

Town of Stow
Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

Minutes of January 18, 2023, Traffic Safety Advisory Meeting

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

Chief Sallese called meeting to order 1:00 PM

Approval of Minutes | January 4, 2023

Chief Benoit moved to approve the minutes of January 4, 2023 Valerie Seconded.

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

Member Updates:

- Barriers were put up on Old Marlboro Road on January 9th.
- Traffic Counter will be moved Monday (weather depending)
- The stop sign for Crescent Street has been ordered and the Highway Department is waiting for it to be delivered.
- Chief Sallese attended the most recent Planning Board meeting where the Stow Acres plans were discussed. Chief Sallese confirmed that that Stow Acres is pulling the added driveway that was in question at the last meeting.
- There was discussion at the Select Board meeting about adding a traffic light at the Hudson Road/117 intersection. The consensus at the meeting seemed to be that residents would prefer a turn lane as opposed to a traffic light.

Common Road Closure:

- Tina McAndrew, Library Director, was present for the meeting to discuss the tentative construction schedule.
- As of now the plan is for the library staff to be moved out for August/September.
- There is discussion that Common Road may need to be used for staging but there is no set timeline as of now for the shutdown. The tentative thought is right before construction starts mid October.
- The construction company will have to come up with a Traffic Plan for the construction.
- TSAC will discuss the matter again when the plans are more finalized.

FAQs:

- Tentative questions and answers were reviewed.
- The Town Clerk will be invited to the next meeting to discuss the four types of ways and the best way to define them as well as an updated street list.
- Some of the questions have been assigned to Valerie for editing and review.
- For some of the longer answers (i.e. Complete Streets vs TSAC), there will be a clickable link added to keep the document simple and concise.

108 Great Road:

- As of now, the plan is for the Beef and Ale to be torn down and create a building with two tenant spaces.
- One of those spaces will likely be a Dunkin Donuts.
- At this time, there is no drive thru including in the plans.

Street Names:

- There was some discussion regarding Old Marlboro Road amongst the residents. The street sign states "Old Marlboro Road" but Google Maps list the street name as Marlboro Road.
- Concern to be discussed at next meeting with Town Clerk.

Lake Boon Dam:

- Brian Hatch is attending a meeting on 1/24 and will likely receive more information at that time that he can pass along in terms of closures, etc.
- The Select Board meeting on 1/31 will have more information and plans shared at that time.

Next Meeting: February 8th at 1 PM.

Brian Hatch motions to adjourn at 2:18PM

Chief Benoit seconds the motion

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