

**TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Wednesday, March 16, 2022 1:30pm**  
**Stow Town Building**  
**380 Great Road, Stow, MA 01775**

**Town Building and  
On-line**

Topic: TSAC  
Time: April 13, 2022 01:00pm PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81756295320?pwd=am4zQVZCZXM0NVBUUGxEeGpGVFIQdz09>

Meeting ID: 817 5629 5320  
Passcode: 364920

1.	1:00 PM	Call to Order
----	---------	---------------

***Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Administrative Items***

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

***Appointments/Discussion/Action Items***

5.		Letters to Select Board -Rules and Orders Signature -Stop Sign at Gardner
6.		Speed Enforcement -mv stop stats resident vs non resident
7.		Heights St -updates
8.		Traffic Islands
9.		Boxboro Road -sign updates/complaint
10.		16 Circuit Drive - complaint
11.		11 Great Road - complaint
12.		Letters to Residents -Lowell Drive
13.		Delineators -Sudbury Road -Wheeler Road
14.		Speed Feed Back Signs -Placement -Time Line of Installation
15.		School Zone Lights

**Posted 4/7/2022 at 2:30pm**

TOWN OF STOW  
TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of March 16, 2022 Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Meeting

Committee Members Present: Chief Michael Sallese; Fire Chief John Paul Benoit; Steven Nadeau; Jesse Steadman

Chief Sallese called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

### **Review of Minutes**

#### **February 16, 2022**

*Chief Benoit moved to approve the minutes of February 2, 2022.*

*Chief Sallese seconded.*

**VOTED: 4-0 Unanimously in favor (Chief Sallese – Yea; Chief Benoit – Yea; Jesse Steadman – Yea; Steve Nadeau)**

### **Member Updates**

None.

### **Town-Wide 25 MPH Letter**

The Committee discussed the need to draft a letter and corresponding Traffic Rules and Orders language for the Town-wide 25MPH implementation. Chief Sallese noted he could pay for the required advertising and the group could develop an outreach Plan. Jesse Steadman said he will check the statute to determine what manner of notification MassDOT requires.

### **Private Way Management**

The Committee discussed it would be good to draft a letter outlining the management issues and invite the Town Administrator to discuss.

### **Enforcement Update**

Chief Sallese indicated that he has created four quadrants for Stow as it relates to traffic enforcement, with officers rotating their shifts between them.

### **Hartley Road Improvements**

The Committee discussed the upcoming improvements to Hartley Road, including that the money for the upgrades has been allocated.

### **Sudbury Road Bridge**

Steve Nadeau indicated that he has thought more about the potential for a truck restriction on Sudbury Bridge and believes that learning about how the process works as it relates to Marlboro Road may be better than attempting to implement something at Sudbury Road Bridge first.

**Radar Speed Feedback Sign**

The Committee discussed the speed feedback sign on Common road and the need to review shade in proposed locations on Marlboro and Wheeler Road prior to installation of the solar panels that will power the units.

**Guidance on Flashing Yellow Lights from MassDOT**

Chief Sallese indicated that MassDOT has issued guidance on flashing yellow arrows at signaled intersections. The Committee agreed it would be good to post the guidance to the Town's website and social media pages.

*Chief Sallese moved to approve and send the letter as drafted.*

*Steve Nadeau Seconded.*

**VOTED: 4-0 Unanimously in favor (Chief Sallese – Yea; Chief Benoit – Yea; Jesse Steadman – Yea; Steve Nadeau)**

**Sudbury Road Truck Restriction**

Steve Nadeau stated that it may be time to discuss a truck restriction on Sudbury Road to limit the size of vehicles using the ailing Sudbury Road bridge. The Committee discussed whether it would need to be a restriction on Sudbury Road as a whole or just the bridge, which types of neighborhood truck usage, such as oil deliveries, etc. could still take place and whether a study would be worthwhile for providing a meaningful lifespan extension for the bridge. Steve Nadeau indicated he would continue researching the particulars of such a policy.

