

TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 1:00pm

Stow Town Building

380 Great Road, Stow, MA 01775

**Town Building and
On-line**

Topic: TSAC

Time: October 26, 2022 1:00PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 817 5629 5320

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1.	1:00 PM	Call to Order
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Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Administrative Items

2.		Public Input
3.		Review Minutes
4.		Member Updates

Appointments/Discussion/Action Items

5.		Wheeler Road at 117
6.		Common Road Closure for Library Construction and Permanent Change to One Way
7.		Christmas Tree Farms Discussion with Stake Holders
8.		Nan's Traffic
9.		Kingland Road Potholes

Posted October 21, 2022 at 1:00pm

Town of Stow
Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

Minutes of September 27th, 2022, Traffic Safety Advisory Meeting
Members Present: Chief Michael Sallese, Fire Chief John P Benoit, Steve Nadeau, & Valerie Oorthuys
Chief Sallese called meeting to order 1:06 PM

Approval of Minutes | September 14, 2022

Steve Nadeau moved to approve the minutes of September 14, 2022, as amended

Chief Sallese Seconded.

VOTED: 4-0 (Unanimously In favor: Steve Nadeau – Yea; Chief Sallese – Yea; Chief Benoit – Yea; Valerie Oorthuys-Yea)

Member Updates

-Chief Sallese updated the committee regarding the Stow Police Department receiving a \$20,000 grant to support the Municipal Road Safety Program. Approximately \$1800 of that will be used for the purchase of a Traffic Counter and the remaining amount will be used to support specific traffic initiatives ranging from Distracted Driving enforcement to Pedestrian Crossing initiatives as laid out by the grant.

-Committee discussed updates regarding Chestnut Street Bridge weight restriction. Valerie looked into the matter and spoke with Hudson's Town Planner. Prior to any weight restriction going into effect, there would need to be an Engineering and Traffic Study done on the area. Additionally, Valerie and Chief Sallese will be attending Hudson's version of TSAC to further discuss the matter with them.

Public Input and Response to Concerns

-The Highway Department will be working to cut back growth near the area of 151 Great Road based on resident input from the last TSAC meeting as well as feedback Chief Sallese received from the homeowner.

-Treaty Elm sign to be installed in the upcoming weeks.

-Red Acre Road Concerns: Discussion regarding adding more consistent speed signs throughout that road. One of the town's speed feedback signs will be moved to this location in the next month. Committee also discussed adding traffic counter to this road once it is purchased.

-Circuit Drive: Discussion of Highway Department staffing issues delaying the sign installation. Residents will be sent Phase 2 information from Chief Sallese in the event they want to further pursue possible installation of speed bump.

Christmas Tree Farm and Remainder of Orchard Updates:

-Committee reviewed Phase 1 and 2 plans for Carver Hill, Honeypot Tree Sales, Mistletoe Farm, and Taproot. Stakeholders to be invited to next meeting to discuss the Traffic Mitigation plans.

Next Meeting will be on October 26th at 1 PM.

Chief Benoit motions to adjourn. Chief Sallese seconds.

VOTED: 4-0 (Unanimously In favor: Steve Nadeau – Yea; Chief Sallese – Yea; Chief Benoit – Yea; Valerie Oorthuys-Yea)

From: Stow MA via Stow MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 8:16 AM
To: stowpolice <stowpolice@stow-ma.gov>
Subject: Form submission from: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Request Submittal Form

Submitted on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 - 8:15am
Submitted by anonymous user: 2607:fb90:ac9a:a6be:f878:44e6:b174:5f0c
Submitted values are:

First Name: Lindsay
Last Name: LaPointe
Street Address: 43 Wheeler Road
Address Line 2:
City, State, Zip (if other than Stow): Stow
E-Mail Address: lindsay.lapointe@gmail.com

Please describe the location of the traffic concern: Wheeler Road traffic moving from 117

Please describe the nature of the neighborhood traffic problem you are concerned with : The cars come flying in the morning while children are out waiting for the bus.

Please list possible solutions to the problem that you would like the Town of Stow to consider: I invite a police officer to park in my driveway at 43 Wheeler. It's wide enough for us to get in and out

Please attach any documents you would like the Committee to review here:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:
<https://www.stow-ma.gov/node/143221/submission/4696>



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Town of Stow
**TRAFFIC SAFETY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**380 Great Road
Stow, Massachusetts 01775-1122
(978) 897-4545**

The following Traffic mitigation plan has been developed by the Stow Traffic Safety Advisory Committee as a pro-active measure to protect the citizens and all who visit Stow during fall time and any scheduled or non-scheduled events that contribute to a hazardous traffic condition. The intent of this plan is to alleviate traffic congestion which would hamper the movement of public safety vehicles during an emergency either related or non-related to the venue.

This plan has been developed as a multiple stage program to accommodate several locations and conditions with a seamless transition from one stage to the next as a situation escalates.

This plan will require actions from multiple agencies in conjunction with the local business owners. It is our commitment to offer the residents and all that visit Stow a safe and pleasant experience.

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Stow Police Operating Guidelines

Special Events Planning Stow Police Department Policy & Procedure No. 7.02

I. General Considerations and Guidelines

The purpose of this policy is to provide a guideline for employees assigned the task of planning for a special event.

