

Town of Stow  
Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

Minutes of October 3, 2023 Traffic Safety Advisory Public Hearing for Common Road  
Members Present: Chief Michael Sallese, Fire Chief John P Benoit, and Valerie Oorthuys. Highway Department Superintendent Brian Hatch was absent.  
Chief Benoit called meeting to order at 5:58PM

**Valerie Oorthuys presented the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee's four alternatives for Common Road. Public Input followed.**

**Summary of input shared:**

- There were questions raised regarding how church traffic would be affected depending on the alternative proposed by TSAC
- A couple questions regarding alternative options (such as speed bumps) instead of making Common Road a one way were discussed
- Questions/comments regarding traffic patterns changing in Stow already and how the traffic patterns would likely change during construction anyway.
- People voiced support for Common Road becoming a one way.

The committee heard all concerns raised and answered all questions posed.

Chief Sallese motions that the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee recommend to the Select Board that Common Road become a one way using Alternative 1. Valerie Oorthuys seconds the motion adding that other measures such as striping, speed tables and sidewalks be considered with Alternative 1 as well. *VOTED: 3-0 (Unanimously in favor: Chief Benoit- Yea; Valerie Oorthuys – Yea; Chief Sallese –Yea)*