

TOWN OF STOW  
TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of January 12, 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 pm.

**Member Updates**

None.

**Town Wide 25MPH Recommendation**

Jesse Steadman presented an updated letter of recommendation and discussed that the list of roads need to be finalized.

*Chief Sallese moved to approve the letter as amended.*

*Jesse Steadman seconded.*

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

**Capital Articles**

The Committee discussed Hudson Road/Route 117 as the most likely potential capital article to be put forward for the 2022 Annual Town Meeting. Jesse Steadman noted that he will be following up with MassWorks regarding an Expression of Interest to determine whether grant funding may be available for construction, but that the Committee may want to consider ARPA funds or Annual Town Meeting funds for design funding.

**Enforcement Update**

Chief Sallese provided updated figures on enforcement, including tickets issued and stops on priority roads in Stow. Chief Sallese indicated that November – January included 173 hours of radar and 130 stops. Chief Sallese said that the difference in stops on some roads, show that some are not as used to a police presence as others.

**Website Updates**

Chief Benoit and Chief Sallese updated the Board on the current form of the Committee's online reporting and record keeping.

**Athens Lane Traffic Study**

Jesse Steadman updated the Committee on the recently completed Traffic Study for the upcoming Athens Lane project. Jesse Steadman said that the study provides some interesting information regarding the potential trips generated by the development, as well as information on the adequacy of

sight lines and updated traffic counts in the area, including at the intersection of Hudson Road and Route 117.

#### **Route 117/Town Building Crosswalk**

The Committee discussed the installation of a pedestrian signal at Town Building and Route 117. Steve Nadeau noted that granite from the Police Station parking lot may be able to be repurposed for the concrete wheelchair ramps.

#### **Crescent Street Speed Limits**

The Committee discussed the location of the speed limit signs on Crescent Street finding that the current locations do not match the approved locations in the Traffic Rules and Orders. The Highway Superintendent agreed to move the signs to the correct location in the spring.

#### **Harvard Road Stop Sign**

The Committee discussed the installation of a stop sign at the southbound approach to the intersection of Harvard Road, Finn Road and Garner Road in Stow. Steve Nadeau indicated that he will draft a letter of recommendation the Select Board in accordance with the applicable statute, given that the sight lines in that location justify the use of a stop sign.

*Chief Sallese motioned to adjourn*

*Steve Nadeau seconded.*

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jesse Steadman