II. Policy

It is the policy of this department to plan in advance for events whenever possible and, depending upon the scale of the event, distribute responsibilities for event planning and management.

II. Procedures [46.2.7]

A. Event Planning and Management

1. Duties

- a. The Chief of Police in conjunction with other public agencies will develop a written event plan to coordinate the actions of Public Safety Personnel during events.
- b. In the absence of the Chief of Police an Event Supervisor shall be designated to oversee the event, The supervisor will utilize the developed plan as a guideline to mitigate perceived public safety issues.
- c. Other employees may be assigned to manage subtasks as part of the overall event and report to the Event Supervisor:
 - 1) Traffic;
 - 2) Security;
 - 3) Medical Support;
 - 4) Logistics;

2. Event Plan Management

- a. Event proposals shall be filed with the Chief of Police.
- b. Copies of the event proposals shall be made available to all Public Safety Officials in advance, to be reviewed for planning feedback.
- c. An event plan is for official use only and may not be released pursuant to public records requests. It may not be distributed outside of the department without the authorization of the Chief of Police.ⁱ

B. Event Plan

1. Purpose [46.1.2]

- a. The event plan consists of a plan of command, control, and organized deployment of resources for a planned event.

- b. Existing event plans for this department include:
 - 1) Fourth of July Celebration i.e. Lake Boon Water Carnival
 - 2) Thanksgiving Day Turkey 5k Run
 - 3) Memorial Day Parade
 - 4) Springfest
 - 5) Run for the Woods 5k- Week of Springfest
 - 6) Apple Picking Season
 - 7) Collings Foundation
 - 8) Christmas Tree Farms

2. CONSIDERATIONS

The following items will be taken into account during the development of an event plan.

- a. CROWD CONTROL
 - 1) A written estimate of the number of attendees
 - 2) Age and mobility of attendees
 - 3) Anticipated crowd control problems
- b. TYPE OF EVENT
 - 1) Reason for attending the event
 - 2) Examples: political, celebratory, entertainment, protest
- c. SCOPE OF EVENT
 - 1) Geographic area
 - 2) Length of event, time-wise
- d. SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS
 - 1) Hostile participants
 - 2) Counterdemonstrations
 - 3) Weapons
 - 4) Terrorism
- e. TRAFFIC
 - 1) Access to the event
 - 2) Egress from the event
 - 3) Emergency vehicles
 - 4) Street closings
 - 5) Traffic direction and control posts
- f. PARKING
 - 1) Authorized parking areas
 - 2) Handicapped parking access
 - 3) Bicycles
 - 4) Parking area security
- g. ANTICIPATED CRIME PROBLEMS
 - 1) Event participants
 - 2) Persons victimizing participants
- h. LOGISTICAL REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Equipment
- 2) Supplies
- 3) Medical support
- 4) Staging area
- i. STAFFING
 - 1) Local personnel resources
 - 2) Available personnel resources from outside agencies
 - 3) Use of special operations personnel, if any
- j. COORDINATION
 - 1) Within the agency
 - 2) Within the municipality
 - 3) Outside of the municipality

C. Post Event Review

1. After Action review
 - a. The Chief of Police shall conduct an after-event review to determine the overall strengths and weaknesses of the event plan.
2. After Action Report
 - a. The Chief of Police shall create an after-action report highlighting strengths and weakness of the plan and lessons learned.

Honey Pot Orchard

Phase I

The Phase 1 plan will be implemented every weekend, weather permitting from the Third weekend in September through Columbus Day weekend.

1. Prepare all active cruisers with "Road Closed" signage.
2. The Stow Highway will place additional "Road Closed" signs at the following locations in the event of an unforeseen emergency.
 - a. Gleasondale Road @ Whitman Street
 - b. Gleasondale Road @ Boon Road
 - c. Sudbury Road @ State Road
3. Police will post the area around Honey Pot with No Parking signs, additional signs will be posted..
 - a. Sudbury Rd @ Whitman to south side of Bridge
 - b. East side of Barton Rd
 - c. Appleblossom Ln
 - d. Robert Rd @ Boon Rd
 - e. Robert Rd @ Whitman
 - f. Boon Rd
 - g. Whitman St, From Sudbury to Birch Hill Road
4. Police and Fire Chief's or designee will meet with the Martin Family at Honey to discuss plans as needed and relay updated cell phone contacts.
5. A Police Detail consisting of 2 Officers from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm weather permitting from third weekend in September to Columbus Day.
6. One shall be at the Whitman Street, Boon Road and Sudbury Road intersection.
7. One at Sudbury Road in the vicinity of the Farm Stand exit and Lot "A", this officer may be used to also aleave traffic at Lots B & C or Gleasondale @ Sudbury Rd if needed.
8. Detail Officers will remove road clousure sign at Gleasondale at end of each day.
9. Police and Dispatch will have authority to call in extra help as needed or call in the next shift early, if deemed necessary.
10. Additional Fire Personnel maybe be recalled by the Shift Officers if necessary

