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### **TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

#### **AGENDA**

**January 25, 2017**

**7:00 P.M.**

**Review any items for addition to the agenda before taking up any business.**

**New items for consideration to be added to the agenda**

- 1. Review and approve the Minutes of December 27, 2016.**
- 2. Public Hearings – Speed Limit Change Considerations**
  - A. Cutler Corner Road – Consider speed limit change from 35 MPH to 40 MPH.**
  - B. Osborne Road – Consider speed limit change from 40 MPH to 35 MPH**
  - C. Morrison Road - Consider speed limit change from 40 MPH to 35 MPH for section(s) of road. There is particular concern for the posted speed in the section from the Mast Driveway at # 339 Morrison to Allen St. intersection**
- 3. Review and Discussion – Workshop Session**
  - A. Review Line Striping policy- Review of list of Class 2 & 3 roads that are striped by the Town. Consider recommendation to Select Board for policy to perform line striping. Possible Action item**
  - B. Review Cutler Corner Road – Consider speed limit change**
  - C. Review Osborne Road – Consider speed limit change**
  - D. Review Morrison Road – Consider speed limit change**
- 4. Other Business –**
  - A. Miscellaneous –**
  - B. Budget Considerations – Consider recommendations for upgrading Line Striping Contract list.**
- 5. Adjourn**

**TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
January 25, 2017**

7:00 P.M.

**Members Present:** Chauncey Liese, Val Vallerand, William Kirby

**Members Absent:** Dan Newhall, Jeff Blow

**Others Present:** Harry Hinrichsen

**Residents:** Mike Blouin - 19 Osborne Rd., Brian Bibeau - 239 Osborne Rd.

Regan Howard 179 Morrison Rd., Ray Vallerand 196 Morrison Rd.

Robert Gorton & Maxine Foss – 563 Cutler Corner Rd.

Ryan Foss & Kim Cayer - 387 Cutler Corner Rd.

Brad Herring-275 Cutler Corner, William Reese-554 Cutler Corner

**Written Submittals from:**

**Karen Taylor - # 464 Cutler Corner Road, Mark Mast # 205 Morrison Road**

**Review any items for addition to the agenda before taking up any business.**

**There were no new items for consideration to be added to the agenda.**

- 1. Review and approve the Minutes of December 27, 2016.**

**Motion:** A motion was made to accept the minutes as written

**Changes:** None

**Made By:** Val Vallerand

**Second By:** Bill Kirby

**Approved (Unanimously)**

**Public Hearings – Speed Limit Change Considerations –**

**Chairman Chauncey Liese opened the Public Hearings at 7:07 P.M.**

- A. Cutler Corner Road – Consider speed limit change from 35 MPH to 40 MPH.**

**Discussion-**

**Bob Gorton of #563 Cutler Corner Rd spoke first. He was not in favor of raising the speed limit especially near the Town Line.**

**Many of the vehicles that come past his house are accelerating up and downhill. His mailbox is across the road and traffic seems to go very fast especially since the road was paved. He mentioned that there is no center line or edge line striping.**

**Brad Herring of 275 Cutler Corner Rd. also mentioned that his mailbox is across the road and on a hill where traffic is going very fast. There is no longer a school bus stop on Cutler Corner Rd. All the students now go to the intersection of Phelps Rd. He**

too was concerned that there is no line striping on Cutler Corner Rd. Brad felt the sight distance is very limited between driveways and corners. He also mentioned that the Osborne Rd. is faster at 40 MPH.

Brad indicated that there are several areas where there are safety concerns and that perhaps a 3-dimensional study of the road should be done.

He would favor of a 4-way stop at Phelps and Osborne Roads.

Chauncey Liese asked if Brad noticed when the traffic volume and speed was an issue.

Brad replied most of the time when he is home.

Charles Harding of 518 Cutler Corner Rd. spoke up about the speed limit. He feels that the 35 MPH speed limit is fast enough. He mentioned that there are horses on this stretch of road and no one seems to have any consideration for others on or near the road.

Brian Bibeau of 236 Osborne Rd spoke next. He indicated that his driveway is near the crest of the hill. He has concerns about the intersection and speed of vehicles, particularly those inbound from the reservoir.

Brian said he feels that a stop sign at Phelps Rd. would create a break in the speed of vehicles traveling in either direction. Cars floor it coming up the hill from Barre coming past his driveway. It would be a no-brainer to reduce the speed limit on Osborne Rd. The police would have to patrol the road more often if the speed limit was lowered.

Will Reese of 554 Cutler Corner Rd. agreed with what was said by previous speakers. He said there are no shoulders in many places and with ditches made for a dirt road, there is little pedestrian safety. He felt that much of the speeding traffic is from Plainfield. Will also felt that the former gravel road forced people to go slower many times because of the roads conditions. He feels the traffic goes slower in Orange because they must go slower to avoid damage to their vehicles. The new pavement on Cutler Corner Rd. encourages people to drive faster.

Will Reese felt that speed limit on Osborne Road should be 35 MPH also to be safer and more consistent.

Will would like to see more police patrolling the speed limit on both roads. At this point speed carts aren't effective.

The TSAC also received a letter from Karen & Michael Taylor of 464 Cutler Corner Road. The letter indicated that the paving has left little or no shoulder on the road making it difficult to run, walk or bike on the road safely. Karen is concerned that changing the speed limit higher than 35 would only encourage traffic to drive even faster and going 50 MPH would be dangerous for pedestrians and other vehicles as well. Karen is concerned what raising the speed limit would do for the safety of Cutler Corner residents.

