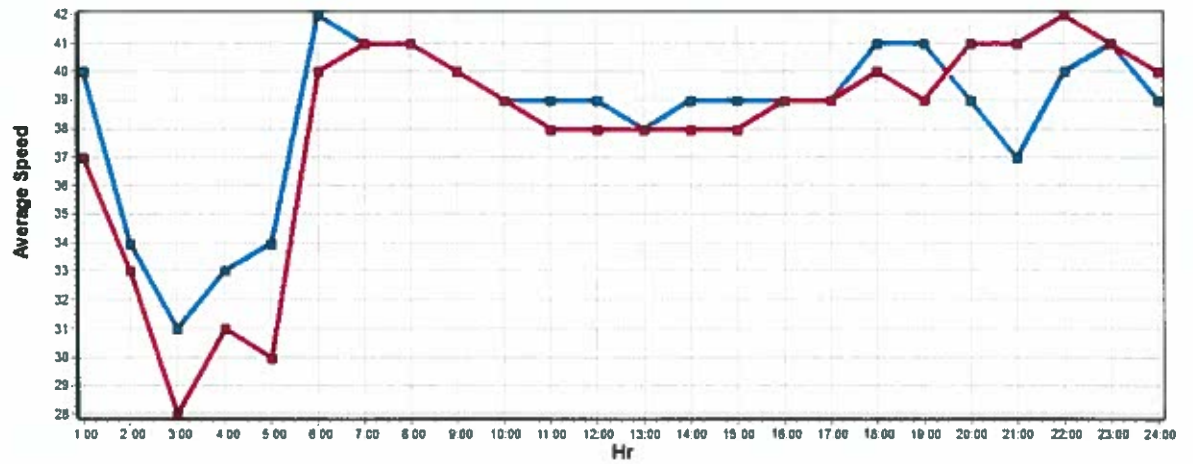
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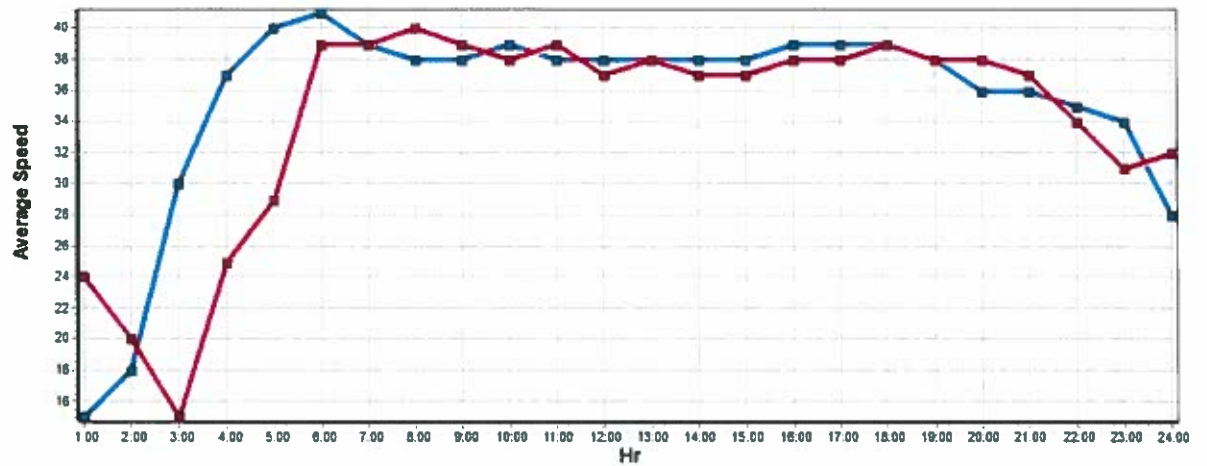


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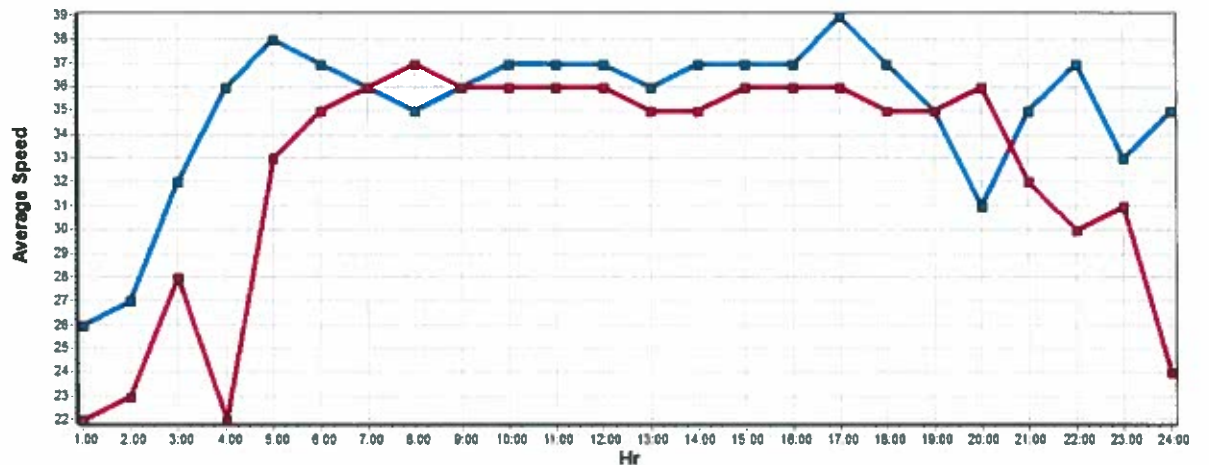
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