

**TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Wednesday September 14, 2022 at 1:00pm**  
**Stow Town Building**  
**380 Great Road, Stow, MA 01775**

**Town Building and  
On-line**

Topic: TSAC  
Time: September 14, 2022 1:00PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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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.		Chestnut Street Truck Restriction
6.		Discuss Christmas Tree Farms for Traffic Mitigation Plan
7.		Dirby and Shelburne Farms to Traffic Mitigation Plan
8.		Pompositticut Road
9.		380 Great Road Jake Brake
10.		Red Acre Road
11.		Wheeler Road at Route 62

***Posted September 9, 2022 at 12:00pm***

Town of Stow  
Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

Minutes of August 24<sup>th</sup> 2022 Traffic Safety Advisory Meeting

Members Present: Chief Michael Sallese, Fire Chief John P Benoit, & Steve Nadeau

Also Present: Malcom Ragan, Assistant Planner/GIS Administrator

Chief Sallese called meeting to order 1PM

**Approval of Minutes | August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

*Steve Nadeau moved to approve the minutes of August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as written.*

*Chief Sallese Seconded.*

VOTED: 3-0 (Unanimously In favor: Steve Nadeau – Yea; Chief Sallese – Yea; Chief Benoit – Yea)

**Member Updates**

-Chief Sallese updated the committee regarding Select Board on the Traffic Plan at their 8/23 meeting with a couple of amendments including adding Christmas Tree Farm and that if there are any issues to report the first reporter will be any detail officers on scene. Wording for Whitman Street will be rephrased for a no parking order. Details for Honey Pot will start on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022. This date was chosen based on previous traffic data collected by Honey Pot.

-Chief Sallese discussed the annual report from the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee that will be presented to the Select Board at their next meeting. Some amendments will be made prior to it going to the Select Board.

Chief Benoit motions to accept report with the amendments discussed. Steve Nadeau seconds.

VOTED: 3-0 (Unanimously In favor: Steve Nadeau – Yea; Chief Sallese – Yea; Chief Benoit – Yea)

**Public Input and Response to Concerns**

-Circuit Road and Sawmill Road delineators have all been removed based on feedback from cyclists and community members. Two members of the public were present for the meeting and expressed concerns regarding numerous cars and delivery vehicles who failed to adhere to the 25MPH speed limit. With the delineators being removed, they wanted to see what discuss other alternatives for addressing speed concerns. (Note: Chief Sallese recused himself from the conversation due to one of the community members being his father.)

Chief Benoit motions for a temporary 25MPH speed sign to be installed. Steve Nadeau seconds the motion. Voted 2-0. Chief Sallese abstains from the vote. Note the committee is also going to send the Traffic Safety Policy to the concerned community member so they can be advised of next steps (if any) per their request.

**Complete Street Grant Funds**

-Steve Nadeau received an updated quote for the speed feedback signs which are to be installed on the same poles as the solar panel school zone lights.

-The school zone lights will flash from 8:15AM-2:30PM, Monday through Friday.

Chief Sallese motions to approve the updated pricing for the school zone signs and make Steve Nadeau the coordinator of the project. Chief Benoit seconds.

VOTED: 3-0 (Unanimously In favor: Steve Nadeau – Yea; Chief Sallese – Yea; Chief Benoit – Yea)

Next Meeting will be on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM.

Chief Sallese motions to adjourn. Chief Benoit seconds.

VOTED: 3-0 (Unanimously In favor: Steve Nadeau – Yea; Chief Sallese – Yea; Chief Benoit – Yea)

**From:** Stow MA via Stow MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 23, 2022 4:28 PM  
**To:** stowpolice  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Request Submittal Form

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Submitted on Tuesday, August 23, 2022 - 4:27pm  
Submitted by anonymous user: [108.26.167.174](#)  
Submitted values are:

First Name: Andrea  
Last Name: Harris  
Street Address: 40 Pompositticut Road  
Address Line 2:  
City, State, Zip (if other than Stow): Stow  
E-Mail Address: [andrea@minerva-inc.com](mailto:andrea@minerva-inc.com)

Please describe the location of the traffic concern: Pompositticut Road from the Maynard line to route 117.

Please describe the nature of the neighborhood traffic problem you are concerned with :

With a significant hill, two curves, and a narrow width Pompositticut is a dangerous road upon which to speed. But that does not stop the bulk of the vehicles that travel on this designated scenic byway from exceeding the 25 MPH limit. As our emergency responders can surely attest, there have been many serious crashes on this road, including a motorcycle fatality many years ago, cars that have taken down telephone poles, and cars that have flipped over.

As a convenient route to Maynard and beyond, the road not only has a lot of vehicles, but also a lot of pedestrians. I often see people walking back after having shopped at the Shaw's plaza. It's great that we have a walkable lower village area, but that doesn't do much good if pedestrians are in danger on this road.

