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TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 19, 2015

7:00 P.M.

AGENDA

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

1. Review and approve the Minutes of July 15, 2015.
2. Review and Discussion – Old & New Business
 - A. Middle Road –Review and possible action on replacement recommendations of the “Campground Ahead” sign east bound on hill for traffic entering the Lazy Lion Campground. **Possible Action Item**
 - B. Cedar Street - Consider request from Mike Farnham – 18 Cedar St. for placement of Speed Humps for Cedar St. to control speeding in this area. **Possible Action Item**
 - C. Cedar Street – Consider a request from Kathy Maurais of 25 Cedar St. for street light take over at the end of the street. The light is currently a private light paid for the Maurais family. **Possible Action Item**
3. Other Business –
 - A. Miscellaneous –
 - B. Schedule items for September 15 meeting –
4. Adjourn

TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 19, 2015

7:00 P.M.

Draft Minutes

Members Present: C. Liese, V. Vallerand, W. Kirby, P. White
Others Present: Harry Hinrichsen, Mike Farnham
Absent: Dan Newhall

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*** Paul White requested the addition of a items under misc. business**

1) Line Striping and pavement marking

2) Barkley Road – “No Outlet” Sign request

*** Val Vallerand requested a review of sight distance for Kings Row at
Route 14**

**For the record the Committee voted to take the item identified as 2B out of
order to allow Mr. Farham an opportunity to leave after the items was
discussed.**

1. Review and approve the Minutes of July 15, 2015.

Discussion: None

Motion: Accept as written

Made By: Paul White

Seconded By: William Kirby

Accepted Unanimously

2 Review and Discussion – Old & New Business

**A. Middle Road –Review and possible action on replacement
recommendations of the “Campground Ahead” sign east bound on
hill for traffic entering the Lazy Lion Campground.**

Discussion:

**Paul White suggested relocating the sign away from the cedar hedge
so that trimming would not e necessary.**

Motion:

**Recommend to Select Board that the advance traffic advisory sign
warning for the campground in the uphill direction of travel on
Middle Road be updated and replaced. The text should be specific for
the distance from the sign to the campground.**

Made By: Paul White

Seconded By: Val Vallerand

Accepted Unanimously

B. Cedar Street - Consider request from Mike Farnham – 18 Cedar St. for placement of Speed Humps for Cedar St. to control speeding in this area.

Discussion:

Mike F. discussed his concerns for the speed, higher than normal volume of traffic and actions of drivers coming into his neighborhood. He described the primary problems as traffic coming into the corner too fast and not within their own lane. He revisited his concerns from the site visit t last month’s meeting. The majority of the traffic coming in has no concern for the residents especially children. The speed limit is 25 MPH and many vehicles have no regard for the speed limit. He suggested the committee consider two if not three speed humps. The first would be between the Town line and the corner and the other two would be on either side of his property on the back straight away section of Cedar St.

Additional discussion from Town Engineer Harry Hinrichsen involved the engineering concerns of placement such as slope, portable vs. permanent paved humps, plowing concerns and placement too close to the corner.

The Committee does not feel they are ready to make a clear recommendation at this time.

Both Bill and Val felt that there should be more facts and that would require a traffic study by CVRPC with traffic loop counters at two locations.

Motion: Request that the CVRPC set out traffic counters at locations indicated by the Town engineer to get necessary info for reviewing the conditions prior to making any recommendations.

Made By: Val Vallerand

Seconded By: William Kirby

Accepted Unanimously

C. Cedar Street – Consider a request from Kathy Maurais of 25 Cedar St. for street light take over at the end of the street. The light is currently a private light paid for the Maurais family.

Discussion:

Harry reviewed the request from Kathy Maurais regarding the street light near her driveway. She has been paying for the light for many years and it serves more to light up the end of the street than it does her property. She would like the town to take over the light. Kathy had been present at the site visit last month and expressed her concerns over maintaining the light but as a Town light rather than private.

Paul indicated the light would need to be a brighter LED light and Harry also commented that the light should be on a longer arm away from the pole.

Motion: Recommend to the Select Board that the Town take over paying for the light once it was upgraded and rotated out to the street with a longer arm bracket.

**Made By: Val Vallerand
Seconded By: Paul White**

Accepted Unanimously

3. Other Business –

A. Miscellaneous –

Traffic Painting

Paul White requested the Town Engineer look into the letter size of pavement marking as it doesn't seem as though they are tall as they are supposed to be. Also, the words Stop Ahead are missing from the Hill Street intersection on W. Cobble Hill and Windy Wood Roads.

Barkley Road-

Paul requested looking into whether a "No Outlet " sign had previously been recommended for the intersection of Barkley Rd at Sunset and Phelps Rds.

Particularly since the detour of traffic on Cummings and Plainfield Brook Roads, there seems to be a lot of traffic trying to find their way into Plainfield by way of Barkley Road.

Kings Row –

Val requested a review of the sight distance for the intersection of Kings Row at Route 14 (So. Barre Road). She knows some people that just bought the house on the southerly corner and they have a difficult time getting out onto the main road safely. She suggested the TSAC review a request to the State of Vermont for a side road ahead advisory and or a slower recommended speed limit for the section of road coming into Barre from Williamstown. The speed limit is posted at 40 MPH.

The TSAC discussed who the request would be directed to at VTRANS. The Engineer in charge of the reviewing and posting speed limits is Amy Gamble. Would Kevin Marshia also be involved?

B. Schedule items for September 16 meeting –

4. Adjourn

Motion: Val moved to adjourn at 8:45 PM.

