

Town of Stow
Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

Minutes of April 5, 2023, Traffic Safety Advisory Meeting

Members Present: Chief Michael Sallèse, Fire Chief John P Benoit, Acting Highway Department

Superintendent Brian Hatch, & Valerie Oorthuys

Chief Sallèse called meeting to order at 1:00 PM

Approval of Minutes | March 1, 2023

Chief Sallèse moved to approve the minutes. Brian Seconded.

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

Member Updates:

-Chief Sallèse had a meeting with Honey Pot Orchards as well as a member of the Select Board and Conservation Committee. There is a discussion about widening the entrance to the BC lot off of Boon Road for the first 100 feet. The next step will be a site visit but Honey Pot is agreeable to the proposed changes so far.

-Brian reports the batteries have not yet been ordered but will be shortly.

-Valerie reports that there was a bid posted for the Kane Land Access Path and that bids are due next week. Ideally the project would start in June.

-Chief Benoit reports that he met with Hudson and Eversource regarding the Chestnut Street Construction. Chestnut Street will be closed from May through October. Wilkins Street will remain open. During the meeting, Hudson stated that they would be open to revisiting the truck restriction now that Amazon is not opening in Hudson. Valerie will set up a second meeting with Hudson to discuss a possible truck restriction.

-Chief Benoit also reports that he has been speaking with HLP. The power has been shut off to the pole off to the right side of Athens Street. There is flooding currently in the area and the power was shut off on that side to prevent any injuries. Additionally, there are pipes currently across the road.

Tree Warden Updates re: Packard Road at Great Road Tree:

-Chief Sallèse shared the response that Brian received from the Tree Warden stating that the tree is in good health, and he does not deem it to be a hazard right now.

-Chief Sallèse motions to purchase a permanent “no parking sign from here to corner” for the area to replace the temporary “no parking” signs that are currently there. Chief Benoit seconds.

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

Review of Street Lists:

-Continued to review the list of private and public ways for the FAQs. Additionally reviewed the list received from the Mass DOT website. There was discussion that some streets would need notes added to explain their classifications.

-For the next meeting, the list of streets will be classified into the three categories previously discussed for the team to review.

Lake Boon Dam Crossing:

-Traffic Calming options were reviewed.

-Brian had follow up questions that Chief Sallese will bring back to the design firm.

Harvard Road at Garner Road Line Painting:

-Highway Department to take a look at the area for line painting when the weather improves.

Next Meeting May 3rd, 2023 at 1:30 PM

Motion to adjourn at 1:54PM by Chief Sallese. Chief Benoit Seconds.

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