

Town of Stow
Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

Minutes of July 19, 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 1:01 PM

Approval of Minutes | June 20, 2023

Brian Hatch moved to approve the minutes. Chief Sallese Seconded.
VOTED: 4-0 (Unanimously in favor: Chief Benoit- Yea; Brian Hatch – Yea; Chief Sallese –Yea; Valerie Oorthuys-Yea)

Member Updates:

- Brian Hatch received bike map from Jim Salvi. The committee will use that to discuss sign placement once they come in.
- Chief Sallese sent out the Barton Road data from the traffic counter for everyone's review. The highest speed registered was 36.4mph and the average was 14.9mph. The traffic counter was installed on a straight away.
- The next location for the traffic counter will be Track Road at the 2nd gate and will stay there for 2-3 weeks depending on weather.

Sudbury Road at Gleasondale:

- TSAC received a concern from a resident.
- Highway Department will add center lines and directional arrows

32 Pompositticut:

- Resident concern received regarding vehicle speeds and multiple residents attended the meeting both in person and via Zoom.
- Resident suggestions included: adding more chevrons, making the center line a double yellow instead of a single yellow, move the 25mph sign 10 yards down from the entrance to Pompositticut, adding additional small 25 mph signs, and moving the hill sign.
- Chief Sallese motions for additional chevrons, additional 25 mph small yellow signs to be installed/ordered and move the 25mph sign 10 yards back from the entrance. Additionally, when the Highway Department brings in a line company in November (pending finding a vendor and the vendor timeline), the center line will be changed to a double yellow. Chief Benoit seconded.
VOTED: 4-0 (Unanimously in favor: Chief Benoit- Yea; Brian Hatch – Yea; Chief Sallese –Yea; Valerie Oorthuys-Yea)

Chestnut Street Truck Restriction:

- At a previous meeting, it was indicated that Hudson might be willing to reconsider a truck restriction on Chestnut St since the Amazon warehouse was no longer coming to town. Valerie spoke with Hudson and that is not the case.

(Old) Marlboro Road:

-Option 1 is the preferred option for TSAC. At this time, a public hearing date will need to be set for public input from residents. Hearing date potentially set for August 9th at 6:30 pm both in person and via Zoom.

-Valerie motions for the for August 9th date to be set. Chief Sallese seconds.

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

Common Road/Library Project:

-Chief Benoit shared a draft of the proposed letter to the Select Board regarding Common Road and it potentially turning into a one way.

-Chief Sallese motions to submit the letter as written. Brian Hatch Seconds.

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

Next Meeting August 9th, 2023, at 6:00 PM prior to the (Old) Marlboro Rd. Hearing

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

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