

TOWN OF STOW
TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the August 17, 2021 Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Meeting

Committee Members Present: Chief Michael Sallese; Captain JP Benoit; Steven Nadeau; Jesse Steadman

Chief Sallese called the meeting to order at 1 pm.

Member Updates

Jesse Steadman indicated he reached out to the Director of Community Development regarding their process of enacting truck restrictions and to get a sense of who the Committee may need to discuss the topic if it comes up in the future at Marlboro Road.

Chief Sallese stated that the Traffic Safety form is now online and that he expects that complaints received can be put into a dashboard and regularly updated so residents can review the status online. Captain Benoit indicated that he has drafted a spreadsheet that can be used to organize the status of various issues the Committee is considering.

Traffic Calming Policy Review and Adoption

Committee members discussed the various steps involved in the draft Traffic Calming Policy and offered the following recommendations for edits:

1. Private ways should be included for review where the Town maintains the roadway. Such inclusion would ensure that most comments are received and reviewed.
2. Road length and zoning district should not be a factor in determining applicability of complaint;
3. The Committee should create criteria for when a petition of a majority of residents along an area of concern is warranted;
4. Recognition that there may be traffic analyses and initial study that require a funding component prior to advancing toward potential solutions;
5. Need to set specific metrics for evaluating concerns and complaints that allow for the full range of potential data points;
6. Landscaping should be added to Stage 1 interventions;
7. Need to identify metrics for the success of any one intervention or solution;
8. Speed bumps will need to be discussed as their own agenda item at a future meeting;
9. A Public Hearing is the best way to gather initial data on a potential Stage 2 intervention, such as redesign of a street;
10. Step 9 and 12 of the Draft Policy can be combined into tasks that may be undertaken as part of a Public Hearing.

Committee members agreed that the remaining agenda items can be rolled over to the next meeting of the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee on August 31st at 1pm.

Chief Sallese motioned to adjourn

Captain Benoit seconded.

VOTED: 4-0 Unanimously in favor (Chief Sallese – Yea; Captain Benoit – Yea; Steve Nadeau – Yea; Jesse Steadman – Yea)

Respectfully Submitted,

Jesse Steadman