**Heights Street**

The Committee met with Katharine Clark, of Heights Street in Stow to discuss findings from the Committee's research on private ways. Chief Sallese indicated that the Town will be attempting to cut back the brush that is affecting sight lines, and simply needs to be in touch with neighboring property owners, as the work will take place partially on private property. Katharine Clark asked if the Committee would provide her with insight into further options for more substantive repairs. Jesse Steadman indicated the Committee is looking to finalize a letter to the Select Board that will provide options for homeowners on private ways.

**Maureen Douth | Bradley Lane**

A resident from Bradley Lane named Maureen Douth stated that traffic has increased on Bradley Lane due to increased use of the Town Center and ball field. Chief Sallese indicated that despite the 25 MPH town wide policy, the 20 MPH zone on Bradley Lane will not be affected and that the Committee will look into having a temporary speed feedback unit placed on the road to remind drivers of the posted speed limit.

**Lowell Drive**

The Committee discussed a recent complaint regarding vehicle speeds on Lowell Drive, in the Harvard Acres neighborhood. Committee members agreed that the 25 MPH Town Wide policy will primarily

DRAFT

affect the Harvard Acres neighborhood and that in the meantime, temporary speed feedback signage could be used to mitigate the issue.

The meeting abruptly concluded due to an emergency call for both participating public safety Chiefs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jesse Steadman  
Town Planner

The Committee discussed the need to do sufficient outreach to notify drivers of the change prior to installation.

*Chief Sallese motioned to adjourn*

*Chief Benoit seconded.*

**VOTED: 4-0 Unanimously in favor (Chief Sallese – Yea; Chief Benoit – Yea; Jesse Steadman – Yea; Steve Nadeau)**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jesse Steadman

Planning Board  
 380 Great Road  
 Stow, MA 01775  
 Tel: 978-897-5098  
 Fax: 978-897-2321

## Town of Stow Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

# Memo

**To:** Stow Select Board  
**CC:** Denise Dembkoski – Town Administrator  
**From:** Traffic Safety Advisory Committee  
 - Police Chief, Michael Sallese  
 - Fire Chief, John Paul Benoit  
 - Superintendent of Streets, Steve Nadeau  
 - Town Planner, Jesse Steadman  
**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Re:** Private Way Management

---

The purpose of this letter is to provide the Select Board insight into the Town's obligations as it relates to Private Ways and a property owner's options for improving such Private Ways. This letter is not meant as a legal opinion and is rather a guide for determining potentially available options.

### Overview

In response to resident complaints over the safety and adequacy of Private Ways in Stow, the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee has studied the distinction between winter maintenance and other road repairs. It is often assumed that the Town of Stow is obligated to *repair* Private Ways, as town trucks are often seen plowing and sanding such routes through the winter months. However, there are distinctions and limitations between typical winter maintenance and more advanced repairs on Private Ways.

The Town has adopted Massachusetts General Law (MGL) c.40 s.6c which provides for the plowing and sanding of *publicly accessible* Private Ways in Stow. However, the law makes a clear distinction between the removal of snow and ice and the 'repair of a way.'

*"Section 6C. A city or town which accepts this section in the manner provided in section six D may appropriate money for the removal of snow and ice from such private ways within its limits and open to the public use as may be designated by the city council or selectmen; provided, that, for the purposes of section twenty-five of chapter eighty-four, the removal of snow or ice from such a way shall not constitute a repair of a way."*

In 1979, the Town of Stow adopted *Section 3. Private Ways*, in its General Bylaw, regarding the repair and maintenance of private ways in accordance with Section 6N of Chapter 40. The applicable language is copied to the appendix of this letter. The adoption of this Section is meant to provide further clarification regarding the obligations of the Town for the repair of Private Ways, as well as to provide options for property owners who wish to request certain repairs.

### **Options for Private Way Repair**

The aforementioned Section 3(a) of the Stow General Bylaw provides the Select Board and Superintendent of Streets the power to appropriate funds for repair of a private way when such repairs are “required by public necessity and convenience.” and when the conditions in the bylaw are met. Specifically that “repairs shall not include the construction, reconstruction or resurfacing of such ways.”

