

Town of Stow
Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

Minutes of August 22, 2023, Traffic Safety Advisory Meeting

Members Present: Chief Michael Sallèse, Fire Chief John P Benoit, Highway Department Superintendent Brian Hatch, & Valerie Oorthuys

Chief Benoit called meeting to order at 1:32 PM

Approval of Minutes | August 9, 2023

Valerie Oorthuys moved to approve the minutes. Chief Sallèse Seconded.

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

Member Updates:

- Traffic Counter data for Track Road has been sent to the committee.
- Chevron arrows have been put up on Pompositticut.
- Center Line painting remains pending for Sudbury Road.

Carriage Lane at Packard Road:

-Area residents were inquiring about moving a stone wall and if removal of the stone wall would require a public hearing. Planning Board will investigate if the stone wall is being used a property line marker

Pompositticut St at Red Acre Rd:

-Highway Department will trim the trees down to help increase sight line.

115 Harvard Road:

- Speed feedback sign to be temporarily installed (after being removed from Sawmill). Chief Sallèse will also look at the area to see if he can come up with any other options. Police will increase radar assignments in that area as well.

Marlboro Rd /Gleasondale Intersection:

-After further thought and investigations, Option #3 is not feasible to proceed with due to the Fire Department needing to use that area for turnarounds. Additionally, the barricades will be removed from the Gleasondale Bridge the second week of September and that will change the traffic patterns.

-After discussion, TSAC members came up with Option #4. Option #4 would shut down the southern lane and T off the northern lane (sweeping off exit). Chief Benoit thinks any option should be postponed until November.

-Chief Sallèse states that a public hearing needs to occur first. Brian Hatch Seconds. Public Hearing date of September 19th, at 6 pm proposed. *VOTED: 4-0 (Unanimously in favor: Chief Benoit- Yea; Brian Hatch – Yea; Chief Sallèse –Yea; Valerie Oorthuys-Yea)*

Sudbury Road Speeding Complaint:

- Two additional speed limit signs will be installed halfway down Sudbury Road on the straight away.
- Additionally in the Spring, the Highway Department will look at cutting up the pavement approximately 4 feet past white line instead of using white delineators.

9 Whelden Lane/Boxboro Road Near the Airport:

-Speeding seems to occur mostly between the hours of 7-7:45AM and 3-3:45PM and appears to be individuals wearing red shirts which would indicate students from the flight school.

-Police Department to add to radar list with those times indicated.

Next Meeting September 19th, 2023, at 6:00 PM.

Motion to adjourn at by Brian Hatch. Chief Salles Second.

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