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TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

April 20, 2016

7:00 P.M.

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

New items for consideration to be added agenda

1. Review and approve the Minutes of March 17, 2016.
2. Review and Discussion – Old & New Business
 - A. Osborne Road- Discussion and consideration for comments from Select Board Meeting of March regarding changing the speed limit. Request to review traffic conditions between Hill Street & Speed Limit change from 25 to 40 MPH. Consider a request for a CVRPC speed study. **Possible Action item**
 - B. Windy Wood Road – Consider a request from Nancy Martin to review road section near the pond and stream crossing near house # xxx for shoulder safety. Consider widening project or guard rail. **Possible Action item**
 - C. East Cobble Hill Road – Review request from Ken Randall of #153 E. Cobble Hill Rd. for consideration of a “School Bus Stop Ahead” sign for house # 153.
 - D. East Cobble Hill Road – Review request from Ken Randall of #153 ECH for consideration of reducing the speed limit from 40 MPH to 35 on East Cobble Hill Road. **Possible Action item**
3. Other Business –
 - A. Miscellaneous –
 - B. Schedule items for May18 meeting –
4. Adjourn

TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES

April 20, 2016

7:00 P.M.

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

New items for consideration to be added agenda:

The issue of recommendations for line striping on West Road and Cutler Corner Road was added.

TSAC Members Present: Dan Newhall, Paul White, William Kirby

TSAC Members Absent: Chauncey Liese, Val Vallerand

Others Present: Harry Hinrichsen

1. Review and approve the Minutes of March 17, 2016.

Motion to Accept: A motion was made to accept the minutes as corrected
Changes: Paul suggested a correction to page 5 add the letter “c” to the word enter as it should center line. There were no other corrections or additions.

Made By: Paul White

Second By: Bill Kirby

Discussion: None

Approved Unanimously

2. Review and Discussion – Old & New Business

A. **Osborne Road**- Discussion and consideration for comments from P.H. at the Select Board Meeting of March 22 regarding changing the speed limit from 40 to 35. The Select Board requested TSAC to review traffic conditions between Hill Street & Speed Limit change from 25 to 40 MPH. Consider a request for a CVRPC speed study.

Possible Action item

Discussion:

Since the Select Board was questioning the speed limit reduction from 40 to 35 on Osborne Rd., the next question becomes does it make sense to raise the speed limit on Cutler Corner Rd. instead?

Paul White mentioned that the Town was able to lower the speed limit on Cutler Corner as a gravel road several years ago without a speed study due to the laws passed by the Legislation.

The Select Board didn't say flat out no to the reduced speed change on Osborne, it appears they want to review the speed on Hill St. as well and all the way to the Orange Town Line. They wanted to know if TSAC considered raising the speed limit on Cutler Corner rather than flat out reducing on Osborne Rd.

What needs to be done if there is to be more traffic study on Osborne and Hill St.?

Dan Newhall – Traffic calming measures including line striping could be a key in keeping the speeds to what is posted.

The question was asked if it would possible to consider a 30 MPH speed limit from the Barre City Line to the upper end where it now changes to 40 MPH then go to 35 the rest of the way to the Orange Town Line?

Motion: request CVRPC to place speed loops to get in speed information on:

- a) Two places on the lower section of Osborne
At the speed change line beyond Balsam and east of the corner of Sierra Lavin
- b) Two places on Hill Street
Near the church above the playground and near Wark Street

Made by: Paul White
Second By: William Kirby

Approved Unanimously

Added to Agenda- Line Striping for West Road & Cutler Corner Roads

Motion: Request the Town move forward with the line striping recommended by TSAC at their March meeting. This would be for side line striping on West Rd and both center and sideline striping for cutler Corner Road.

Made by: Paul White
Second By: William Kirby

Approved Unanimously

- B. Windy Wood Road – Consider a request from Nancy Martin to review road section near the pond and stream crossing near house # 90 for shoulder safety. Consider widening project or guard rail.
Possible Action item

Discussion:

Dan Newhall suggested tabling this item until the Town Engineer provides some photos and more information regarding the site conditions.

Motion: The situation warrants further review before making any recommendations.

**Made by: Dan Newhall
Second By: Paul White**

Approved Unanimously

- C. East Cobble Hill Road – Review request from Ken Randall of #153 E. Cobble Hill Rd. for consideration of a “School Bus Stop Ahead” sign for house # 153.**

Discussion:

Motion: Table this item until input from Barre Town School Bus Coordinator, Terrie Murphy

**Made By: William Kirby
Second By: Paul White**

Approved Unanimously

- D. East Cobble Hill Road – Review request from Ken Randall of #153 ECH for consideration of reducing the speed limit from 40 MPH to 35 on East Cobble Hill Road. **Possible Action item****

Discussion:

Dan Newhall indicated that this road had been assessed for a High Risk Rural Road in 2012. What are the conditions that would indicate a need for reducing the speed limit on this section of road? Dan didn’t feel there was any merit for reducing the speed limit.

There was no further discussion. No action taken at this time on this request.

- 5. Other Business –
E. Miscellaneous –
F. Schedule items for May18 meeting –**

6. Adjourn

Motion Made By: William Kirby Time: 8:44 P.M.