Where the Select Board or Highway Superintendent chooses not to allocate funds for repairs of Private Ways through a finding under Section 3(a), the following Section 3 (b) provides for the establishment of a “betterment” program to address the Private Way in need of repair. According to the Bylaw, the property owner may present a signed petition by 75% of residents on the road in question to the Select Board, requesting a Special Article to be placed on the Warrant, detailing the repairs to be made.

The costs of the repairs can either be borne by the abutting property owners owning the Private Way through a cash deposit into an escrow account that is equal to the cost of the proposed work, or through the assessment of “betterment” fees in accordance with the provisions of MGL Ch.80. The *betterment* process essentially sets up an amortization program for the repayment of funds allocated for the repair of the private way.

### **Conclusion**

Despite complaints received regarding lack of repairs on various Private Ways in Stow, the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee believes it may not be legal for Chapter 90 road repair funds to be used for such improvements. From the statutory language described in this memo, and the Town’s General Bylaw, there appears to be three options for funding Private Way improvements:

1. A separate appropriation by the Select Board or Superintendent of Streets;
2. The placement of resident funds in escrow to cover the proposed repairs;
3. Or the approval of a betterment process establishing the associated costs for the property’s that will be impacted and an amortization program for repayment.

The Traffic Safety Advisory Committee offers this information as a primer to the Select Board on the topic and has not consulted with Town Counsel on any further specifics. The TSAC hopes it is helpful nonetheless.

**Stow Police Department**  
**Race Data Statistics**  
**07/01/2021 - 04/08/2022**

6

**Race Stop Totals**

Race	Totals
Black	38 5.0%
Asian or Pacific Islander	32 4.2%
Hispanic	38 5.0%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	4 < 1%
Middle Eastern or East Indian (South Asian)	8 1.1%
White	640 84.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>760 100.0%</b>

**Stop Reason Totals**

Reason	Black	Asian	Hispanic	Amer. Ind.	Mid. East.	White	Total
Speeding	14 36.8%	14 43.8%	16 42.1%	3 75.0%	0 0%	254 39.7%	301 39.6%
Equipment Violation	0 0%	2 6.3%	1 2.6%	0 0%	1 12.5%	38 5.9%	42 5.5%
Other Traffic Violat	2 5.3%	1 3.1%	5 13.2%	0 0%	2 25.0%	75 11.7%	85 11.2%
Registration/Inspect	2 5.3%	1 3.1%	1 2.6%	0 0%	0 0%	21 3.3%	25 3.3%
Violation of City/To	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%
CMVE	11 28.9%	8 25.0%	12 31.6%	0 0%	5 62.5%	151 23.6%	187 24.6%
Dispatch/Call for Se	0 0%	0 0%	1 2.6%	0 0%	0 0%	4 < 1%	5 < 1%
Investigatory	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	2 < 1%	2 < 1%
Warrant	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%
BOLO	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%
Motorist Assist/Cour	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%
MV Crash	9 23.7%	6 18.8%	2 5.3%	1 25.0%	0 0%	95 14.8%	113 14.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>38 100.0%</b>	<b>32 100.0%</b>	<b>38 100.0%</b>	<b>4 100.0%</b>	<b>8 100.0%</b>	<b>640 100.0%</b>	<b>760 100.0%</b>

**Stop Outcome Totals**

Outcome	Black	Asian	Hispanic	Amer. Ind.	Mid. East.	White	Total
M/V Citation - Civil	1 2.6%	2 6.3%	1 2.6%	0 0%	1 12.5%	21 3.3%	26 3.4%
Criminal Application	1 2.6%	2 6.3%	10 26.3%	0 0%	0 0%	12 1.9%	25 3.3%
Arrest	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	4 < 1%	4 < 1%
Written Warning	14 36.8%	13 40.6%	13 34.2%	3 75.0%	0 0%	273 42.7%	316 41.6%
Verbal Warning	13 34.2%	9 28.1%	11 28.9%	0 0%	7 87.5%	242 37.8%	282 37.1%
No Enforcement Action	9 23.7%	6 18.8%	3 7.9%	1 25.0%	0 0%	88 13.8%	107 14.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>38 100.0%</b>	<b>32 100.0%</b>	<b>38 100.0%</b>	<b>4 100.0%</b>	<b>8 100.0%</b>	<b>640 100.0%</b>	<b>760 100.0%</b>