11. Honey Pot Orchard will be prepared to open additional parking areas including Lot "E" immediately when requested by the Detail Officers in the interest of public safety
12. Town sign board will be utilized as needed
13. Additional Stow Police no parking signs will be given to Honey Pot Orchards
14. Map of Honey Pot parking lots and Maze issued to Police and Fire personnel
15. Mutual aid Police and Fire assistance is available if necessary
16. Police and Fire personnel will be updated on procedures for the weekend
17. All active lots must have a monitor with communications. This monitor will notify Their supervisor when the lot is 75% full. At this time an additional lot must be opened immediately. The Detail Officer will be notified of the change and direct traffic accordingly.
18. Honey Pot will supply a Farm Stand parking monitor to notify the Lot "C" monitor that no more spaces are available and shut down Boon Road to the Farm Stand.
19. Police have authority to shut down inbound traffic on public ways to Honey Pot if these roads are at capacity and causing a public safety issue. (*Town of Stow By-Law, Article II, section 2*)
20. Maze traffic to be restricted to "Right Turn Only" toward Gleasondale Road due to Boon Road closure. (*Town of Stow By-Law, Article II, section 1*)
21. Sudbury Rd. (south) through the orchard towards Gleasondale Rd. will be allowed to be a one way exit route for Honey Pot traffic with no traffic entering from Rte 62, residents only (*Town of Stow By-Law, Article II, section 1*)
22. Traffic leaving Sudbury Road at Gleasondale Road will be directed to Hudson Lower Main Street. (Reducing traffic returning to State Road via Boon Road)
23. Farm Store Exit traffic to be directed to Sudbury Road to Gleasondale
24. Sign Board to be placed at Sudbury Road at Gleasondale Triangle to direct right turns before triangle for north on 62.

Detail Officer Operating Guidelines

Detail Officer I

(Whitman Street @ Boon Road)

The Officer will report to the Farm Stand to meet with Chelcie Martin to review the days agenda and will be assigned a Honey Pot Orchard portable radio.

- Whitman Street traffic will be directed down Boon Road to enter into the Store or Lot's "C & B"
- Sudbury Road traffic from State Road will be directed up Sudbury Road to Lot "A"
- Detail Officer I will constantly monitor traffic levels on Whitman Street, Boon Road and Gleasondale Road
 - a. Andrew Martin cell # (978) 394-5911
 - b. Andrew Martin Cell # 2 (978) 394-5346
 - c. Chelcie Martin cell # (978) 875-2756

Detail Officer II

(Sudbury Road @ Lot "A" / Farm Stand entrance)

- Place traffic cones allowing only inbound traffic to Lot "A" from Sudbury Road and exiting traffic from Lot "A" and the Farm Stand to exit south on Sudbury Road.
- Keep constant flow of traffic entering Lot "A" from Sudbury Road to eliminate back-up on Sudbury Road from State Road
- Assist with pedestrian traffic crossing Sudbury Road from the Farm Stand to Lot "A".
- Assist traffic at the Entrance to B and C on Boon Road
- Assist Traffic at Gleasondale and Sudbury Road
- Ensure Barricade is up at beginning of Detail, leaving room for residents
- Remove Barricade at Gleasondale Road
- Conditions permitting, Detail Officer II may be utilized in alternate locations to alleviate other traffic conditions.

Phase II

Phase II will be implemented when a report has been received by either detail officer regarding traffic back-ups in the following locations. (*Town of Stow By-Law, Article II, section 1*)

Whitman Street @ Birch Hill Road

- Traffic permitting Detail Officer I will allow traffic to move straight across to Lot "A" in addition to Lot's "B & C".
- If necessary, Detail Officer I will implement the Road Closure at Gleasondale Road and Whitman Street to reduce traffic.

Gleasondale @ Boon Road

- If necessary, Detail Officer I will implement the Road Closure at Gleasondale Road and Boon Road to reduce traffic.

