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TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 18, 2009

7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Members Present:

Dan Newhall, Acting Chairman

Paul White

Val Vallerand

Others Present:

Kathie Felch

Susan Barnard, Barre Town School Student Health Advisory Committee

Jeff Blow

Harry Hinrichsen, Town Engineer @ 7:15 p.m.

Other Business:

Susan Barnard from BTEMS attended the meeting to discuss the "safe routes to school" grant received from the Agency of Transportation. The Student Health Advisory Committee would like to see some more signage, crosswalks and a reduction of speed in the school zone on Websterville Road. TSAC explained that another speed study would have to be done besides the one that was conducted in 2006 by the state so we would have a more up to date speed and traffic count. The TSAC will request traffic counts for this spring and asked the school to write another letter to the committee formally requesting the speed reduction from 35 to 25 m.p.h. and to also be very specific about crosswalk locations. TSAC recommended the school have a policy in place for walking/biking to school. **This item was tabled.**

Approval of Minutes:

Review and approve the Minutes of January 21, 2009.

On a motion by Paul seconded by Val the committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of January 21, 2009 with changes to item 1A change "side road" to "roadside" and item 1C omit "install a new sign".

1. Review & Discussion

A. Gregoire Street - Request by the Selectboard to consider a stop sign in place of the yield sign, installing a stop bar and 20 +/- double yellow centerline striping.

TSAC had discussion about their original recommendation. A stop sign will not stop the traffic from cutting into the other lane as cars are turning the corner. A stop sign would also require a public hearing and TSAC felt that the entire street should be evaluated as the intersection at the top end of the street is worse.

On a motion by Val seconded by Paul the committee voted unanimously to recommend to the Selectboard to keep the yield sign on Gregoire Street, centerline stripe the entire street and install yield bar (see attached explanation) and install a new stop bar at the upper part of the street Gregoire Street @ Little John Road.

B. Request by Gerry Otis to install a School Bus Ahead sign on Cassie Street for northbound traffic.

Harry measured and there isn't the required sight distance of 500'.

On a motion by Paul seconded by Val to recommend installing a school bus stop sign ahead near #230 Cassie Street for northbound traffic.

2. Other Business

Request by Tom Estes, Jr. to reduce the speed limit on Waterman Street. The speed limit is currently 40 m.p.h.

On a motion by Val seconded by Paul the committee voted unanimously to table this item and conduct a speed study in the spring.

There is no lane delineation to cross from Middle Road to Rte 63 and no arrows to distinguish for left and right hand turning at the bottom of the intersection. Harry will contact the state to ask if they have a turning pattern for that intersection.

3. Adjourn

On a motion by Paul seconded by Val the committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

4. Next Meeting March 18, 2009