I was just out picking up trash on the North side of the road today, something I do fairly often. Not only are cars speeding by, clearly over the 25MPH limit, many are traveling way over the solid white line on the edge of the road, putting them inches away from anyone on the sidewalk. This happens every time.

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To be clear, cars speed in both directions. Increased speed traps would help a lot. In prior years we saw police in our neighbor's driveway (#41/43) several times a week. We would be grateful if they could resume.

The other lesson we can learn from Maynard is that true sidewalks with granite curbing are safer for pedestrians than the degrading asphalt path on most of Pompositticut. There is curbing opposite the cemetery, but once you reach the houses it's just crumbling asphalt at the same level as the roadway. In some places the pathway is being washed away and in others it's so overgrown with encroaching vegetation it's no more than 12 inches wide.

But when Maynard's sidewalk starts (unfortunately, after a long gap with no sidewalk in front of the apple orchard) it's wide and sturdy with solid curbing.

I'm grateful we have a safety committee; we all want to keep ourselves and our neighbors safe. I hope the committee will take my statements and suggestions seriously.

Please list possible solutions to the problem that you would like the Town of Stow to consider: Please see the above text or my attached Word file, which has my entire message.

Please attach any documents you would like the Committee to review here: [https://www.stow-ma.gov/system/files/webform/to\\_the\\_safety\\_committee.docx](https://www.stow-ma.gov/system/files/webform/to_the_safety_committee.docx)

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.stow-ma.gov/node/143221/submission/4626>

August 23, 2022

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Thank you,

Andrea Harris

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95 Farm Rd Stow, MA. 01775

August 25, 2022

Steve Nadeau  
Superintendent of Streets  
88 South Acton Rd  
Stow, MA 01775

Dear Steve,

I'm writing to you concerning Red Acre Rd., specifically that quarter mile section between the end of Red Acre Horse Farm and Tuttle Rd. That section of road, in my opinion, creates several safety issues because of the elevated posted speed limit of 35 mph. Red Acre Rd. is approximately 1.6 mi. In length and 85% of that length is posted at 25 or 30 mph. and 15% is posted at 35 mph. And many times the actual speeds traveled on that particular section of road exceeds 40, or 45+ mph. That has created several safety issues:

There are no sidewalks, and walkers, runners and pedestrians in general are in peril because of the higher speed limit. Red Acre Horse Farms offers lessons most of the year which also increases both vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

A couple of times vehicles have tried to pass me on that section of road while I was attempting a left hand turn onto Farm Rd., because the posted speed limit jumps from 25mph. in Red Acre Village to 35mph. on the Horse Farm section.

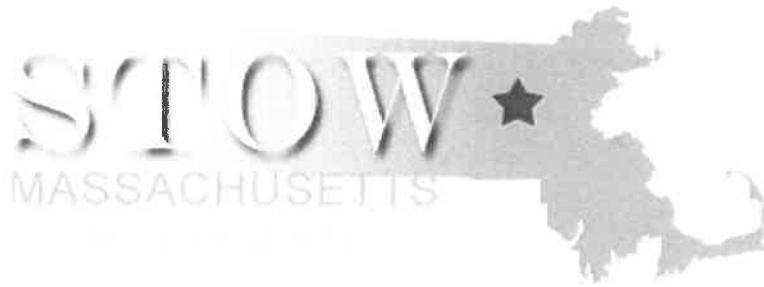
Turning out of Farm Rd. onto Red Acre Rd. can also be dangerous because of reduced sight lines and higher speeds of traffic.

A large tree across from Farm Rd. (south), that can causes southbound traffic to serve into the oncoming lane. This is especially dangerous for cyclists traveling in that same direction.

My suggestion is that the posted speed limit in that section be reduced to 30mph with maybe a speed calming electronic detector. Or widen that section of road to accommodate dedicated bike lanes, sidewalks and cut back trees to improve sight lanes.

Sincerely yours,

William Wachur



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#### Submission information

Form: [Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Request Submittal Form](#) [1]  
Submitted by Anonymous (not verified)  
September 7, 2022 - 10:37am  
68.66.114.169

#### First Name

Phoebe

#### Last Name

Haberkorn

#### Street Address

83 WHITMAN ST

#### Address Line 2

#### City, State, Zip (if other than Stow)

STOW

#### E-Mail Address

phab21@verizon.net

#### Please describe the location of the traffic concern

Wheeler Road where it meets Route 62

#### Please describe the nature of the neighborhood traffic problem you are concerned with

Cars coming off Wheeler Road almost have to pull out onto Route 62 before they can see the traffic coming down Route 62 towards Hudson.

#### Please list possible solutions to the problem that you would like the Town of Stow to consider

Removing brush and plant growth at the corner of this intersection

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

Source URL: <https://www.stow-ma.gov/node/143221/submission/4666>

#### Links

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