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TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 17, 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

PUBLIC HEARING ON OSBORNE ROAD SPEED LIMIT

1. **Review and approve the Minutes of January 20, 2016.**
2. **Review and Discussion – Old & New Business**
 - A. **Kings Row –Update on discussion with VTRANS on the speed limit and available sight distance for Kings Row at Route 14 (So. Barre Road). Possible Action item**
 - B. **Osborne Road- Discussion and review of the CVRPC speed study and consideration for changing the existing 40 MPH speed limit. Possible Action item**
 - C. **Pine Hill Road - Review of request by Charles Martin for School Symbol Signs on Pine Hill, Nichols Road and Farwell Street to alert motorists of the school going in there starting in August 2016. Discussion on the existing two-way stop conditions and number of signs needed. Possible Action item**
3. **Other Business –**
 - A. **Miscellaneous –**
 - B. **Schedule items for March 16 meeting –**
4. **Adjourn**

**TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

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

TSAC Members Absent: William Kirby

Others Present: Harry Hinrichsen

Rules of Public Hearing Read by Chairman Liese:

**Public Hearing: Osborne Road Speed Limit –
Proposed Change from 40 to 35 MPH**

PH Started: 7:16 PM

**Chairman Liese read the Public Notice of Hearing as posted in the Times
Argus on Tuesday, February 16, 2016.**

There were no members of the Public present for the Public Hearing.

Chairman Liese closed the public Hearing at 7:18 PM.

- 1. Review and approve the Minutes of January 20, 2016.
Motion to Accept: A motion was made to accept the minutes as written.
Changes: None**

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

Adopted Unanimously

- 2. Review and Discussion – Old & New Business**
 - A. South Barre Road & Kings Row –Update on discussion with
VTRANS on the speed limit and available sight distance for Kings
Row at Route 14 (So. Barre Road).**

**Harry handed out a copy of the email correspondence with Amy
Gamble from VTRANS Operations. It appears that the Traffic
Operations Division will work on instituting the changes identified
by Ms. Gamble in her email to Harry.**

**These sign changes would include the gate posting of the 40 MPH
(lower) speed limit for north bound traffic. The advanced advisory**

signs for both "Side Road" and "School Bus Stop Ahead" symbol signs for north bound traffic would be upgraded to the latest MUTCD standards.

Harry also indicated that it was the Town Manger's suggestion for the Town to upgrade and replace the street name signs for Kings Row, Morin and Leo Drive. This would allow the signs to be consistent with our other street name signs.

Discussion: Harry also indicated that the Town could work with the property owner on Kings Row to trim off the spruce tree branches on the corner of Kings Row to aid in gaining better sideline sight distance.

Motion: No Action Taken

B. Osborne Road- Discussion and review of the CVRPC speed study and consideration for changing the existing 40 MPH speed limit.

Discussion:

Paul White: In favor of reducing the speed limit to make it more consistent with the 35 MPH speed limit on Cutler Corner Road. He was interested to know if the traffic study by CVRPC revealed any indication that vehicles were going much faster than 35 currently.

Dan Newhall: Dan discussed the fact that the lower speed limit would help avoid a situation where there is a staggered speed limit – meaning a higher speed on Osborne Rd. and a lower speed on Cutler Corner Rd. If the speed was reduced on Osborne Rd. the primary rational could be based on engineering judgment due to the number of curves and grade changes in this section of road. The Town already has chevrons and advanced advisory signs in place.

Motion: Reduce the speed limit for the outer section of Osborne Road from 40 MPH to 35 MPH beginning at the current change point at Balsam Drive and extending to the Phelps Rd intersection.

Made By: Paul White

Second By: Val Vallerand

Adopted Unanimously

C. Pine Hill Road - Review of request by Charles Martin for School Symbol Signs on Pine Hill, Nichols Road and Farwell Street to alert

motorists of the school going in there starting in August 2016.
Discussion on the existing two-way stop conditions and number of signs needed.

Discussion:

Harry H. discussed the request for school signs as one being made in advance of the school being opened for business before the end of August 2016. The speed limit is posted at 35 MPH in all directions in the neighborhood.

Dan Newhall: Dan's discussion included some questions about how many signs would be needed for the area to be established. Are there going to be any students walking to the school? He also commented that there was a need for at least a few Directional "D" Boards especially out on Route 2 and Route 14 for traffic coming in either direction off those roads.