**Stop Duration Totals**

Duration	Black	Asian	Hispanic	Amer. Ind.	Mid. East.	White	Total
0-15 Minutes	29 76.3%	25 78.1%	26 68.4%	3 75.0%	8 100.0%	554 86.6%	645 84.9%
16-30 Minutes	7 18.4%	1 3.1%	5 13.2%	1 25.0%	0 0%	46 7.2%	60 7.9%
Over 30 Minutes	2 5.3%	6 18.8%	7 18.4%	0 0%	0 0%	40 6.3%	55 7.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>38 100.0%</b>	<b>32 100.0%</b>	<b>38 100.0%</b>	<b>4 100.0%</b>	<b>8 100.0%</b>	<b>640 100.0%</b>	<b>760 100.0%</b>

**Stop Searched Totals**

Searched	Black	Asian	Hispanic	Amer. Ind.	Mid. East.	White	Total
Yes	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	5 < 1%	5 < 1%
No	38 100.0%	32 100.0%	38 100.0%	4 100.0%	8 100.0%	635 99.2%	755 99.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>38 100.0%</b>	<b>32 100.0%</b>	<b>38 100.0%</b>	<b>4 100.0%</b>	<b>8 100.0%</b>	<b>640 100.0%</b>	<b>760 100.0%</b>

**Stop Search Reason Totals**

Search Reason	Black	Asian	Hispanic	Amer. Ind.	Mid. East.	White	Total
Consent	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%
Probable Cause	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	1 20.0%	1 20.0%
Reasonable Suspicion	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%
Inventory	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	4 80.0%	4 80.0%
Search Incident to Ar	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>0 0%</b>	<b>0 0%</b>	<b>0 0%</b>	<b>0 0%</b>	<b>0 0%</b>	<b>5 100.0%</b>	<b>5 100.0%</b>

**Stop Search Result Totals**

Search Result	Black	Asian	Hispanic	Amer. Ind.	Mid. East.	White	Total
Nothing Found	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	3 60.0%	3 60.0%
Drugs/Drug Parapherna	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	2 40.0%	2 40.0%

**Stow Police Department**  
**Race Data Statistics**  
**07/01/2021 - 04/08/2022**

Alcohol	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Weapons	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Money	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Other	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

