TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 15, 2015
7:00 P.M.
DRAFT Minutes

Site Visit: 6:00 PM East Barre – meet at corner of Batchelder & Cedar St.
Review of Cedar Street area for traffic calming measures.

Members Present: Chauncey Liese, Paul White, Val Vallerand
Others Present: Ralph Blow, Lynette Knapp, Yvonne Tremblay, Jeff Blow
Public at Site Visit: Lester & Betty Bean, Mike & Karen Davenport, Kristine
O’Connor Babcock, Pete Fournier, Kathy & Jessica Maurais, Yvette &
Bob O’Connor
Absent: Dan Newhall, William Kirby, Harry Hinrichsen

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

1. Review and approve the Minutes of June 17, 2015.
   Motion: Approve the minutes of June 17 as amended
   Made By: Paul White
   Seconded By: Val Vallerand

2. Review and Discussion – Old & New Business (Note: the committee took
   up Item 2C High Street area first as there were residents at the meeting for
   this item.)

   A. Sterling Hill Road (West end) – Truck Signage
      Review Issues of overweight trucks traffic turning right on
      Sterling Hill Rd. at the intersection of So. Barre Rd.
      Discussion:
      Jeff Blow spoke of tractor trailers using Sterling Hill Road as well
      as other smaller vehicles to access the hill and thus they are going
      the wrong way.

      Motion: Recommend placing a jersey barrier longitudinally on the
      center line of Sterling Hill Road at Route 14 to restrict the turning
      radius of tractor trailer units, with a “No Outlet” sign mounted on
      top and reflective signing at the west end of the barrier. The exact
      location of the barrier is to be determined in the field by the town
      Engineer. This effort should be considered as a trial or temporary
      method to determine if it is successful. The barrier should be
      removed before winter.
B. Middle Road – Further review on replacement recommendations of the “Campground Ahead” sign east bound on hill.

Discussion: This item was still incomplete at the time of the meeting so it was tabled.

C. High Street - Consider request from Lynette Knapp – 18 High St. – Consider traffic calming for High and/or Summer St.

Discussion:
Ralph, Lynette, and Yvonne all spoke about High Summer and Garden Street area traffic problems. Other issues mentioned were speed, failure to obey stop signs and commercial vehicle traffic.

Paul and Val discussed their observations from last month’s site visit.

Motion: Recommend increased law enforcement presence on these streets, deploy the speed cart, post the streets at 24,000 lbs. and confirm the 25 MPH speed limit is posted on all streets.

Made By: Val Vallerand
Second By: Paul White
Approved/Disapproved: Approved Unanimously

Motion: Recommend a “No Outlet” sign north of High and Summer Streets at a location to be determined in the field by the Town Engineer.

Made By: Val Vallerand
Second By: Paul White
Approved/Disapproved: Approved Unanimously

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

Discussion:
The observations of the site visit were discussed. The residents are requesting speed humps on both sides of the 90 degree curve to
address problems with speeding vehicles as well as an increased police presence. SAC would like Harry to inquire of CVRPC if they would be able to deploy traffic counters on both sides of the corner with one being in Barre City. Recommend also that the Police Department patrol the area periodically as they are able

Motion: None made. Item to be continued to next month

3. Other Business –
   a. Miscellaneous

   Middle Road - Jack Mitchell had previously followed up on the issue of the signal sequencing at Middle Road and South Barre Rd.-Route 63. He would like to see a letter to VTRANS requesting some changes at this signal. Left-Turning traffic from Middle Road does not have ample lines of sight to cross the oncoming lane of traffic from Route 63 unless there is no traffic east bound or until the lane clears completely. The request to VTRANS would ask for consideration of a delayed signal allowing the south-bound traffic from Middle Road to complete the turn with a green arrow (Left) prior to allowing through traffic from Route 63 to come through to Middle Road on the green light.

   Discussion: No Action Taken - Continued

b. Schedule items for August 19 meeting –

   King’s Row - Request to review visibility & access along Route 14 Cedar Street – Continued
   Sterling Hill Road Intersection- Continued
   Middle Road - Continued

4. Adjourn

   Made By: Val Vallerand
   Second By: Paul White
   Time: 8:50 P.M.