**B. Osborne Road – Consider speed limit change from 40 MPH to 35 MPH**

**Discussion -**

Will Reese felt that speed limit on Osborne Road should be 35 MPH also to be more consistent.

Mike Blouin of 19 Osborne Road asked why the speed limit is currently 40 MPH? He has lived in the 25 MPH zone for 10 years and feels that the 25 MPH speed limit should be extended up the hill (further to the north). He stated there are no sidewalks on upper Hill St. nor on Osborne Rd.

Mike indicated he felt that stop signs on Osborne & Cutler Corner Road might be an answer. Even the school bus goes faster than 45.

Brian Bibeau said that he thinks the 4-way stop would be as important as any speed limit change(s).

**C. Morrison Road - Consider speed limit change from 40 MPH to 35 or 30 MPH for section(s) of road. There is concern for the posted speed in the section from the Mast Driveway at # 205 Morrison Rd. to Allen St. intersection.**

**Discussion –**

Regan Paquet Howard a former resident of the Paquet Farm at # 179 Morrison Road spoke of the 40 MPH speed limit. Many motorists treat the speed limit as if they can go 50 once they get

past the dairy. There is constant truck traffic which makes it t much harder to get back into traffic safely. There are cars passing on the hill as well as the straight section beyond Mast's driveway at # 205. Cars are going too fast and if they meet a slow-moving vehicle going up the hill, they just pull out and pass it. Regan would even be in favor of a slower speed of 25 or 30 from Allen St. to Mast's driveway.

Ray Vallerand of 196 Morrison Road spoke to his concerns of living on the road for over 40 years. Cars come up the hill and hit top speed between his house and Mast's driveway at #205. The cars cruise to the top of the hill at a good clip many times well above 50 and must brake hard to come to a stop at Upper Prospect Street. Ray said coming down the hill, traffic carries the 40 MPH+ speed with them well down past the Allen Street intersection onto Bridge St.

Mark Mast of #205 Morrison Road submitted an email to the TSAC as he was unable to attend the Public Hearing. He was concerned about the excessive speed past his driveway with vehicles going over 50 MPH in many cases. He and his wife would be in favor of lowering the speed limit on Morrison Road in this area.

Chairman Liese closed the public Hearing closed at 7:59 P.M.

Chairman Liese discussed the matter of two missing board members. The TSAC determined that it was better to wait until the February meeting to discuss the testimony and make a formal recommendation to the Select Board.

There was no further discussion or action on this item.

3. Review and Discussion – from last month's workshop session
  - A. Develop a Line Striping Policy- Review the of list of Class 2 & 3 roads from last month's meeting that are currently striped in the Town. Consider recommendation to the Select Board for a new policy to provide guidance and establish criteria that would assist the Town in its annual review of which roads to line stripe.

The State provides for center line striping on all paved Class 2 roads at least every two years. The Town is responsible for edge line or fog line striping on those roads as well as any striping that takes place on Class 3 roads.

The State of Vermont standards - VTRANS outlined in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

**MUTCD does allow for either double yellow centerline striping or white sideline striping without the other striping.**

**Suggested criteria:**

**Center lines and fog lines for the following categories:**

**All Class 2 roads**

**All Class 3 roads that connect (Barre Town) to another municipality**

**All Class 3 roads that are arterial or collector roads that aren't already Class 2**

**Other Class 3 roads as needed (periodically paving occurs on gravel roads that would fall into one of the above categories).**

**Centerline striping - (two 4" yellow lines)**

**Cost varies -\$0.08 and \$0.13 per linear foot**

**Edge line striping (one 4" yellow line)**

**Cost varies between \$0.042 and \$0.0675 per linear foot**

**Variables seem to be:**

**Timing for when the Town goes out to bid.**

**The contract deadline set up in the specifications**

**There was no action taken on this item**

**Other Business –**

**A. Miscellaneous – Discussion – None**

**B. Budget Considerations – Consider recommendations for upgrading Class 2 and Class 3 roads on Line Striping Contract list.**

**No recommendations were made at this meeting.**

**4. Adjourn - Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 P.M.**

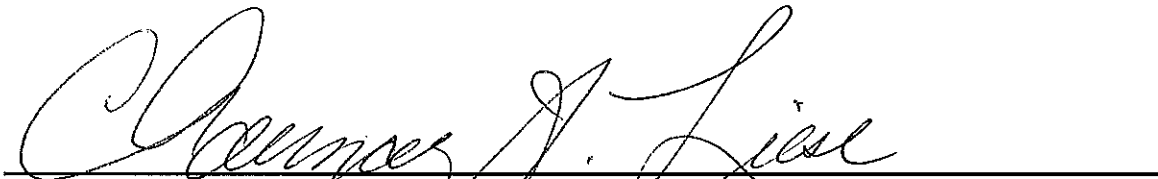
**Made By: William Kirby**

Minutes of January 25, 2017


Respectfully Submitted,


  
Harry H. Hinrichsen  
Town Engineer

Dated 2/22/17

  
Chauncey Liese, Chairman

  
Val Vallerand

  
Jeff Blow

  
William Kirby

  
Dan Newhall