The four way intersection would need to have school signs posted approximately 200' either side of the stop signs except for the Pine Hill Road side which should have a sign coming from the east about 200' prior to coming up to the school property. This would provide a spot somewhere near the easterly property line of the house across from the school property's field. (House # 69)

Motion: Post School Zone signs 200' before the 4-way intersection for Nichols Road (200' west of the intersection) and Farwell Streets (200' north and south of the intersection). Pine Hill Road would need only one sign near the easterly lot corner of House # 69.

Made By: Dan Newhall

Second By: Paul White

Adopted Unanimously

3. Other Business –

A. Miscellaneous –

1. Route 63 Paving Project – Paul asked about the recommendation to VTRANS for consideration for a center line rumble strip on Route 63. Was the rumble strip being installed following the resurfacing project this summer?

Harry said he would check into it and inform the TSAC with the VTRANS response.

2. Websterville Road - Paul White asked about the Truck and Bus directional sign installed on Websterville Road at the intersection of

Quarry Hill and Graniteville Roads. He was wondering if the signs were directing trucks and buses in the proper direction.

After a brief discussion, it appears the signs were directing traffic in the proper direction.

3. Morrison Road – Val asked about the posted speed on Morrison Road in the area of the Paquet Farm at # 179. The speed limit is currently 40 MPH. She thinks that is too fast through the area because of farm vehicles, horses and turning vehicles both entering and leaving the road near the brow of the hill. Val is wondering what it would take to get a reduction of speed (to 35 MPH at least).

This item should be added to March agenda.

4. Graniteville Road – Harry gave a brief update on the revision the Select Board has enacted to the Speed Limit Ordinance governing the area at the intersection of Middle Road and Graniteville Road. The speed limit of 40 MPH had apparently not been revised since the intersection island had been reconstructed years ago. The speed limit signs posting the southerly end of Middle Road were not covered by the Ordinance.

Chauncey asked if the TSAC would need to take action such as a separate Public Hearing on this matter. Harry indicated that the Select Board was correcting a speed zone issue to rectify the short section of Middle Road currently posted at 25 MPH.

B. Schedule items for March 16 meeting –

1. Morrison Road – The speed limit request near the Paquette farm would be a good item to add.

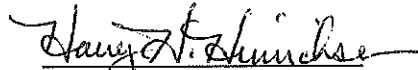
4. Adjourn

Motion Made @: 8:18 PM

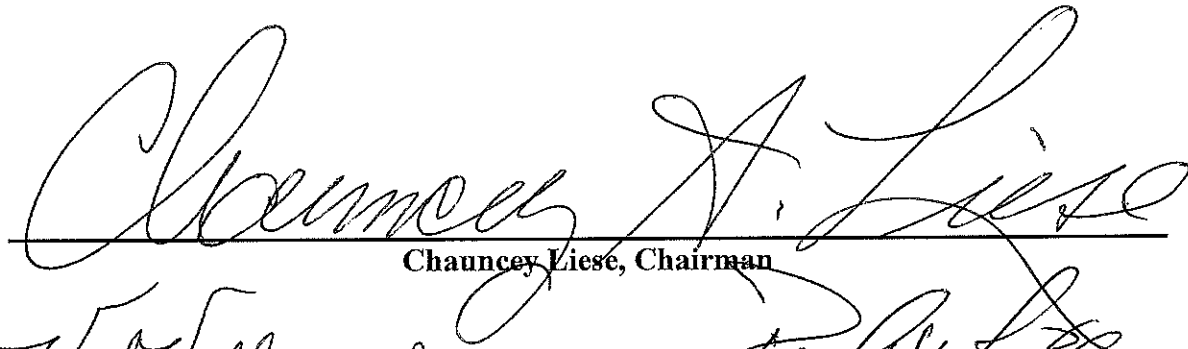
Made By: Dan Newhall

Minutes of February 17, 2016

Respectfully Submitted,


Harry H. Hinrichsen
Town Engineer

Dated 3/16/16



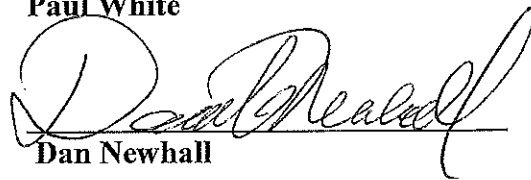
Chauncey Liese, Chairman


Val Vallerand



Paul White

William Kirby


Dan Newhall