

TOWN OF STOW
TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of February 2, 2022 Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Meeting

Committee Members Present: Chief Michael Sallese; Fire Chief John Paul Benoit; Steven Nadeau; Jesse Steadman

Chief Sallese called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

Review of Minutes

December 22, 2021

Chief Benoit moved to approve the minutes of December 2, 2021.

Jesse Steadman seconded.

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

January 12, 2022

Chief Benoit moved to approve the minutes of January 12, 2021.

Jesse Steadman seconded.

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

Member Updates

Chief Sallese noted that he informed the Crescent Street resident that had noted speed signs on that road were in the wrong location, that the issue has been resolved, and that come spring, the Highway Department will be adjusting the speed limit signs to be located in their approved locations.

Town Wide 25MPH Recommendation

Members discussed what authority the Select Board would have to act upon the Committee's proposed adjustment of the speed zone length along Sudbury Road, in the vicinity of Pine Bluff Recreation Area. The Committee agreed that further research is needed before providing the recommendation and that the item should be struck from the previously approved letter.

Jesse Steadman moved to send the letter of recommendation to the Select Board as amended.

Chief Sallese seconded.

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

Harvard Road / Garner Road Stop Sign

The Committee discussed that three items should be prepared prior to submission of a recommendation to add a southbound lane stop sign at Garner Road, as it approaches the Finn Road/Harvard Road intersection:

- A Legal Notice of Traffic Regulation signed by the Highway Superintendent;
- A cover letter to the Select Board describing the recommendation;
- A map from the Planning Department showing the location.

Committee members agreed to take the item up again at the next meeting.

Capital Articles

Jesse Steadman noted that he is working to advance an Request for Proposals for signalization of the Hudson Road/Route 117 intersection, as well as an American Rescue Plan Act proposal to the Select Board for design funding. Jesse Steadman said he hopes to have that prepared by the next meeting.

Chief Sallese noted that it would be helpful for the TSAC to prepare a joint letter of support for the Complete Streets Committee's forthcoming Annual Town Meeting article to prepare engineering plans for sidewalk installation and repair along the northside of Crescent Street, from Hartley Road to Warren Road.

Route 117/Town Building Crosswalk

The Committee discussed the final plans for the installation of a pedestrian signal at Town Building and Route 117, agreeing that the plans were what the Committee had requested in the RFP and that it was OK to have them stamped and dated.

Enforcement Update

Chief Sallese provided updated figures on enforcement, including tickets issued and stops on priority roads in Stow.

School Zone Lights at Center School

Chief Sallese noted that the existing flashing school zone lights at both approaches to Center School are outdated, making them time consuming to manually control and program. Chief Sallese noted that one idea is to have the lights run throughout the day, which Committee members agreed with, especially given the existence of half day kindergarten and activity in and around the school throughout the day.

The Committee further discussed the relatively low cost of updating the lights with Bluetooth enabled lights that could be remotely programmed, saving time and labor. Highway Superintendent, Steve Nadeau, indicated the cost could be in the vicinity of \$10k, similar to the cost of a pair of rapid flashing beacons, recently procured for other areas in Town. The Committee agreed that it may be worthwhile to seek funding for the installation of new school zone lights through Town Meeting or an ARPA request.

*Chief Sallese motioned to adjourn
Jesse Steadman seconded.*

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jesse Steadman