

**TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Wednesday August 24, 2022 at 1:00pm**

**Stow Town Building**

**380 Great Road, Stow, MA 01775**

**Town Building and  
On-line**

Topic: TSAC

Time: Aug 24, 2022 1:00PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 817 5629 5320

Passcode: 364920

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.		Review of Select Board Vote for Traffic Plan
6.		Review/Vote Approve Annual TSAC Report to TA
7.		Circuit Drive Delineator Concern
8.		Sawmill Road Speeding Concern
9.		Complete Street Funding Ideas -school zone lights

***Posted August 18, 2022 at 12:00pm***

Town of Stow  
Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

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Minutes of August 17<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 and Lt. Darren Thraen  
Chief Sallese called meeting to order 12:30PM

Meeting was held in-person and over zoom

**Approval of Minutes | July 27, 2022**

*Chief Sallese moved to approve the minutes of July 27, 2022 as written.*

*Steve Nadeau Seconded.*

**VOTED: 2-0 (In favor: Steve Nadeau – Yea; Chief Sallese – Yea; Chief Benoit – Abstained due to absence at last meeting.)**

**Member Updates:**

Steve Nadeau discussed pending installation of flashing speed zone signs at Treaty Elm Road.

Traffic Mitigation Plan for Apple Orchards Discussed by Committee

Shelbourne, Honeypot Orchards and the Collins Foundations were all given copies of the Traffic Mitigation Plan as well as today's meeting time.

-Honeypot Orchards: approved two police details to help address traffic concerns. Further discussions with the Conservation Department and MEPA to be had regarding adding 3 ft on each side of Boon Road for lots B&C. Discussion about widening due to current width unable to accommodate more than one car at a time.

-Shelbourne: Will use West Acton Road as an alternate. No parking signs to be installed by PD per usual.

-The Committee discussed Carver Hill and Taproot, noting that no significant changes in the traffic management plan are needed at this time.

-Chief Sallese motioned to present plan to Select Board at meeting on Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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

The Committee discussed the remaining funds for the Shared Street Spaces '22 Grant.

-Remaining funds will be used for speed feedback signs to be installed on school zone posts as well as hy-poxy restriping of crosswalks near Town Building, Town Library and School Zone.

-Chief Sallese motioned to make Steve Nadeau the point of contact for these project for Assistant Town Planner. Chief Benoit seconds.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes | August 17, 2022



Town of Stow  
**TRAFFIC SAFETY  
 ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

380 Great Road  
 Stow, Massachusetts 01775-1122  
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## Traffic Safety Committee Report

### **Introduction:**

Since this committee's foundation in August 2021, we have heard concerns regarding approximately 35 unique roads/intersections from residents (see below). In addition to addressing those concerns, we have created policies for this committee as well as a workflow process for responding to resident concerns efficiently and effectively. Although this committee is still in its infancy, we believe we have already made a significant impact on the community of Stow and strengthened the partnership we have with our residents.

### **Summary of Resident Concerns and Action Taken:**

**\*\*Please note that this list is not exhaustive.\*\***

- Heights Street: Sight line issues due to overgrown brush as well poor road conditions in inclement weather. Overgrown brush was cut back on left side. Some repairs ultimately responsibility of private homeowners.
- Bradley Lane: Traffic increase reported by residents. Temporary speed feedback unit placed.
- Lowell Drive: Residents complained regarding vehicle speeds (prior to town wide speed limit implantation). Temporary speed feedback unit place, increased radar patrols.
- Boxboro Road: Complaints of vehicle speeds. New speed limit signs were installed in the Spring, increased radar patrols.
- Circuit Drive: Residents complained of vehicle speeds. Delineators were placed and ultimately removed per recommendations of bicycle and pedestrian organizations. Additional Traffic Enforcement was also implemented for the area.
- Double yellow lines and cyclists: discussion of appropriate use throughout the town. Possible regional discussion with MassDOT pending.
- Red Acre Farm Road: Increased Speed Enforcement
- Great Road/Old Bolton Road: Old Bolton Road part of Completed Streets Prioritization Plan and Great Road Sidewalk pending.
- Gleasondale Road/Treaty Elm Road: Concerns regarding vehicle speed. Speed feedback signs to be installed. Blinking yellow light was also installed at intersection of Gleasondale and Treaty Elm Road as well as warning sign advising motors of stopped traffic ahead.
- Crescent Street: Residents to install mirror. Speed sign locations moved.
- Hudson Road: LED stop sign installed. Part of pending road improvement project.
- Hasting Street: Temp speed feedback signs put in to help mitigate speeding.
- Walcott Street: Complaints regarding speed and frequent use by construction vehicles. Increased monitoring by PD.
- Pompositticut Street: Increased patrols to address speed concerns.

