

Town of Stow
Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

Minutes of May 24, 2023, Traffic Safety Advisory Meeting
Members Present: Chief Michael Sallese, Fire Chief John P Benoit, Acting Highway Department Superintendent Brian Hatch, & Valerie Oorthuys
Chief Benoit called meeting to order at 10:02 AM

Approval of Minutes | May 5, 2023

Chief Sallese moved to approve the minutes. Brian Seconded.

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

Member Updates:

- Valerie reports that she has been working with Nashoba Regional Greenways. She anticipates that a representative from the committee will want to meet with the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee.
- Chief Benoit reports that Marlboro Road will likely begin its closure the first week of June.

124 Taylor Road:

- Discussion of traffic calming measures. The Highway Department will look into restriping the center line.
- Traffic Counter will also be installed to look at traffic patterns.
- Police Department to add this area to its radar assignments.

State Bicycle Road Signs:

- Brian Hatch discussed the possibility of a grant that would allow Stow to receive bicycle traffic signs and the hardware at no cost.
 - Signs would need to be installed and proof of installation by way of photographs would need to be provided within 90 days of the signs being received. Any signs that are not installed would need to be returned. Any sign maintenance would be the responsibility of the town.
 - Chief Sallese motions to apply for 20 signs. Valerie Seconds motions.
- VOTED: 4-0 (Unanimously in favor: Chief Benoit- Yea; Brian Hatch – Yea; Chief Sallese –Yea; Valerie Oorthuys-Yea)*

Randall Library/Common Road:

- Present were members from G2 Collaborative and Design Lab Architects
- Currently designs are based on Common Road becoming a one way.
- Traffic Study needed to look at the feasibility of area becoming a one way.
- Highway Department to look into approved traffic consultants and their current availability as well as receive an estimate for the project.

117 Crosswalk Markings:

- Crosswalk markings are faded and need to be redone. Highway Department to look into potentially grinding down the crosswalk so the new markings are more clear.

RFP For Town Center:

-RFP is currently scheduled to posted for 6/7. The goal is to get designs to help with traffic and pedestrians from Crescent East intersection of Great Road to Packard Road, including Crescent St.

-Additionally, redesign the center intersection for safer traffic signalization.

Jake Brake:

-Discussion of Jake Brake usage along 117 near Town Center.

-Chief Sallese motions for two signs to be installed by Highway Department stating "Use of Engine Brake Prohibited". Tentative locations at Wheeler/117 and one near Russell's/Center Place. Brian Hatch Seconds. (Signs will need to be ordered)

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

Review of Street Lists:

-Nothing new to add at this time.

Next Meeting June 7th, 2023 at 1:00 PM

Motion to adjourn at by Brian Hatch. Chief Sallese Seconds.

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