

Town of Stow
Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

Minutes of February 8th, 2023, 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 1:10 PM

Approval of Minutes | January 18, 2023

Brian Hatch moved to approve the minutes of January 18, 2023 Valerie Seconded.

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

Member Updates:

Chief Sallese went to Harvard Rd at Garner Road and putting on next agenda possible pavement markings to help delineate way to go

2 potential signage issues on Taylor Road.

One at 119 Taylor going south (near S curves) signs appear to be switched.

Taylor Road at Maura Drive (curve sign arrow appears to be misdirecting traffic up Maura Road). Highway Department to follow up.

Parking on 117:

-Parking during events at Church creates a problem when they are parked on 117. This creates obstructions for pulling out of Packard Road. Drivers have to pull out halfway into roadway to view oncoming traffic from the left.

-Tree at that intersection is also a problem/obstruction. TSAC will send a letter to Tree Warden regarding tree. In the meantime, temporary no parking signs (3-4) will be put out/ spread out in that area.

-Resident to follow up in about a month to see how it worked. TSAC may potentially take steps in the future to make the no parking permanent or explore other options.

Chief Sallese motions to put no parking signs from East of Packard Road to 50 yards in and for a letter to be sent to Tree Warden. Brian Hatch Seconds.

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

FAQs:

-Valerie's edits were reviewed as well as combination of answers and finalization of FAQ list.

-Chief Sallese talked to Town Clerk but there is no real set list in terms of what we count as accepted private way vs true private way. TSAC to go through entire road list at next meeting.

Street Light Installation:

-Marlboro at Gleasondale triangle. Very dark at Hello Garden look into with HLP (add to next agenda)

-Additionally, Option #2: to be put in place Friday. Announcement to go to paper tomorrow. Illustration to be included.

Standing Water on Harvard Rd:

-Highway Department and Planning Department are looking into the origins of the water to develop a plan to address the issue.

Barton Road Dam Speed Control:

-Possible installation of rumble strip. Chief Sallese to reach out to engineers regarding their suggestions for traffic calming mechanisms.

Additional Notes:

-Committee members to view HLP Pole Location for Johnson Way to see if anyone has any objections.

-The Town received a Drive thru petition for the Old Beef and Ale lot. Petition to be discussed at next meeting.

Next Meeting March 1st, 2023 at 1 PM

Motion to adjourn: Chief Sallese. Brian Hatch Seconds.

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