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TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 16, 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 February 17, 2016.
2. Review and Discussion – Old & New Business
 - A. Morrison Road- Discussion and consideration for changing the existing 40 MPH speed limit. Consider a request for a CVRPC speed study Possible Action item
 - B. Graniteville Road - Review of project for shoulder widening project in the summer of 2016 for bike lane between McLeod Hill Road and Church Street. Possible Action item
3. Other Business –
 - A. Miscellaneous –
 - Discuss HRRR Candidates for 2016
 - Other TAC items for Discussion – Route 110 Bridge
 - Line Striping – Spring work – West & Cutler Corner Roads?
 - Schedule for TSAC monthly meetings
 - B. Schedule items for April 20 meeting –
4. Adjourn

TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

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Three new items were considered and added to the agenda under Other - Miscellaneous Business.

TSAC Members Present: Chauncey Liese, Dan Newhall, Val Vallerand, Paul White

TSAC Members Absent: William Kirby

Others Present: Harry Hinrichsen

- 1. Review and approve the Minutes of February 17, 2016.**

Motion to Accept: A motion was made to accept the minutes as written. Changes: A prior spelling on the Paquet family name was made by Val. There were no other corrections or additions.

**Made By: Dan Newhall
Second By: Val Vallerand**

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

- A. Morrison Road- Discussion and consideration for changing the existing 40 MPH speed limit on request made by Regan (Paquet) Howard. Consider a request for a CVRPC speed study.**

Motion: Request traffic loops from CVRPC to monitor speed and traffic counts on Morrison Road for possible speed reduction on easterly (South Barre) end.

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

Discussion:

Val indicated that there are a lot of trucks that run the road every day from Booth Brothers - H.P. Hood. There are a lot of Johnson Paving trucks that will be using the road more since they occupy the former Isabelle Electric building near Reynolds & Sons.

At the present, the bridge is not being used as a truck route. Once the intersection improvements are completed at Bridge St. & So. Barre Road, Val indicated traffic on the hill will include more trucks in both directions.

Dan asked if Val or someone could make a few suggestions on where the loops should be placed.

Val thought that there would be good places to install the loops below Lower Usle Road and between the Mast Driveway at # 205 Morrison Road and the Chaloux driveway at # 229 Morrison Road.

There is a spot that creates a “Hidden Drive” condition from the east as traffic comes up to the Paquet Farm Stand from the direction of Allen Street.

Val indicated she thinks most of the H.P. Hood trucks are pretty good about slowing down particularly for the down grade coming down the hill. For the most part they don’t want their load to shift and are aware of the steep grade east of the farm.

Val abstained from the vote.

The vote was 3 – 0 – 1.

B. Graniteville Road - Review of project for shoulder widening project in the summer of 2016 for bike lane between McLeod Hill Road and Church Street.

Harry gave a brief review of the proposed Class 2 Paving Grant that is being submitted to VTRANS for the Town’s 2017 application.

The project includes shoulder widening by 3’-4’ along the northerly side of Graniteville Road between McLeod Hill Road and Church Hill Road. Once the shoulders have been graveled wider in that area the hill will milled (cold-planed), shimmed with a leveling course and then resurfaced with a 1” layer of Hot Mix Asphalt.

Harry indicated that project was expected to cost about \$110,500.

When completed there will be more of a connection between the terminus of the Town’s Bike Path at Compo Street in Lower Graniteville and the Millstone Trails on Church Hill Road in Websterville.

There was no action taken on this item as the Select Board approved the project as their choice for the 2017 submittal for the Class 2 Paving Grant application.

3. Other Business –

**A. Miscellaneous – Regional TAC Items
Discuss HRRR Candidates for 2016**

Harry passed out a table showing several candidates under review for the upcoming Regional Traffic Advisory (TAC) meeting on March 22, 2016. Barre Town has two roads on the list which are Middle Road (3500 ADT) and Miller Road (2000 ADT).

The two roads were discussed. Harry Noted that Town Manager, Carl Rogers, had noted that there were several candidates from other towns that had higher incidence of crashes that the two from Barre Town.

Paul White noted that he was aware of the problems on German Flats Road (1800 ADT) in Fayston. The crash rate there was 1 per 180 vehicles. He would support consideration of that road.

The other road discussed and suggested was the Center Road in East Montpelier (580 ADT). The reasons for crashes there was curves and poor signage. The crash rate there was 1 per 145 vehicles. The other road discussed was Scott Hill Road in Berlin but there was no traffic count data there to compare with the number of crashes.

The consensus was to go with German Flats Road in Fayston and Center Road in East Montpelier.

Other TAC items for Discussion (discussion only)

Harry mentioned that the Route 110 Bridge in East Barre was being added to the list of bridges for consideration for scoping or project review. He indicated that the bridge is more than 50 years old and although reasonably sound has had problems with the wing walls and abutments.

It has not yet been specified when the scoping study would be done but it needs to be added to the list.

Line Striping – Spring work

It was noted in the past agendas that West Road & Cutler Corner Roads had been identified as not having either center line striping or sideline striping or both. Robert Murphy had suggested that West Road have a sideline stripe added to provide for more

definition to the road edge as well as perhaps improve the area for pedestrians and bicycles.

The newly paved section of Cutler Corner Road is a similar situation. Currently there is no center line or sideline striping on Cutler Corner Road. This road has been a subject of a High Risk Rural Road audit in the past. Since the Osborne Road has both center line and sideline markings, it was discussed in the past the Cutler Corner road should also be striped now that it has been paved to the Orange Town Line .

Dan Newhall feels the roads should be considered for painting as early in the spring as temperature and weather conditions allow. Since the new paint is water based and generally applied in a thinner layer it doesn't seem to last as long as the old epoxy paint did.

Motion: Provide both center line striping and side line striping for West Road and Cutler Corner Road.

Motion By: Val Vallerand

Second By: Paul White

Approved Unanimously

Scheduled Night for TSAC Meeting

Val Vallerand mentioned that because there are Development Review Board and Planning Commission meetings on the second and third Wednesdays they compete with the nights that TSAC meets.

She would like to see if there is a way for the TSAC to change its meeting night to the fourth Wednesday of the month. She would like to propose this to the Select Board so that people can avoid a conflict between TSAC and Planning Commission meetings.

It was a consensus to present this idea to the Select Board for review and consideration for the change to take effect in June once the new members were in place.

B. Schedule items for April 20 meeting –

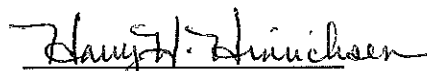
4. Adjourn

Motion Made @: 8:35 PM

Made By: Val Vallerand

Minutes of March 16, 2016


Respectfully Submitted,


Harry H. Hinrichsen
Town Engineer

Dated 04/20/16

Chauncey Liese, Chairman

Val Vallerand


William Kirby

Paul White



Dan Newhall