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TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 17, 2014

7:00 P.M.

AGENDA

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

- 1. Review and approve the Minutes of August 13, 2014.**
- 2. Review and Discussion – Old & New Business**
 - A. Bianchi Street – Review speeding issues on Bianchi Street. Receive request by Craig Locarno of # 14 Bianchi for some sort of traffic calming for Bianchi Street in East Barre. Options include recommending the installation of a new stop sign for Carnes Road at the Bianchi Street intersection.**
Possible Action Item
 - B. Middle Road - Consider reinstatement of streetlight on Middle Road near #150 Middle Road (Salvadore Residence) as requested by John Salvadore and daughter Brenda Buzzell.**
Possible Action Item
 - C. Cassanova Street - Consider reinstatement of street light near #14 Cassanova as requested by Greg Bergeron. Possible Action Item**
- 3. Other Business –**
 - A. Miscellaneous –**
 - B. Schedule items for October 15 meeting**
- 4. Adjourn**

TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Draft

Minutes

**Members Present: Chauncey Liese, Dan Newhall, Paul White, Val Vallerand,
Members Absent: William Kirby**

**Others present: Harry Hinrichsen, Town Engineer, Chris Locarno,
Brenda Buzzell, Catherine Salvador**

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Discussion: Middle Road - There was an old item of business dealing with the Truck Route signs on Middle Road that Harry requested. The consensus was to add this item on at the end of the posted agenda.

For the record Item #1 on the agenda was tabled in order to begin discussion on the Bianchi Street topic with Chris Locarno.

- 1. Review and approve the Minutes of August 13, 2014.
Motion: To accept the minutes as submitted**

Made By: Paul White

Second: Val Vallerand

Discussion: No further discussion

Approved Unanimously

- 2. Review and Discussion – Old & New Business**

A. Bianchi Street – Review speeding issues on Bianchi Street. Receive request by Craig Locarno of # 14 Bianchi for some sort of traffic calming for Bianchi Street in East Barre. Options include recommending the installation of a new stop sign for Carnes Road at the Bianchi Street intersection.

Discussion:

Chris Locarno was present to discuss his concerns for traffic speeding in the neighborhood particularly coming up the hill as the intersection is a busy place with all sorts of activity going on both sides of the street. He expressed his appreciation for a greater police presence of late as it does make a difference. He stated that his original reasons for concern have not changed. The children in the area are somewhat older but the safety issues are there. Relative to the neighborhood he feels that event 25 MPH is too fast. Chris also mentioned that Carnes Rd. is kind of a hidden intersection on the approach up the hill. He reiterated his interest in some sort of speed hump either portable or seasonal.

Chauncey and Val both discussed the options of a stop sign at Carnes Road as there is none there now. They also mentioned the advisory sign for the playground just beyond the Locarno residence.

Dan Newhall suggested trying anything that would help. He suggested posting something that will alert motorists to the limited corner sight distance for Carnes Rd. as the sight distance is less than needed. He restated the issue of the speed at 25 MPH being too fast for the neighborhood. A STOP sign at Carnes wouldn't slow cars on Bianchi and really does serve any appreciable amount of traffic. It would be a Band-Aid at best.

Dan then discussed the temporary speed humps that had previously been suggested for McLeod Hill in Lower Graniteville. He wasn't sure the Select Board would buy into them. Harry stated that the main reason they are a hard sell is because of the number of lag screws that are needed to hold them in place. Dan still felt that it would nice to try them somewhere.

Harry passed around several pictures of the area that he had taken before the meeting.

Things like "No Parking", Recreation Field or Playground Advance Advisory were also discussed.

Chris stated that the soccer in the months of September and October were the busiest on the street as far as the ballfield was concerned. He felt there were roughly 7-8 children near the corner of Carnes that are under 12 as well as several others under 15.

Motion: Install a set of advanced warning signs commonly mounted on one post at a location to be determined by Harry and Dan on the hill approach at a distance that meets the separation necessary from the 25 MPH speed limit sign (relocating the speed limit sign as needed). The signs would be Side Road symbol (W2-2R), Carnes Rd. (W16-B), and an advisory speed of 15 MPH (W13-1).

Made By: Val Vallerand

Second: Dan Newhall

Discussion: Dan mentioned that the separation should be 150' if possible with consideration given to property lines and available space to locate the sign posts.

Approved Unanimously

B. Middle Road - Consider reinstatement of streetlight on Middle Road near #150 Middle Road (Salvadore Residence) as requested by John Salvadore and daughter, Brenda Buzzell. Both Catherine Salvador and Brenda Buzzell were present to discuss their concerns to the Committee.

Brenda submitted a typed statement giving some background and reasoning as to the criteria relating to the street light policy for her grounds for the request. She stated that there are 4 driveways in the immediate area two on each side of the road. There is also a nearby snowmobile crossing as well as a game trail where deer often cross. She also stated the speed limit increases just below her own driveway which just below her mother's driveway. Speed of vehicles often makes it difficult to judge if there is anyone sitting in the driveways trying to get out. She mentioned that there is a fair number of pedestrians that use this section of road and with little or no shoulder people have to get off into the grass for oncoming traffic. The neighborhood is residential even though the houses are located on just this street.

Harry passed around some pictures of the area that he had taken before the meeting.

Before leaving, Brenda asked what the course of action would be if the committee votes favorable at tonight's meeting

Motion: Reinstate the light near #150 as requested by the Salvadors and Brenda Buzzell

Made By: Paul White

Second: Dan Newhall

Discussion: Harry indicated the neighborhood is zoned high density residential. The nearest street lights are two poles downhill at the Hutchins Circle intersection and two poles uphill near the driveway for #

Approved Unanimously

- 3. Other Business –**
 - a. Miscellaneous –**

The Traffic counts that Harry is working on would begin next week as CVRPC was busy conducting counts in the Mad River Valley area and there were no availability until the end of this week.

b. Middle Road – Truck Route sign at the island near the slip lane and Rock of Ages Driveway

Paul had made a suggestion of an oversized sign that showed the truck route and the car route to Routes 14 and I-89. The problem with that idea is that the sign is quite large.

Dan Newhall stated that there was a limit to what the existing sign post could carry for weight. Here would need to be a larger sign post used if there were to be another sign added to the assembly already there.

Motion: Install an additional I-89 sign to the right side of the assembly directly above the sign for VT Route 14 and under the Truck Route Arrow.

Made By: Paul White

Second: Dan Newhall

Discussion: One idea was to show the Truck Route with the I-89 sign only but this was decided to be confusing for those trucks that only wanted to go to Route 14.

Approved Unanimously

c. Schedule items for October 15 meeting

4. Adjourn

Motion Made By: Val Vallerand

Time: 9:02 PM