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TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

June 15, 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 April 18, 2016.
2. Review and Discussion – Old & New Business
 - A. Osborne Road- Status of request for CVRPC to review traffic conditions between Hill Street & Speed Limit change from 25 to 40 MPH.
 - 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 recommendations for safety measures such as a widening project, hazard markers or guard rail. Possible Action item
 - C. Cassie Street – Review request from Alison Pyott of 307 Cassie Street for consideration of traffic control due to recent crashes on the hill near her residence. Possible Action item
 - 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. Item was tabled at last meeting. Possible Action item
3. Other Business –
 - A. Miscellaneous –
 - B. Schedule items for July 20 meeting –
4. Adjourn

**TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
June 15, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

TSAC Members: Val Vallerand, William Kirby, Jeff Blow

Absent: Chauncey Liese, Dan Newhall

Others Present: Harry Hinrichsen, Alison Pyott, Carl Rogers, Elaine Wang

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Val Vallerand - Requested an update for the CVRPC speed study request for Morrison Rd. near the Paquet Farm.

Note: Due to the presence of Alison Pyott for the Cassie Street item, that item will be taken first in the agenda.

- 1. Review and approve the Minutes of April 20, 2016.**

Motion to Accept: A motion was made to accept the minutes as written.

Discussion: None

Changes: None

Made By: Jeff Blow

Second By: William Kirby

Approved Unanimously

- 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.**

Discussion: No actual Traffic counts back yet from CVRPC

The crash data from Barre Town PD indicated that there was an incidence of about 1.7 crashes per year on this stretch of road.

Cutler Corner is 35 MPH and Osborne is 40 MPH

The notion was to consider either or both – lowering speed limit and narrowing the fog lines when re painted.

No action taken until speed study information is available.

Item was tabled.

- 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.**

Discussion:

Jeff Blow – could we consider installing center line rumble strips?

Chauncey L. – Could DPW cut back the brush to the larger diameter trees for now to see if this helps?

Val V. – Could we investigate the center line rumble strips to warn motorists crossing the centerline? Would this help on West too?

This item tabled until further review.

- C. Cassie Street – Review request from Alison Pyott of #307 Cassie Street for consideration of traffic control due to recent crashes on the hill near her residence. Possible Action item**

Discussion: Alison Pyott stated that she has been at this residence for 10 years and there have been 2-3 crashes per year in that area.

Harry stated that in the steep part of the hill near the house, the slope is 20% or greater. There is also a pretty noticeable curve coming into that part of the hill. He presented several pictures of the area including the existing steep hill sign located just south of the intersection with Valley View Circle. Harry indicated that in at least two of three instances the most recent crashes involved alcohol and driving too fast for conditions.

Jeff B. asked about a warning for the stop condition for the intersection at Plainfield Brook Rd. Would an advisory sign for the intersection with a certain distance ahead placard be something to consider for downhill traffic. He also wondered about the Town's Police records for the crash history would show.

Jeff also talked about possibly putting chevrons or delineators along the northeasterly (Pyott) side of the road so they could be seen in either direction. He also mentioned line striping. Harry responded that there are both a center line stripe and a sideline stripe currently on the road.

Chauncey L. – questioned whether chevron signs would indicate the sharpness of the curve. He felt that perhaps in addition to the steep hill sign nearer to the top of the hill there should be a sharp curve sign with and advisory speed of 15 MPH.

Jeff Blow thought that delineators on short posts would be a good idea.

Motion: Recommend to the Select Board the following:

- 1) Relocate the existing sign south of the Valley View intersection to a point determined by the Town Engineer near the N/F Allen residence. Exchange the slippery when wet symbol sign with a steep hill (W7-1) symbol sign.**
- 2) Install a sharp curve sign (W1-1L) with a 15 MPH advisory placard (W13-1) between the Gauthier driveway and the Pyott driveway.**
- 3) Install several delineators on short posts – (3 above and 3 Below) the Pyott residence.**

Made By: Jeff Blow

Second By: William Kirby

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:

Members should drive this section of road

There are narrow shoulders in places but also guard rail in several other places. Brush cutting along this stretch by DPW would help

Jeff B. - Don't do anything for now

Motion: Recommend doing a site visit along this stretch of road

Made By: William Kirby

Second By: Val Vallerand

- 5. Other Business –**
 - E. Miscellaneous –**
 - F. Schedule items for July 20 meeting – Skip the 7-20 meeting. Do the next meeting on August 24**

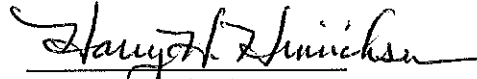
6. Adjourn

Made By: Jeff Blow

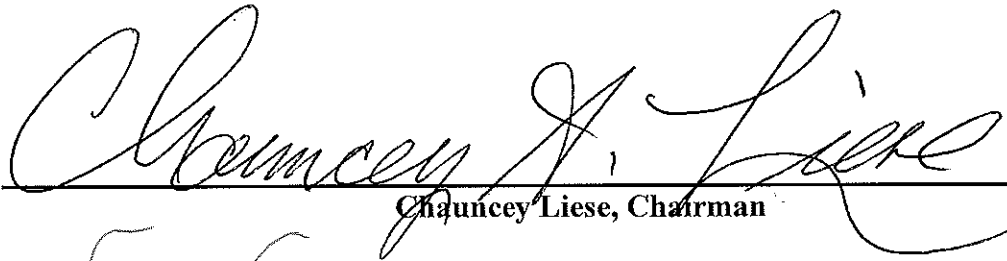
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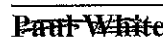
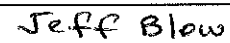
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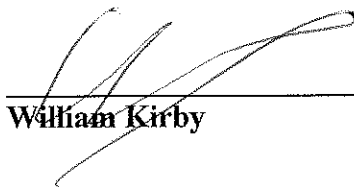

Harry H. Hinrichsen
Town Engineer

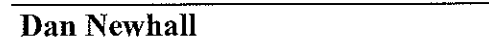
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Chauncey Liese, Chairman


Val Vallerand

 
Paul White Jeff Blow


William Kirby


Dan Newhall

