

Town of Barre
Traffic Safety Advisory Committee
Minutes of October 15, 2014 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 19:15 by Acting Chairman Dan Newhall. Other members present were Paul White and Bill Kirby. Members absent were Chauncey Liese and Val Vallerand. No additional items were added to the published agenda.

Item 1: **A motion to approve the minutes of September 17, 2014, as corrected, was made by White and 2nd by Kirby.** Corrections noted were as follows:

- Item #2A (Bianchi Street), under Discussion, in the 3rd paragraph, the last sentence should read “A *STOP sign at Carnes wouldn’t slow cars on Bianchi and really does not serve any appreciable amount of traffic.*” (the word “not” was missing);
- Item #2B (Middle Road), in the 2nd paragraph, the 4th sentence should delete the repeated words “increases just”.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Item 2A: **A motion was made by Kirby and 2nd by White to table this item until the next meeting with each member to review the site on their own prior to the next meeting.**

The motion was approved unanimously.

Item 2B: The committee reviewed the traffic data provided by the CVRPC. The committee also discussed the fact that stop signs are not a recommended method for reducing vehicle speeds, which is believed to be the underlying goal of this request. Considering that the traffic counts on both the northbound and southbound Phelps Rd approaches are less than half of the counts on the Osborne Rd and Cutler Corner Rd approaches, the consensus of the members present was that the traffic counts do not justify creating a stop situation on the Osborne Rd or Cutler Corner Rd approaches of the intersection. **A motion was made by Kirby and 2nd by White to take no action and leave the current traffic pattern as is.**

The motion was approved unanimously.

Item 2C: The committee would like to table this item until the town engineer can be consulted to see if there are any other pending or anticipated items which would require a public hearing, to be combined with the public hearing for this item, for efficiency reasons. **A motion was made by White and 2nd by Kirby to table this item until the next meeting.**

The motion was approved unanimously.

Item 2D: A motion was made by White and 2nd by Kirby to recommend replacing the existing weight limit sign at the top of Middle Road with a new sign which states “NO TRUCKS OVER 24,000 LBS EXCEPT BY PERMIT ONLY”, with a yellow strip at the top (like the sign at the bottom of the hill) which states “STATE LAW”.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Item 2E: A motion was made by Kirby and 2nd by White to recommend that the Town Manager contact VTrans District 4 to request that the timing of the traffic control signal at this location be modified so as to give an advanced green signal for vehicles entering the intersection from Middle Road.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Item 3: No action required.

Item 4: A motion to adjourn was made by Kirby and 2nd by White, the motion was approved unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 20:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul White