



# **TOWN OF BARRE, VERMONT**

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## **TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **AGENDA**

**November 29, 2017**

**7:00 P.M.**

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

**Additional items for consideration to be added to the agenda**

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- 2. Review and Discussion –**
  - A. Review Guardrail Inventory and Replacement Plan for upcoming budget year. Make recommendations as needed.**
  - B. Review status of Safe Routes to School Radar Signs on Websterville Rd.**
- 3. Other Business –**
  - A. Miscellaneous –**
  - B.**
- 4. Adjourn**

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**Meeting Minutes**

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**Harry presented the TSAC with a three-page Steel Beam Guardrail Inventory spreadsheet. The Town has gradually eliminated all the cable & wood post guardrail assemblies.**

**The hand-outs also included a proposal for a 5-year Capital Improvement plan as part of the Town DPW Budget. The proposal would provide for approximately 1000-1500 feet per year of steel beam guard rail upgrade.**

**The low option cost per foot of upgrade utilizes recycled guardrail and posts at a cost of between \$11 - \$15 per foot. Using new guardrail and 6' posts (including removal and disposal of the old material), the cost jumps up to \$25 per foot.**

**Based on a cost of \$15 per foot for recycled material, the budget allocation would need to be anywhere from \$15,000 - at 1000' to \$22,500 for 1500'. The cost would \$25,000 - \$ 37,500 for new guard rail for the same lengths of new guard rail (1000' & 1500' respectively).**

**The TSAC was advised that the current 2017-18 budget has \$14,000 allocated for guard rail replacement. Since the 5-Year Plan represents a potentially significant increase, input from the TSAC would be helpful in terms of support for the budget increase.**

**Harry indicated that this item would be a good thing to place on the Select Board (SB) agenda for an early Budget presentation. He will keep the TSAC updated on the timeline for this to go before the SB.**

**B. Review status of Safe Routes to School Radar Signs on Websterville Rd.**

**Harry passed along a memo relating to comments and input from Jon Kaplan, Bike & Pedestrian Coordinator for VTRANS.**

**Jon indicated that the Town could certainly increase the hours of operation on the Solar-powered Radar Speed Signals on Websterville Rd. The Town operates its signals on a Class 2 Town Road where most of the other towns in Central Vermont operate signals on State Highways.**

**Harry mentioned that winter hours of operation may necessitate purchasing an extra set of the batteries used to run the two units since there might not be a sufficient charge to maintain the signals given the limited amount of daylight from mid-November to mid-April.**

**The TSAC felt this was sufficient supporting information to back up their previous request to increase the hours of operation. Hopefully, the DPW will adjust the devices soon to lengthen the daily operational hours.**

**3. Other Business –**

**A. Miscellaneous – The next scheduled TSAC meeting is for Dec 27, 2017. Unless there are items for the agenda, that meeting may be canceled. A public notice (in the paper) would be required if the meeting was canceled.**

**4. Adjourn**

**Jeff Blow moved to adjourn @ 8:19 P.M.**