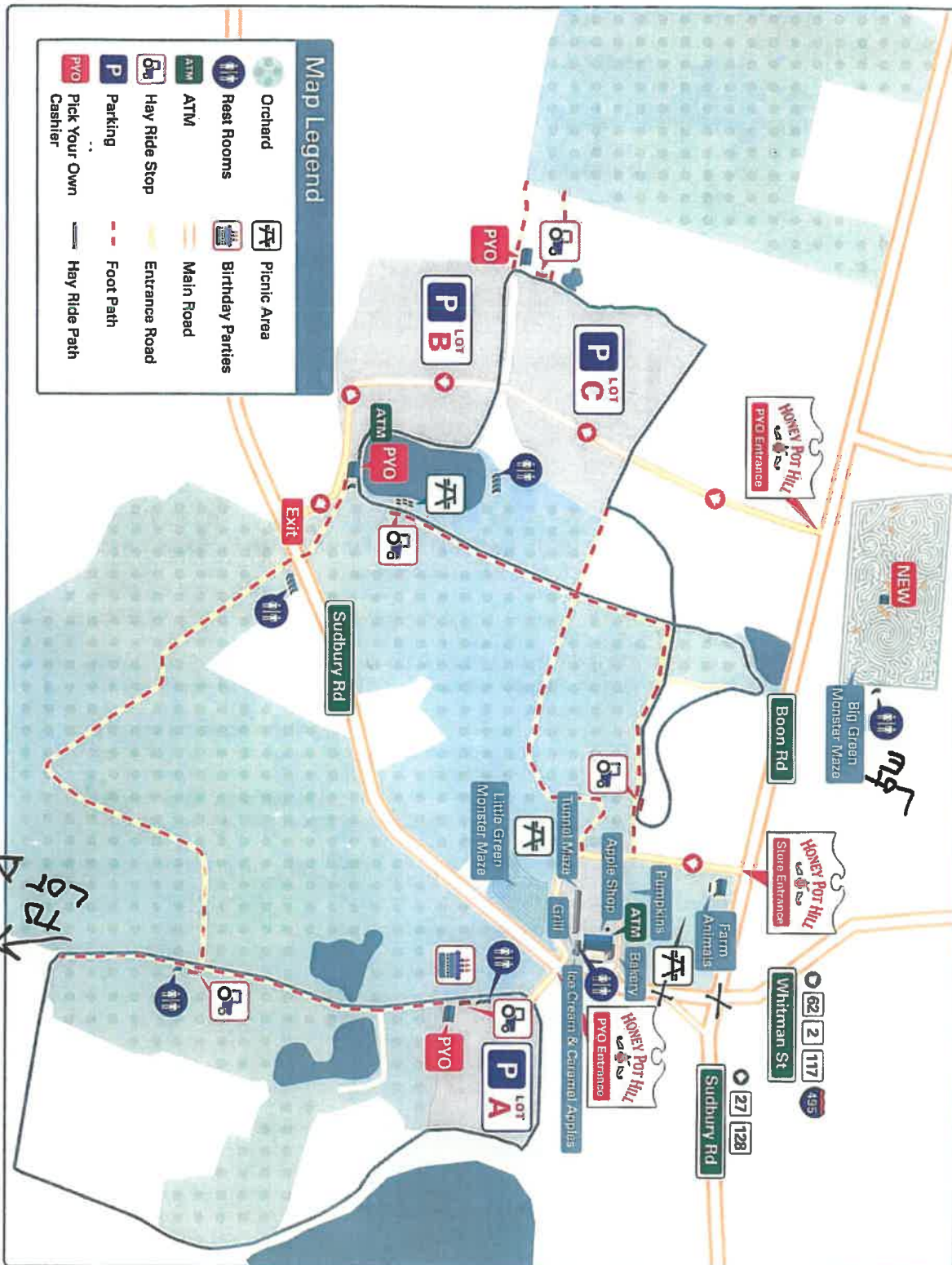
Sudbury @ State Road

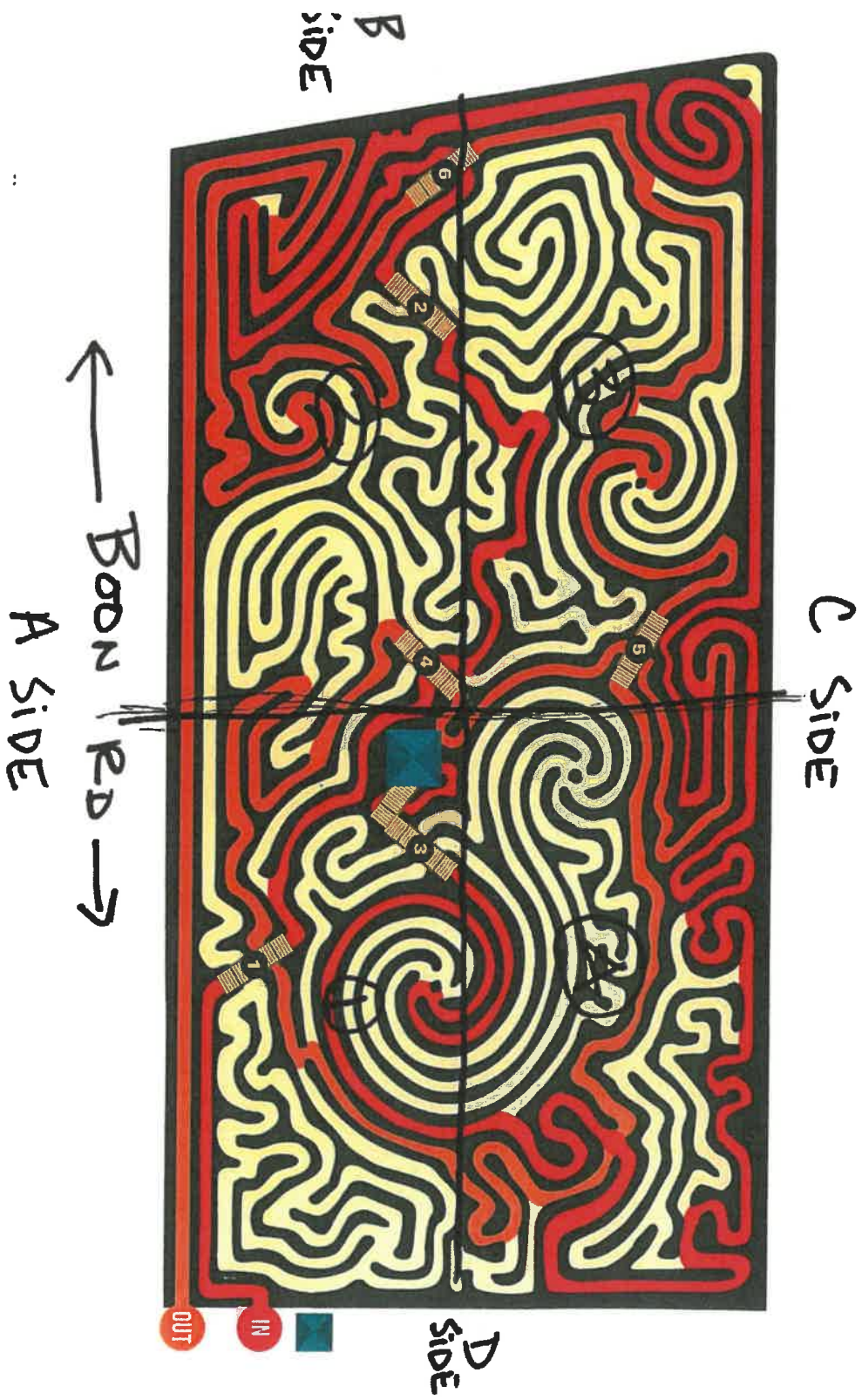
- Traffic permitting Detail Officer I will allow traffic to move straight across the Whitman Street intersection to Boon Road access to Lot "C" along with the Sudbury Road access to Lot "A"
- If necessary Detail Officer I will implement the Road Closure at State Road and Sudbury Road to reduce traffic.