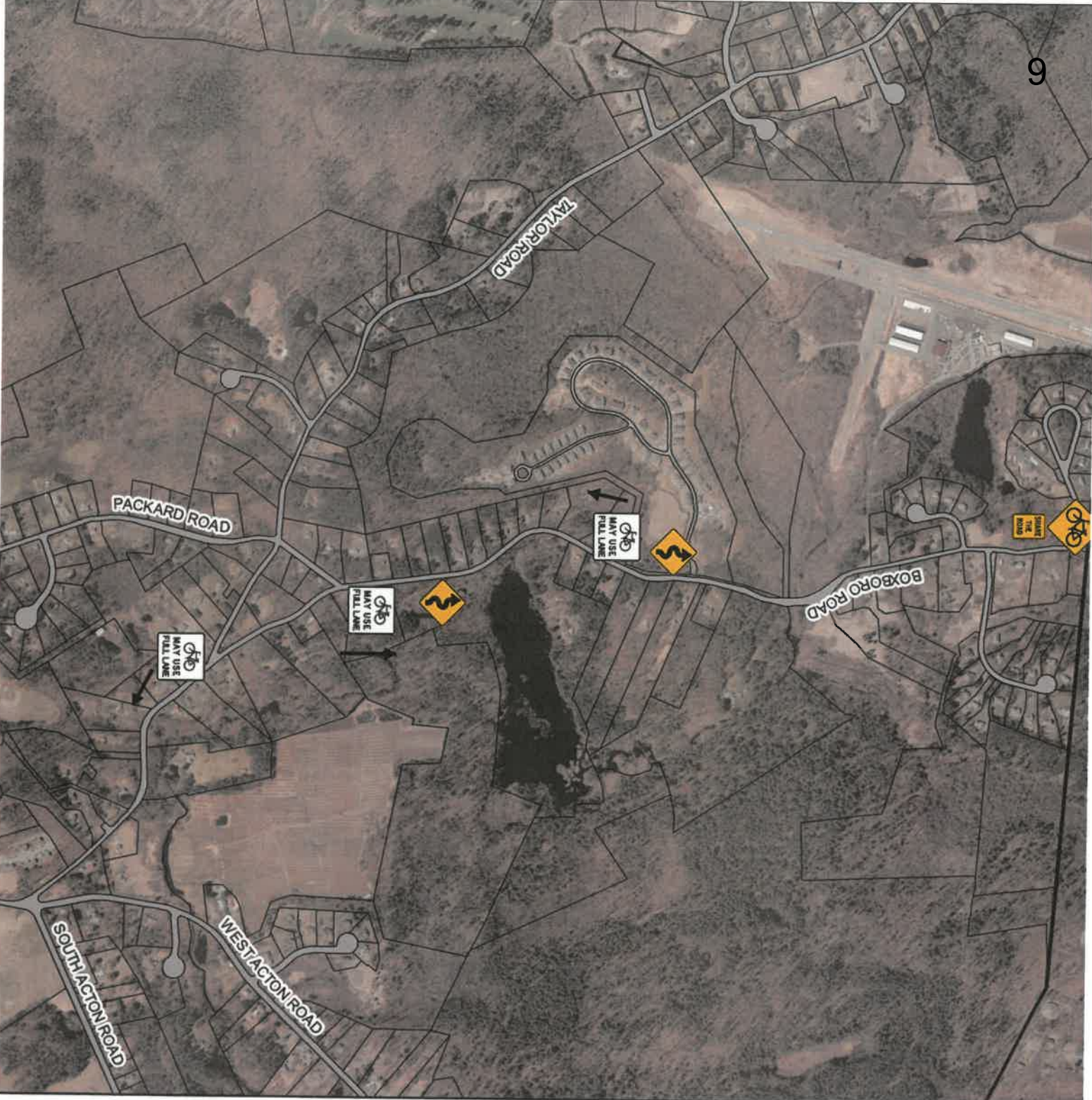
**Stop Search Scope Totals**

<u>Search Scope</u>	<u>Black</u>		<u>Asian</u>		<u>Hispanic</u>		<u>Amer. Ind.</u>		<u>Mid. East.</u>		<u>White</u>		<u>Total</u>	
Driver	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	20.0%	1	20.0%
Passenger	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Vehicle	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4	80.0%	4	80.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Stop Residency Totals**

<u>Residency</u>	<u>Black</u>		<u>Asian</u>		<u>Hispanic</u>		<u>Amer. Ind.</u>		<u>Mid. East.</u>		<u>White</u>		<u>Total</u>	
City/Town Resident	6	15.8%	11	34.4%	2	5.3%	0	0%	1	12.5%	170	26.6%	190	25.0%
Non-City/Town Residen	32	84.2%	21	65.6%	36	94.7%	4	100.0%	7	87.5%	470	73.4%	570	75.0%
Non-Resident Student	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
No Year of Birth and	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>100.0%</b>





**Town of Stow  
Planning Department**

**Boxboro Road  
- New Signage -**

*April 11, 2022*



Bikes May Use Full Lane



Dangerous Curve - Left



Dangerous Curve - Right



Share the Road



Parcel Boundaries



Sources: Town of Stow, MassGIS

Coordinate System:

