

Town of Stow
Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

Minutes of December 21, 2022, Traffic Safety Advisory Meeting
Members Present: Chief Michael Sallese, Fire Chief John P Benoit, Acting Highway Department
Superintendent Brian Hatch, & Valerie Oorthuys
Chief Sallese called meeting to order 11:00 AM

Approval of Minutes | November 9th, 2022

Brian moved to approve the minutes of November 9th, 2022

Valerie Seconded.

VOTED: 3-0 (In favor: Brian Hatch – Yea; Chief Sallese –Yea; Valerie Oorthuys-Yea)

Chief Benoit abstains from vote because he was not present for the meeting.

Approval of Letter in lieu of Minutes | December 7th, 2022

Chief Benoit moved to approve the letter in lieu of minutes for December 7th, 2022

Chief Sallese Seconded.

VOTED: 4 -0 (Unanimously in favor: Brian Hatch – Yea; Chief Sallese –Yea; Valerie Oorthuys-Yea; Chief Benoit-Yea)

Member Updates

-Chief Sallese was able to share some information regarding the recent Marlboro Road meeting with some counterparts in Hudson.

-The counter has not been placed on Marlboro Road yet due to the inclement weather. It will be put out on Tuesday, December 27th until it snows. The traffic counter has a 4-year battery life regardless of if the software is collecting data or idle.

Public Input and Response to Concerns:

-TSS Graphics: Motorists are driving up and over the sidewalk where the ramp is, mistaking it for the entrance. Highway Department will place yellow delineator posts on either side to stop this from happening.

-Stow Acres Conservation Path: With the additional conservation land acquired, there is concern regarding pedestrian safety for anyone who wants to walk the full loop due to them needing to cross Randall Rd in two areas. Some area residents were present for the conversation as well as the Conversation Director Kathy Sferra. The residents raised concerns that the area is already not a great area for pedestrians to walk due to the layout of the roadway. There is traffic study currently pending for this area so before the Committee makes any decisions on how to address these issues, they want to see the results of the traffic study, which are anticipated to be in by the end of February. In the meantime, the gap between the two sections will not be shown as a trail for any advertising purposes.

-Barton Road: A resident raised concerns regarding the speed that motorists are traveling and is looking to have the speed limit decreased. Chief Sallese will place the traffic counter there in approximately 4-6 weeks (depending on weather) so the Committee can obtain actual data as to the actual rate of travel

for the vehicles. After this occurs, the area of concern will be placed back on the agenda for review and discussion.

-Regency of Stow: Condo Trustees they have issues with speeding. They have sent out reminders to their residents regarding their speeding but have found that the speeding vehicles tended to be delivery vehicles. Trustees were advised that since the area is essentially classified as a driveway as opposed to a public roadway so the Trustees are able to do what they feel is appropriate in terms of signage or speed bumps. The Trustees were advised to just communicate with Stow Public Safety in the event they respond to an emergency in the area.

Common Road: A resident from First Parish Church has concerns regarding parking on both sides of Common Road. At the Church, they try and discourage their parishioners from parking on the North Side as much as possible especially during the winter months. There was questions regarding if "No Parking" signs can be put on one side of the road.

Brian Hatch motions to have Chief Sallese put up Temporary "No Parking" signs along the North Side. Chief Benoit seconds the motion.

VOTED: 4 -0 (Unanimously in favor: Brian Hatch – Yea; Chief Sallese –Yea; Valerie Oorthuys-Yea; Chief Benoit-Yea)

Library Hill Intersection: It has been noted that people are not stopping at the intersection. Chief Sallese recommends putting a solar LED Flashing stop sign east bound on Crescent St at Library Hill Road.

Chief Sallese motions to authorize Brian Hatch up to \$2000 to purchase the stop sign.

Chief Benoit seconds the motion.

VOTED: 4 -0 (Unanimously in favor: Brian Hatch – Yea; Chief Sallese –Yea; Valerie Oorthuys-Yea; Chief Benoit-Yea)

Gleasondale Village: Issues in letter were addressed at previous meeting.

Winter Parking Ban: Committee discussed implanting a winter parking ban as opposed to the limited overnight parking ban that is already in affect. Also discussed changing wording of existing ban. Revised language options to be reviewed at next Committee meeting.

Barriers and Stop Signs for Marlboro Road: Brian Hatch obtained 3 vendor quotes for purchase of the following items: 4 barriers, 2 traffic pattern ahead signs, and the purchase of a stop sign. Quotes ranged from \$2100-\$3100.

Chief Sallese motions to approve Brian Hatch to purchase equipment from Visi Flash in amount up to \$2500 in case any pricing changed.

Chief Benoit seconds the motion.

VOTED: 4 -0 (Unanimously in favor: Brian Hatch – Yea; Chief Sallese –Yea; Valerie Oorthuys-Yea; Chief Benoit-Yea)

Next meeting will be on January 4th at 1 pm

Chief Benoit motions to adjourn at 12:24PM

Chief Sallese seconds the motion

VOTED: 4 -0 (Unanimously in favor: Brian Hatch – Yea; Chief Sallese –Yea; Valerie Oorthuys-Yea; Chief Benoit-Yea)