Phase III

Phase III will be implemented in the event of a reported incident in the vicinity of or south of the Whitman Street intersection. (*Town of Stow By-Law, Article II, section 2*)

1. Dispatch will notify both Detail Officers of the incident and location.
2. Depending on the location immediate action will be taken by the Detail Officers to relieve traffic in the most direct route of travel for emergency services.
3. Mutual Aid will be dispatched if deemed necessary by the Detail Officers or the Fire and Police Shift Supervisors.
4. Appropriate road closures will be implemented and remain up for the duration of the incident.





Shelburne Farms

Phase I

The Phase 1 plan will be implemented every weekend, weather permitting from Labor Day weekend through Columbus Day weekend.

1. Prepare all active cruisers with "Road Closed" signage
2. Police and Dispatch will have authority to call in extra help as needed or call in the next shift early, if deemed necessary.
3. Additional Fire Personnel will be recalled by the Shift Officers if necessary
4. Cell phone communication confirmed with the staff, they will be given Police and Fire Chief's cell numbers
5. Police will post the area around Shelburne Farm with No Parking signs, additional signs will be posted as needed.
 - a. No Parking Signs on West Acton Road from South Acton to Brandy Meade
 - b. No Parking Signs on Brandy Meade
6. Police and Fire Chief's meet with the Owner at Shelburne Farm to discuss plans as needed
7. Town sign board will be utilized as needed
8. Map of Shelburne Farm parking lots and issued to Police and Fire personnel
9. Mutual aid Police and Fire assistance is available if necessary
10. Police and Fire personnel will be updated on procedures for the weekend
11. All active lots must have a monitor with communications. This monitor will notify Their supervisor when the lot is 75% full. At this time an additional lot must be opened immediately.
12. Police have authority to shut down inbound traffic on public ways to Shelburne Farm if these roads are at capacity and causing a public safety issue.

Phase II

Phase II will be implemented when a report has been received by patrol officers or the public regarding traffic back-ups in the following locations

West Acton Road @ Crescent Street

- On duty officers will place a "Road Closed" sign at the West Acton, Boxborough, and South Acton Intersection diverting traffic from West Acton Road to both South Acton Road and Boxborough Road. This action will quickly alleviate congestion for emergency vehicles to access West Acton Road if needed.
- Shelburne Farm will be directed to close entrance to and use secondary parking lot on West Acton Road.
- If necessary patrol officers will implement the Road Closure at Crescent Street and West Acton Road to reduce traffic.

Phase III

Phase III will be implemented in the event of a reported incident in the vicinity of Shelburne Farms, on West Acton Road or any connecting road that will need access from outside agencies.

1. Dispatch will notify the On-Duty Officers of the incident and location.
2. Depending on the location immediate action will be taken by the Detail Officers if hired or patrol officers to relieve traffic in the most direct route of travel for emergency services.
3. Mutual Aid will be dispatched if deemed necessary by the Detail Officers if hired or patrol officers on duty or the Fire and Police Shift Supervisors.
4. Appropriate road closures will be implemented and remain up for the duration of the incident.

COLLINGS FOUNDATION

Phase I

The Phase I plan will be implemented when the Collings Foundation is hosting a major scheduled event weather permitting

- 1. Prepare all active cruisers with "Road Closed" signage**
- 2. Police will post the area around the Collings Foundation with no parking signs if needed; additional signs will be posted as needed.**
- 3. Police and Fire Chief's meet with the Collings Foundation to discuss plans as needed**
- 4. Police and Dispatch will have the authority to call in extra help as needed or call in the next shift early, if deemed necessary**
- 5. Additional Fire Personnel will be recalled by the Shift Officers if necessary**
- 6. Cell Phone communication confirmed with Collings Foundation staff**
- 7. Collings Foundation will be prepared to open additional parking areas immediately if requested by Public Safety Officials**
- 8. Town Sign Board will be utilized as needed**
- 9. Additional Stow Police no parking signs will be given to Collings Foundation**
- 10. Mutual Aid Police and Fire assistance is available if necessary**
- 11. Police and Fire Personnel will be updated on procedures for the weekend**
- 12. All active lots must have a monitor with communications. This monitor will notify their supervisors when the lot is 75% full. At this time additional parking areas will be utilized immediately.**
- 13. Police have the authority to shut down inbound traffic on public and private ways to the Collings Foundation if these roads are at capacity and causing a public safety issue (*Town of Stow By-Law, Article 11, section 2*)**
- 14. A chain across the fire access road with a Fire Department lock will be added to the entrance.**

PHASE II

Phase III will be implemented in the event of a reported incident on Barton Rd. in the vicinity of the Collings Foundation.

