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TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

September 28, 2017

6:30 P.M.

Site Visit: Holden Road near Darshir Lane intersection- review site distance and visibility

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

- 1. Review and approve the Minutes of July 26, 2017.**
- 2. Review and Discussion – Workshop Session**
 - A. Richardson Road –@ Cross St. - Request by Matthew Liese to review the intersection for visibility issues. Brush is hindering the site distance looking up hill (to the right) when coming out of Cross St.**
 - B. Holden Road – Request from Darlene Sprague to review site distance near Darshir Lane. Consider Hidden Drive signs for both uphill and downhill locations.**
 - C. Websterville Rd. - Consider changing sign at Websterville Road to be clearer as to where to find Route 110 (Washington Rd.) (Tabled from previous meeting of July)**
- 3. Other Business –**
 - A. Miscellaneous – Request to consider reinstating street light at # 272 Donahue Rd. (Magwire Residence)**
 - B.**
- 4. Adjourn**

TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DRAFT Minutes
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Present at Site Visit: Val Vallerand, Harry Hinrichsen, Darlene Sprague
Members Present for Meeting: Chauncey Liese, Val Vallerand, Jeff Blow, Shaun Corbett

Members Absent: William Kirby

Others Present: Town Engineer, Harry Hinrichsen

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Additional items were considered for addition to the agenda - See Item D and Miscellaneous

Motion: Add the street light request item for Donahue Rd.

Made By: Jeff Blow

Seconded: Val V.

All approved the motion to amend the agenda.

1. Review and approve the Minutes of July 26, 2017.

Discussion – Val indicated that Chauncey was identified as making the motion for the item for Miscellaneous 2B. It should have been Bill Kirby.

Motion: Accept the minutes as amended.

Made by: Shaun Corbett

Seconded by: Jeff Blow

The minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Review and Discussion –

A. Richardson Road –@ Cross St. - Request by Matthew Liese to review the intersection for visibility issues. Brush is hindering the site distance looking up hill (to the right) when coming out of Cross St.

Discussion – Chauncey addressed a brush issue that is hampering sight distance for traffic entering onto Richardson Rd. A family member lives in the area and comes out onto Richardson Rd. Sight distance looking up the hill is restricted by vegetation. This issue could be corrected by passing the info on to the DPW.

This item will be referred to DPW for corrective measures.

NO ACTION TAKEN

- B. Holden Road – Request from Darlene Sprague to review site distance near Darshir Lane. Consider Hidden Drive signs for uphill and downhill locations.**

Discussion:

Harry and Val presented the observations of the site visit with Darlene Sprague.

Darlene Sprague had been present at the site visit. Darlene expressed concern for the limited sight distance and the speed of traffic passing in both directions (uphill & downhill). She requested signage to alert motorists on Holden Rd. of the traffic entering from Darshir Lane.

This road is a private drive serving four homes. The sight distance is limited looking right at the intersection with Holden Rd. as there is both a curve and a steep incline down-hill towards So. Barre.

The sight distance looking uphill seems to be adequate but could be improved with tree and brush thinning on the inside of the curve.

Motion:

Install a “Hidden Drive – Right” sign at an appropriate location determined by the Town Engineer

Made by: Jeff Blow

Seconded by: Shaun Corbett

The motion was approved unanimously.

- C. Websterville Rd. @ Waterman St. - Consider changing sign at Websterville Road and Waterman St. intersection to be clearer as to where to find Route 110 (Washington Rd.) (Tabled from previous meeting of July).**

Discussion:

Harry presented the information brought forward from the last meeting as this item had been previously tabled.

The sign is located at the intersection of Websterville Rd at Waterman St. and has been somewhat confusing since there are no signs on Route 110 to indicate what is going on once the motorist approaches the intersection of Route 110 (Washington Rd and Waterman St.)

Harry explained the situation regarding the route signs for Route 110 and 302. The signage on Washington St. has been relocated closer to Waterman St. by VTRANS so they are visible from the Waterman St. intersection. This has reduced the uncertainty of drivers knowing which direction to go to find Route 302 and which direction to go on Route 110. This sign assembly no longer appears necessary.

**Motion: Consider changing (removing) the sign on Waterman St.
Made by: Jeff Blow
Seconded by: Shaun Corbett**

The motion was approved unanimously.

D. Donahue Road - Request to consider reinstating street light at # 272 Donahue Rd. (Magwire Residence)

Harry presented the information regarding the street light. There had been a street light on the pole north of the Magwire driveway previously. This light was removed during the LED light review in 2012.

In question is whether the light would improve safety of the road for the curve and vertical alignment. There are a lot of small trees growing at the base of the pole that served the previous light. The overhead lines begin a cross-country route from this pole location and no other poles are located close to the curve on Donahue Rd.

Harry also provided the Street Light Policy which outlines the criteria for a street light.

**Motion:
Approve the request for a street light near #272 Donahue Rd and forward it to the Select Board.
Made by: Jeff Blow
Seconded by: Shaun Corbett**

The motion failed unanimously.

**Follow-up discussion;
The Magwires should be notified in writing that their request did not meet the Lighting Policy criteria. The Town Engineer should send a letter to the Magwires to this effect. The Magwires could work with Green Mountain Power to install a private light either on the pole or somewhere on their property at #272 to provide better security.**

**Miscellaneous – TSAC Meeting Schedule –
TSAC discussed adjusting the scheduled meeting calendar for the remaining meetings for 2017. The TSAC would meet the fourth Wednesday of (October 25,2017). The meeting for November would be November 29, 2017 (avoiding the Wednesday before Thanksgiving). The meetings would be returning to the fourth Wednesday night for the remainder of the year 2017-18 with the possibility of not having a meeting December 27, 2017.**

- 3. Adjourn –
Jeff Blow moved to adjourn at 8:25 P.M.**