NAD 1983 State Plane Massachusetts  
Mainland FIPS 2001 (Meter)

Map Created: 4/11/2022 by M Ragan

**stowpolice**

---

**From:** Stow MA via Stow MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 26, 2022 9:51 AM  
**To:** stowpolice  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Request Submittal Form

**Follow Up Flag:** Flag for follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Submitted on Saturday, March 26, 2022 - 9:50am  
 Submitted by anonymous user: 2600:1000:b021:63fd:7832:917:3a22:bf7e  
 Submitted values are:

First Name: Lauren  
 Last Name: Talanian  
 Street Address: 16 Circuit Drive  
 Address Line 2:  
 City, State, Zip (if other than Stow): Stow, MA  
 E-Mail Address: [laurenmkelly@gmail.com](mailto:laurenmkelly@gmail.com)

Please describe the location of the traffic concern: We live at the beginning of Circuit Drive, and cars come FLYING past our house all day every day. There are no speed limit signs throughout the neighborhood.

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

Juniper Hill is a dead end residential neighborhood that is full of people walking with their dogs and children. Recently there has been a big turnover of new families with small children moving to the neighborhood, and we now have at least 15 kids 5 and under living here. Taking walks and bike rides with the kids often feels scary because people drive so fast, and I am concerned that someone is going to get hurt. Since the neighborhood is residential and a dead end, there is no reason for people to drive so fast. We have a number of residents in the neighborhood that are concerned about this issue.

Thank you for your help and consideration

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

- \*Speed bumps at the beginning of Circuit Drive before the roundabout
- \*Speed signs posted - 20mph would feel safe and appropriate
- \*Police monitoring

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/2671>

**From:** Steve Nadeau  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2022 6:29 AM  
**To:** [laurenmkelly@gmail.com](mailto:laurenmkelly@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** RE: [Stow MA] Circuit Drive (Sent by Lauren Talanian, [laurenmkelly@gmail.com](mailto:laurenmkelly@gmail.com))

Lauren,

Thank you for your interest in Stows traffic safety.

The town is in the process of a new 25mph speed limit in town unless otherwise posted. This is the program the state implemented several years ago that you see the speed limit signs when you enter a town that say 25 mph unless otherwise posted.

We have multiple neighborhoods like yours that don't have signs up. The traffic safety committee after public meetings present the selectboard with a new traffic regulation to adopt this to help with clarity in neighborhoods like yours. The board unanimously supported this request on February 22, 2022, and on Tuesday March 22, 2022, the board approved the funding to order the speed limit signs to install at every entrance to town letting drivers know we are a 25 MPH town unless otherwise posted differently.

In order for the police to enforce this regulation we have to install all 17 signs and place a news paper add for two consecutive weeks in the local paper. Once this is done the speed limit can be enforced by the police department. We are hoping that by the beginning of May we can have this completed.

Please feel free to call me if you have any more questions.

Thank you,

Steve Nadeau  
Superintendent of Streets  
Stow Highway Department  
88 South Acton Road  
Stow, MA 01775  
Highway Departments Hours of Operations M-F 6:30AM to 2:30PM  
Tel# 978-897-8071  
FAX# 978-897-5682

**From:** Contact form at Stow MA <[cmsmailer@civicplus.com](mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 26, 2022 7:35 AM  
**To:** Steve Nadeau <[highway@stow-ma.gov](mailto:highway@stow-ma.gov)>  
**Subject:** [Stow MA] Circuit Drive (Sent by Lauren Talanian, [laurenmkelly@gmail.com](mailto:laurenmkelly@gmail.com))

Hello snadeau,

Lauren Talanian ([laurenmkelly@gmail.com](mailto:laurenmkelly@gmail.com)) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.stow-ma.gov/user/3434/contact>) at Stow MA.

If you don't want to receive such e-mails, you can change your settings at <https://www.stow-ma.gov/user/3434/edit>.