- Dispatch will notify on duty officers of the incident and location.
- Immediate action will be taken by the on duty officers to relieve traffic in the most direct route of travel for emergency services.
- Mutual Aid will be dispatched if deemed necessary by the Police and Fire Department supervisors.
- Appropriate road closures will be implemented and remain in place for the duration of the incident.

Carver Hill Orchard

Phase 1

- 1) Phase 1 will be implemented every weekend from the 3rd weekend in September through Columbus/Indigenous People's Day in October
- 2) All Police Cruisers will be equipped with "Road Closed" signs
- 3) No Parking Signs will be posted at the following locations by Stow Police
 - a. Brookside both sides from east of pump house to Box Mill Road
 - b. Box Mill Road both sides from North Side of Bridge to Cemetery
- 4) No Detail Officer is required at this time, however this can be re-evaluated at any time and for special events.
- 5) Police and Dispatch will authority to call in extra help as needed or call in the next shift early, if deemed necessary.
- 6) Additional Fire Personnel maybe recalled by the shift officers if necessary.
- 7) Official Town social media will be used to remind people of increased traffic on weekends
- 8) Mutual Aid Police and Fire assistance is available if necessary
- 9) Police and Fire personnel will be updated on procedures for the weekend.
- 10) If available or needed, Waze updates from Stow Police will be added.
- 11) Map of Carver Hill issued to Police and Fire personnel.

Carver Hill Orchard

Phase 2

- 1) Phase 2 will be implemented when a report from the owner/operators, patrol officers or the public which has been confirmed by the on-duty staff of traffic back-ups in the following locations.
 - a. Brookside on to Gleasondale Road
 - b. Box Mill Road onto Gleasondale Road
- 2) On-Duty Officers to shut Brookside Road down
- 3) On-Duty Officers to shut Box Mill Road down
- 4) On-Duty Officers to assist exiting vehicles from Carver Hill
- 5) Dispatch to make contact with owner/operator to help communicate between the officer on scene and owner
- 6) If emergency situation/call is on-going, officers are to relieve traffic in the most direct route of travel for emergency services.
- 7) Appropriate road closures will be implemented or remain up during emergencies if necessary.
- 8) All road closures will be constantly evaluated to ensure that that the road is re-opened as quickly as possible.
- 9) Official Town social media updates will be made so the public is informed of on-going traffic closes, and emergencies and re-openings.

Honey Pot Orchard Christmas Tree Sales

Phase 1

- 1) *Phase 1 will be implemented from the Friday after Thanksgiving, every weekend to December 24th.*
- 2) No Parking signs will be in place in the following locations;
 - a. Boon Rd, from Whitman St to Farm Store Entrance (both sides)
 - b. Sudbury Road, from Boon Rd to Lot A Entrance (both sides)
- 3) Cars permitted to travel in all directions when leaving the lots.
- 4) *If available or needed, Waze updates from Stow Police will be added.*
- 5) No Detail Officers are required during normal sales, however this maybe re-evaluated during special events.

Honey Pot Orchard Christmas Tree Sales

Phase 2

- 1) Will be implemented when patrols observe traffic backed onto Boon Road, or after confirmation is made by patrols on traffic complaints made by the public.
- 2) Dispatch to make contact with owner/operator to help communicate between the officer on scene and owner
- 3) On Duty Officer to shut Boon at Whitman down, ensuring the intersections of Whitman and Sudbury remain open for emergency vehicles.
- 4) If emergency situation/call is on-going, officers are to relieve traffic on the most direct route of travel for emergency services.
- 5) Appropriate road closures will be implemented or remain up during emergencies if necessary.
- 6) All road closures will be constantly evaluated to ensure that that the road is re-opened as quickly as possible.
- 7) *Official Town social media* updates will be made so the public is informed of on-going traffic closes, and emergencies and re-openings.

