



# TOWN OF BARRE, VERMONT

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## TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 19, 2014

7:00 P.M.

### AGENDA

1. **Review and approve the Minutes of January 15, 2014.**
2. **Review and Discussion – Old & New Business**
  - A. **Plainfield Brook Road** – Discuss the request from Rob Spring for a possible speed reduction and or advanced intersection warning for Cassie Street Intersection. (See attached email)  
  
**Possible Action Item** – Make a recommendation to Select Board regarding the approach speed for the Plainfield Brook Road at Cassie St. and or posting of intersection with an advanced warning sign and reduced speed advisory.
  - B. **Street Light Replacement Project** – Begin to review reinstatement list for conformance to street light criteria. Get an update for Harry on new light upgrade status from Green Mountain Power.
  - C. **Guard Rail Policy Discussion** - Review a sample policy for guard rail installation and make recommendations to send on to the Select Board.
3. **Other Business –**
  - A. **Miscellaneous – Review recent High Risk Rural Road Information & consider selecting a candidate for forwarding on to the Select Board.**
  - B. **Schedule items for March 19 meeting**
4. **Adjourn**

**TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**February 19, 2014**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**MINUTES**

**Attendance**

**TSAC members: Chauncey Liese, Val Vallerand, Paul White, William Kirby**  
**Others Present: Harry Hinrichsen, Town Engineer**

**1. Review and approve the Minutes of January 15, 2014.**

**The minutes of the meeting 1-15-14 were reviewed and acted upon.**

**Motion: Motion was made to accept the minutes of 1-15-14**

**Motion: Paul White made the motion**

**Second: William Kirby seconded**

**Discussion: There was no discussion and no changes or revisions**

**Committee Action: The motion was approved unanimously**

**2. Signature of November 20, 2013 minutes**

The TSAC had previously approved the minutes but didn't sign off on them. Harry passed around a copy of the minutes to refresh everyone's memory for the record and the minutes were signed by all present.

**3. Review and Discussion – Old & New Business**

- A. Plainfield Brook Road** – The TSAC discussed the request from Rob Spring of 31 Grand View Farm Road for a possible speed reduction and or advanced intersection warning for Cassie Street Intersection. (See attached email)

The discussion centered on whether to make a recommendation to Select Board regarding the approach speed for the Plainfield Brook Road at Cassie St. or posting of the intersection with an advanced warning sign and a reduced speed advisory or other advisory as a placard.

Chauncey was unable to visit the intersection ahead of the meeting but Paul W., Val V. and William K. all had.

Paul suggested an advanced warning sign rather than reducing the speed for a short distance one side or the other of the intersection.

This type of response to the request would prevent resetting the speed in the area as well as the need to do some kind of speed study or assessment.

Paul also wondered about the posting of a placard for a reduced speed or a distance. Discussion then turned to the specifics of the advisory placard to be posted below the intersections sign. Chauncey indicated he felt it better to post the distance of the approach to the intersection.

There was discussion as the need to post this advisory for both inbound and outbound directions. It was felt that it was definitely needed for the inbound direction.

**Motion: A motion was made to recommend installing advanced intersection advisory signs (W2-2L/W2-2R) indicating a side road left or right for both the outbound and the inbound traffic. There should also be an 18" x 24" distance advisory placard (W-3A) for 250' mounted below the intersection sign indicating the approach distance. The Town Engineer would be responsible for staking out the exact location of the advanced warning sign locations in the field.**

**Motion: Val Vallerand made the motion  
Second: Paul White seconded**

**Discussion:** Paul White reported that the 40 MPH sign near the Route 14 intersection was leaning and should be straightened.

**Committee Action: The motion was approved unanimously**

- B. Street Light Replacement Project** – The question is when will the TSAC begin their review of the reinstatements from the list of requests and whether they conform to the street light criteria. The TSAC got an update from Harry on new light status from Green Mountain Power. Harry indicated that the new lights are going up and that GMP has started to work in the Lower Graniteville Village area.

Harry also reported that on Tuesday, February 18, the Select Board had favorably reviewed and approved expenses of \$2,250 for nine of the new locations as there were costs associated to establish secondary power at these poles. Several of the locations were at intersections that previously didn't have a light anywhere nearby.

- C. Guard Rail Policy Discussion** - Review a policy for guard rail installation and make recommendations to send back to the Select Board.

Harry had previously passed around a copy of a guard rail policy from Wasco County, Oregon. He passed around the sample Oregon policy again and briefly explained what he intended to accomplish by establishing a Guard Rail Policy.

Harry stated that he would be drafting up a similar policy for the Town of Barre and that it would be both specific and concise relative to new construction and existing conditions. It would address the type of guard rail and the conditions as when it would be required.

**4. Other Business –**

**A. Miscellaneous – High Risk Rural Roads - Review recent High Risk Rural Road Information from the Regional Planning Commission Office & consider selecting a candidate for forwarding on to the Select Board.**

Harry passed around three spread sheets of information from the Regional Planning Commission relating to crash data for various sections of roads and intersections in the Town.

Regional Planning Technician Steve Gladczuk is requesting feedback to establish a priority for the Regional Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC) next Tuesday February 25. Of particular interest is the fact that this year for the first time there will be consideration given to roads that are Federal Aid Urban (FAU) and Federal Aid Rural (FAR). Roads are reviewed by crash data at intersections or particular features of each road as well as by corridors or longer stretches of the road.

The spread sheets had information going back to January of 2009 (five years) on Graniteville Road and Quarry Hill Road. Intersection crash information showed up for intersections at Graniteville - Websterville - Quarry Hill Road, Quarry Hill at Fisher & at Cherrywood, and Graniteville and Middle Road intersections.

Harry requested the TSAC review the information and get back to him with their recommendations by Tuesday morning 2-25-14 next week.

**B. The next TSAC meeting will be March 19.**

**5. Adjourn –**

**William Kirby moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM.**