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TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 26 2014

7:00 P.M.

DRAFT

MINUTES

Members Present: Chauncey Liese, Val Vallerand and William Kirby

Absent: Dan Newhall, Paul White

Others Present: Harry Hinrichsen

Prior to the start of the meeting, Harry explained the new regulations for public meetings including adding items to the agenda and posting draft and final copies of minutes.

Harry then indicated that he had been requested to add an item to this evening's agenda. Laurie Woogmaster of #183 Phelps Road had requested consideration be given to a 4-way stop sign condition at the intersection of Cutler Corner, Osborne and Phelps Roads.

The committee agreed unanimously to add discussion of the Moogmaster request to create a 4-way Stop intersection for Phelps – Osborne – Cutler Corner Roads to the agenda.

1. TSAC Review and approval of the Minutes from June 25, 2014.

Motion to Accept: Val Vallerand

Second: William Kirby

Discussion: Val indicated that for the record discussion on item # C – Sterling Hill Road had included conversation relating to requiring the trimming of brush and trees on the frontage of the Liese property be performed by the property owners.

Harry indicated that he did have that information and had not included it in the draft but he would add it as a correction.

The minutes of June 25, 2014 were accepted unanimously and adopted as corrected.

2. Review and Discussion – Old & New Business

- A. **Street Light Replacement Project** - Harry provided an update on the new LED light upgrade status from Green Mountain Power. All additional street lights had been installed except at one location on Cherrywood Drive. Harry has been asked to clarify the position of a new or reinstalled light at pole 53653 which is tucked into a group of spruce trees on the inside corner of Cherrywood and Barre View Dr. on the northerly end near the Fischer property. He noted that there is also another pole (#53452) near the intersection with Quarry Hill Road. There might be an option to put the light there instead of the pole surrounded by the spruce trees. Chauncey noted that there are a lot of pedestrians that walk in that neighborhood which is why he thought it would be good to go for the inside of the intersection.

Harry mentioned that there was a concern about the new light at the end of Sunnyside Dr. And Taplin intersection as the residents there thought the light was too bright. They had purchased the house for its location relative to the low light levels and want to know if there can be a cut-off fixture to prevent light from shining into their yard as they use a telescope at night and would less light rather than more.

The TSAC should consider a reinstatement list for conformance to street light criteria.

- B. **Middle Road** – TSAC had been asked by the Town Manager to discuss signing the intersection at Rock of Ages driveway to restrict truck and bus traffic to Graniteville road only. Signage at the south end of Middle Road currently directs trucks to Route 14 by way of Graniteville Road but many dump trucks, trucks with trailers and tour buses still Middle Road.

The principal issue is safety of all vehicles using Middle Road. Since the road is so steep, larger vehicle could experience brake problems before reaching the bottom the hill. Chauncey feels there is a failure on the part of the signs to get the point across. Drivers see the directional sign for Routes 89 and 14 and want to go that direction rather than down Graniteville Road to Quarry Hill.

Prior discussions had included talk of a sign that would read something like “No Through Trucks or Buses”. The problem with those signs is that there are school buses, oil and delivery trucks, Town DPW trucks and others that would be restricted from traveling this section of road.

Chauncey feels that there should be an arrow sign directing trucks and buses to Graniteville Road for **both** Route 14 and Route 89. There should be a similar sign visible from the driveway from Rock of Ages. The next hurdle is get those vehicles to comply with the signage. Chauncey indicated that we had batted this item around quite a bit in the past. We don't want sign clutter as it would create confusion.

We should check in with Dan Newhall to see if there is something that would work without being confusing. Chauncey would like to save this item for additional discussion at the next meeting.

The item was tabled for further discussion at the next meeting.

3. Other Business –

A. Miscellaneous – Harry discussed the spread sheet records for tracking TSAC action items. We have not had any updates since 2009 when Kathie left the position of taking minutes. Harry's summer intern will be assisting the process and trying to fill in the blanks as we can with information available and as time permits.

B. Schedule items for August meeting – Both Chauncey and Bill will be gone August 20 which is the next regularly scheduled meeting. It was suggested that the meeting be rescheduled for August 13 instead. Harry indicated that the meeting would have to be warned ahead of time and posted in the paper.

4. Adjourn to adjourn at 8:23 P.M.

Motion to Adjourn: Val Vallerand

Second: William Kirby