Mistletoe Christmas Farm**Phase 1**

- 1) *Phase 1 will be implemented during open times of the Farm.*
- 2) **No Parking signs will be in place in the following locations;**
 - a. **Whitman St., from Boon Road to Entrance to Mistletoe Farm (both sides)**
 - b. **Whitman St., from north of parking area in front of fence to Robert Road (both sides)**
 - c. **Apple Blossom Lane from Whitman to number 34 Apple Blossom Lane (both sides)**
 - d. **Robert Road from Whitman to 18 Robert Road, (both sides)**
- 3) **One detail officer is required on those times and dates, working with the farm where it is expected that traffic will be impacted the most.**
 - a. **Details maybe cancelled more than one hour to detail without incurring cost**
- 4) **Single point entry from Whitman St. to farm on south side of barn.**
- 5) **Single exit point onto Whitman St. from farm on north side of barn.**
- 6) *If available or needed, Waze updates from Stow Police will be added.*
- 7) **If emergency situation/call is on-going, officers are to relieve traffic in the most direct route of travel for emergency services.**
- 8) **Appropriate road closures will be implemented or remain up during emergencies if necessary.**
- 9) **All road closures will be constantly evaluated to ensure that that the road is re-opened as quickly as possible.**
- 10) *Official Town social media updates will be made so the public is informed of on-going traffic closes, and emergencies and re-openings.*

Mistletoe Christmas Farm

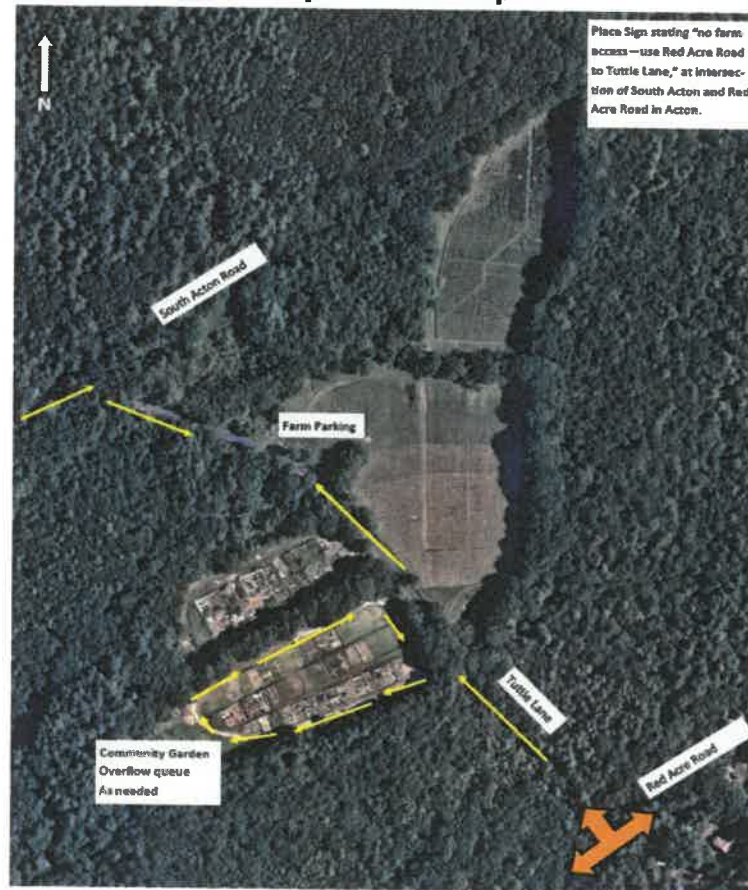
Phase 2

- 1) Will be implemented when patrols observe traffic backed onto Whitman Street. Detail officer requests Phase 2, or after confirmation is made by patrols on traffic complaints made by the public.
 - a. A back-up will be a stand still on Whitman with no ability to move cars into the farm property.
- 2) Dispatch to make contact with owner/operator to help communicate between the officer on scene and owner
- 3) On-Duty Patrol/ Detail Officer will close entrance to Christmas Tree Farm
- 4) Traffic will be diverted to leave the area.

Taproot Farm**Phase 1**

- 1) *Phase 1 will be implemented from the Friday after Thanksgiving, every weekend to December 24th.*
- 2) Phase 1 is to limit excessive queuing of vehicles on Tuttle Lane during the busy 10am—2pm timeframes, as well as direct traffic to avoid potential southbound queuing on South Acton Road, where sight lines are poorest.
- 3) Sign placed at the intersection of South Acton and Red Acre Road in Acton (Stonefield Farm intersection) stating “no tree farm access from South Acton Road—Use Tuttle Lane via Red Acre Road.” This is meant to direct any Route 2 or Acton traffic to Red Acre and into the overflow area as needed.
- 4) Utilize community garden driveway/path to queue vehicles if Tuttle begins to back up. This loop, shown on the plan, would allow approximately 60 vehicles to queue. An attendant with a radio would waive customers to the main lot when a space opens up.
- 5) No parking signs would need to be placed along Tuttle Lane
- 6) Parking attendants in primary parking area manage flow in and out of the lot, with all exiting vehicles directed toward South Acton Road. This incentivizes one way traffic flow without any road closures.
- 7) *If available or needed, Waze updates from Stow Police will be added.*
- 8) If emergency situation/call is on-going, officers are to relieve traffic in the most direct route of travel for emergency services.
- 9) Appropriate road closures will be implemented or remain up during emergencies if necessary.
- 10) All road closures will be constantly evaluated to ensure that that the road is re-opened as quickly as possible.
- 11) No Detail officers are required during normal sales, however this maybe re-evaluated during special events.