- Eliot Drive: Speeding trash haulers. Chief reached out to company regarding the speed.
- Packard Road: Sightline issues due to overflow parked cars for St. Isidore's. Town to offer community center as parking option.
- Common Road: Traffic flow to be considered as part of library redesign project.
- Meetinghouse: Speed concerns addressed with speeding feedback signs and increased patrols.
- Town Building Crosswalk: New pedestrian signal added at intersection.
- Hartley Road: Improvements approved and money allocated.
- Wheeler Road: Delineators added.
- Truck contractor advised regarding use of jake breaks.
- Randall Road/Cross Street: Part of upcoming traffic study

**Implementations and Improvements by Committee:**

- Sudbury Road Bridge weight restriction created
- 25MPH town wide speed limit
- School Zone lights are now solar powered
- New stop sign installed at intersection of Garner Road and Harvard Road
- Hartley Road improvements Approved, and money was allocated
- New traffic delineators on Wheeler Road and Sudbury Road

**Pending and Completed Traffic Studies:**

- Traffic Study for Stow Acres Development (pending)
- Traffic Study for Athens Lane
- Pedestrian Safety Plan
- Streets Prioritization Plan
- Working on updated Apple Traffic Plan

**Conclusion:**

The Traffic Safety Committee is pleased to highlight all of the committee's efforts to improve the Town of Stow. We continue to welcome all feedback from our residents and town employees. We look forward to furthering the work of this committee and are looking to head into the committee's second year strong

**stowpolice**

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**From:** Stow MA via Stow MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 8, 2022 11:28 AM  
**To:** stowpolice  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Request Submittal Form

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Submitted on Monday, August 8, 2022 - 11:27am

Submitted by anonymous user: [24.218.182.175](#)

Submitted values are:

First Name: Susan

Last Name: Perry

Street Address: 4 Circuit Drive

Address Line 2:

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

E-Mail Address: [sperry4u@aol.com](mailto:sperry4u@aol.com)

Please describe the location of the traffic concern:

As 3 of the 5 traffic bollards have been destroyed for weeks now, it would be appropriate to remove the remains 2 bollards near 4 Circuit and 16 Circuit. The last one near our property continues to cause difficult for vehicles, due in part to contractors trucks at 3 Circuit recently.

The speed of vehicles traveling past our property hasn't changed significantly enough to warrant keeping these eye sores in the road.

Please describe the nature of the neighborhood traffic problem you are concerned with : Clearly the bollards have been destroyed by large vehicles coming and going so this is not a reasonable solution to the concerns that were brought to this committee.

Please list possible solutions to the problem that you would like the Town of Stow to consider: Try radar patrol in the area more frequently

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/4451>

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**From:** Stow MA via Stow MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 2, 2022 5:38 PM  
**To:** stowpolice  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Request Submittal Form

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Submitted on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 - 5:37pm  
 Submitted by anonymous user: [108.26.167.118](#)  
 Submitted values are:

First Name: Angelo  
 Last Name: Sallese  
 Street Address: 34 Sawmill Road  
 Address Line 2:  
 City, State, Zip (if other than Stow): Stow Ma 01775  
 E-Mail Address: [sallese@verizon.net](mailto:sallese@verizon.net)

Please describe the location of the traffic concern: Circuit & Sawmill Road  
 Please describe the nature of the neighborhood traffic problem you are concerned with : Reduce speeding on Circuit & Sawmill  
 Please list possible solutions to the problem that you would like the Town of Stow to consider:  
 Following up on the June 2 action to help reduce speeding on Circuit and Sawmill road, I have noticed an attempt was made by the town to slow traffic down on these roads by using a few delineators (place on the road too far apart). This attempt was working for a few days until they were run over and removed from their mounts by motorist.

The Speed sign that was installed seemed pointless since there was not a fixed speed limit to compare our speed to the posted speed.

What plans does the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee have for reducing the speed on Circuit and Sawmill down to 25MPH?

If this issue is beyond the scope of the Traffic Safety Committee, who is next in line that the citizens may raise this matter to?

Thank you and best regards.

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/4436>