

Town of Stow
Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

Minutes of September 6, 2023, Traffic Safety Advisory Meeting

Members Present: Chief Michael Sallese, Fire Chief John P Benoit, Highway Department Superintendent Brian Hatch. Valerie Oorthuys was absent.

Chief Benoit called meeting to order at 1:31 PM

Approval of Minutes | August 22, 2023

Minutes to be amended to reflect Whelden Lane not Wilder Lane. Brian Hatch moved to approve the minutes as amended. Chief Sallese Seconded.

VOTED: 3-0 (Unanimously in favor: Chief Benoit- Yea; Brian Hatch – Yea; Chief Sallese –Yea)

Member Updates:

-Chief Sallese spoke with residents at Red Acre Road location. They are okay with the cut back in the areas previously indicated and noted a couple additional locations as well.

-The Highway Department does not have plans for Packard Road layout in terms of if the stone wall previously discussed is used for a property line. Planning Department will check to see if they have plans for that area. Possible site visit to occur.

115 Harvard Road

-Discussion of 25mph sign placement.

(Old) Marlboro Road:

-The committee discussed that they need to delay the public hearing to a TBD date after the bridge has been completed so additional traffic options can be looked at as well as new traffic flow with the bridge opening. Chief Benoit motioned to delay hearing. Chief Sallese seconded.

VOTED: 3-0 (Unanimously in favor: Chief Benoit- Yea; Brian Hatch – Yea; Chief Sallese –Yea)

-Planning Department has drafted a letter to send to residents updating them on the decision. Chief Sallese motions to send out proposed letter to residents. Brian Hatch seconds.

VOTED: 3-0 (Unanimously in favor: Chief Benoit- Yea; Brian Hatch – Yea; Chief Sallese –Yea)

Common Road Public Hearing:

- The traffic counter will be placed on Common Road by Friday. Counter to be placed in the middle of Common Road near the radar sign. The counter will give TSAC two weeks of data plus allow time to send notice to abutters. Chief Sallese motions to have a hearing on October 3, 2023, at 6 pm for discussion of making Common Road one way. Chief Benoit seconded the motion.

VOTED: 3-0 (Unanimously in favor: Chief Benoit- Yea; Brian Hatch – Yea; Chief Sallese –Yea)

33 Pompositticut Street:

-TSAC reviewed all previous interventions.

-Police have already increased patrols in the area. Chief Sallese will follow up with the resident.

Edgehill Road/Hudson Road Concern:

-2/3 of the accidents that occurred were OUI related so therefore in terms of traffic calming none of the tools at this committee's disposal would be appropriate.

-Chief Sallesse to follow up with resident regarding specifics and possible interventions related to speed in the area.

-It should be noted that Athens Way developers will be completing a traffic study of the area as well.

Next Meeting September 26th, 2023, at 1:30 PM via Zoom for preparations or Common Road hearing.

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

VOTED: 3-0 (Unanimously in favor: Chief Benoit- Yea; Brian Hatch – Yea; Chief Sallesse –Yea)