Taproot Traffic Map



Taproot Farm

Phase 2

- 1) Will be implemented when patrols observe traffic backed onto Tuttle Lane, if present Detail officer requests Phase 2 or after confirmation is made by patrols on traffic complaints by the public.
 - a. Traffic back up is defined as stand-still traffic from entrance of Farm to South Acton Road or Entrance of Farm to overflow lot back onto Tuttle Lane
- 2) Dispatch to make contact with owner/operator to help communicate needs to the officer to the owner.
- 3) On Duty Patrols will close entrance to Tuttle from South Acton.
- 4) On Duty Patrols will divert traffic from Tuttle into Community Gardens overflow queue.
- 5) As a last measure, patrols will close entrances to Tuttle Lane at both South Acton and Red Acre Road Entrances.

Town of Stow By-Laws

**Article 6. Police Regulations
Section 13.**

a. No vehicle shall be parked on the left side of any street, road, square or way within the Town of Stow, nor shall any vehicle be parked so as to interfere with the normal flow of traffic, nor shall any vehicle be parked anywhere within the Town of Stow in such a manner as to hinder in the plowing or removal of snow from any street, road, square, or way. (amended 2/24/59)

b. No person, which term shall include any company, corporation or other entity and its agents and employees, shall block or obstruct the normal flow of vehicular traffic on any public way, or private way open to the public, for any reason, including repairs by any public utility, without first obtaining a permit from the Chief of Police, acting for or on behalf of the Selectmen. Such permits may be granted by the Chief of Police on such terms and conditions as he in his sole judgment and discretion shall determine to be in the interests of public safety. Any public utility or other person frequently engaged in activities in or near such a way may be granted a general permit for all such work; provided, however, that the Police Department shall be notified by the holder of such permit prior to the undertaking of any work thereunder. The denial of a permit, or any terms and conditions imposed, may be appealed by the applicant to the Board of Selectmen. Any person, prior to the issuance of such permit, shall agree in writing to indemnify and hold the Town and its officials harmless from any damages as may be awarded or legal fees incurred in any action for personal injury or property damage suffered as a result of the issuance of any permit. (added 5/8/84)

Town of Stow Traffic Rules and Orders

With amendments through October 6, 2009.

At a meeting of the Board of Selectmen held in Stow on November 23, 1971 the following vote was duly passed:

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Stow acting by virtue of the power given to it by Chapter 40, Section 22 of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.) and by virtue of any other power it hereto enabling, hereby adopts and makes the following rules and orders for the regulation of traffic upon the streets and highways of said town, the same to be known as Traffic Rules and Orders of the Town of Stow, insofar as the said rules and orders or any of them are the same as any valid regulations, rules and orders now in force, they shall be deemed to be a continuation thereof.

Article II. Authority and Duties of Police

Section 1. Police to Direct Traffic

It shall be the duty of the Police Officers to enforce the provisions of these rules and orders. Police Officers are hereby authorized to direct all traffic either in person or by means of visible or audible signal in conformance with the provisions of these rules and orders, provided that in the event of a fire or other emergency, to expedite traffic or safe-guard pedestrians, officers of the Police or Fire Department may direct traffic as conditions may require, notwithstanding the provisions of these rules and orders.

Section 2. Police May Close Streets Temporarily

The Police may close temporarily any street or highway in an impending or existing emergency or for any lawful assemblage, demonstration or procession provided there is reasonable justification for the closing of such street.

Section 3. Police May Prohibit Parking Temporarily

The Police may prohibit, temporarily, parking on any street or highway or part thereof in an impending or existing emergency or for a lawful assemblage, demonstration or procession provided there is reasonable justification for such prohibition. Vehicles parked in places where parking is prohibited temporarily may be moved by or under the direction of an officer.

Section 4. Exemptions

The provisions of these rules and orders shall not apply to operators actually engaged in work upon a street or highway closed to travel or under construction or repair, to officers when engaged in the performance of public duties nor to drivers of emergency vehicles while operating in an emergency and in performance of public duties when the nature of the work of any of these necessitates a departure from any part of these rules and orders. These exemptions shall not, however, protect the driver of any vehicle from the consequences of a reckless disregard of the safety of others.

Article III. Traffic Signs, Signals, Markings and Zones

Section 1. Interference with Signs, Signals and Markings Prohibited

It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully deface, injure, move, obstruct or interfere with any official traffic sign, signal or marking.

Section 2. Obedience to Traffic Controls

No driver of any vehicle shall disobey the instructions of any official control signal, sign, marking, marker or legend, unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

From: Chief Michael Sallèse
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2022 7:54 AM
To: Phoenix Dwyer
Subject: FW: Kingland Road-Holes

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From: Glenn Chrumka <chrumski@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2022 2:36 PM
To: Steve Nadeau <highway@stow-ma.gov>
Cc: stowpolice <stowpolice@stow-ma.gov>; Jane Chrumka <ja_chrumka@yahoo.com>
Subject: Kingland Road-Holes

Good Afternoon Steve,

Over the past month several holes have developed all along Kingland Road. I'd like to address the holes that are located in front of my home at 139 Kingland Road. Attached are a couple of pictures which don't really reflect their depth. These holes have gotten to the point that cars are bottoming out. A few drivers are driving on my property to avoid damage to their cars.

I'd ask that you have your team fill these holes in as soon as possible. I'm concerned vehicles may incur significant damage driving through these holes.

I look forward to your response.

Regards,

Glenn Chrumka
~~617-281-9910~~