Message:

Hi Steve,

I'm not sure if you're the right person for me to contact, but I wanted to check in about Circuit Drive. We live towards the beginning of the street (16), and cars come FLYING past our house all day. We have two little kids (3 and 5), and taking them out for a walk/bike ride often feels scary because cars are driving so fast. The neighborhood is in the midst of a big turnover of young families moving in - we have at least 15 kids 5 and under now - and I'm really concerned that someone is going to get hurt. Juniper Hill is a dead end residential area, but we don't have speed limit signs. Is there something that we can do as residents to have a low speed limit implemented and enforced in our neighborhood? I know that there are a lot of us that are concerned.

Thanks so much for your help, and have a great weekend!

Lauren Talanian

16 Circuit Drive

**stowpolice**

---

**From:** Stow MA via Stow MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 26, 2022 1:08 PM  
**To:** stowpolice  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Request Submittal Form

**Follow Up Flag:** Flag for follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Submitted on Saturday, March 26, 2022 - 1:07pm  
 Submitted by anonymous user: [73.253.108.111](tel:73.253.108.111)  
 Submitted values are:

First Name: Veronica  
 Last Name: Murphy  
 Street Address: 11 Great Rd,  
 Address Line 2:  
 City, State, Zip (if other than Stow): Stow  
 E-Mail Address: [veronicamurphy@comcast.net](mailto:veronicamurphy@comcast.net)

Please describe the location of the traffic concern: From Main St Maynard MA. lights at Mobil Station to at least Gleasondale Rd the vehicles travel much too fast. There is a curve right after Erickson's Ice Cream and the Entering Stow sign and vehicles and large trucks come around at very high speeds. I have seen three (3) bad motor vehicle accidents right in front of my residence. One cracked the telephone pole at the end of my driveway, causing damage to my property and needing new pole and wires still not connected correctly to new pole, temporary solution still being utilized, has to be two years now. The other accident was a delivery truck at the front of my residence end of my walkway and vehicle came around curve and hit right into the back of large truck. Delivery driver had just stepped away from back of truck he would have been seriously injured or killed. Vehicle was totaled. The other accident neighbor next door pulling out of driveway vehicle speeding hit the vehicle and sent it all the way over to local body shop property. Vehicles travel too fast and the large tractor trailers could never stop quickly if needed. I have grandsons who have SPED Vans that pick up and drop off each week day for two different schools, and it is absolute that they pull into backyard, those drivers who have not complied stop out front and I insist that does not happen, and when it has I counted three vehicles went right past van. The van company and drivers must repeatedly be instructed not to stop out front. The traffic on 117 Great Rd is constant. It begins with trucks at 5:30 a.m. It is not the traffic that is the problem, the speeding is the problem. I take a chance each day getting my mail across from my resident. No one stops, no one. I realize this part of Stow is a long way from Town Center or not really considered a residential neighborhood but it is our neighborhood, we residents at this end of Stow.

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

Please list possible solutions to the problem that you would like the Town of Stow to consider: Speed Limit signs, very visible, and if there are any speed trailers which could be strategically located at along the route for vehicles entering from Maynard. Any information that points out the speeding problem. It is of great concern. Thank You

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/2681>



Town of Stow  
**TRAFFIC SAFETY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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

4.12.2022

Christine Flint  
36 Lowell Drive  
Stow, MA 01775

Dear Ms. Flint,

Thank you for your submission to the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee. The Committee has received your letter and discussed the concerns raised at its April 13, 2022 meeting.

Upon the Committee's recommendation, the Select Board adopted policy subjecting all roads without a dedicated speed limit to a 25mph speed zone. This specifically affects roads within the Harvard Acres neighborhood. In addition to alerting drivers as to the speed expectations, the change will allow officers to rely on a specific regulation when enforcing safe driving in the neighborhood.

The Highway Department is currently in the process of installing the "Town-Wide 25 MPH" signs this month. In the meantime, please sign up for notices of upcoming agendas by visiting the Town of Stow website at [www.stow-ma.gov](http://www.stow-ma.gov).

Thank you again for your submission.

Sincerely,

Chief Michael Sallese

On behalf of the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee