

Town of Barre  
Traffic Safety Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
August 19, 2020

The Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) held a public meeting on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 in the Municipal Building at 149 Websterville Road. Committee members present were William Kirby, Dave Freeman and Bret Meyer. Also present were Town Engineer Josh Martineau, Town Manager Carl Rogers, Rolland Bellavance, and Stefanie Kingzett. Ian Degutis and Steffanie Lemieux from Vermont Agency of Transportation, VTrans, attended the meeting via Microsoft Teams.

Chairman William Kirby called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Dave Freeman made a motion, seconded by Bret Meyer, to approve the meeting agenda as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

On a motion by Freeman, seconded by Meyer, the TSAC voted unanimously to approve the March 18, 2020 meeting minutes as presented.

There were no guests for an item not on the agenda.

**5. Truck Route Signage** – Rolland Bellavance, owner of Bellavance Trucking, was asked by William Kirby to come back to talk with TSAC and VTrans, Ian Degutis and Steffanie Lemieux, about signage on middle road and VT Route 63. The conversation centered on the large overhead sign and smaller signs on VT 63. Lemieux reviewed the signs along VT 63 and suggested a yellow notice sign along VT 63 was warranted located 800 feet up VT 63 from the intersection. Meyer had concerns with enforcement, if they were to change white regulatory signs with yellow notice signs. Ian stated due to state budget restraints and the cost of the overhead signs that the State would most likely not be able to change the large overhead signs. The committee expressed their concerns with the wording “truck route to quarry”, since about half of the truck traffic also goes to the Wilson Industrial park. Ian told TSAC that what can be printed on signs is restricted by both state and federal sign law, especially when it comes to private company names on signs. Ian questioned if the truck route GPS actively sends trucks up Middle road. Rolland will investigate what his truck GPS says about Middle Road. The consensus with both TSAC and VTrans was the current signage is confusing for trucks heading to the industrial park. It was suggested by Martineau that the signs should reference Websterville and Graniteville, instead of a specific location.

TSAC is interested in continuing the conversation about signage on VT 63. This issue will be tabled until the next meeting. VTrans will investigate into what corrective measures can be taken with signage on VT 63 to bring to the next TSAC meeting.

**6. Speed Humps Mill Street and Extra Signage** – TSAC considered Mrs. Steffanie Lemieux question about the feasibility of speed bumps (humps) on Mill Street between Websterville Road and Church Street. After questions and answers with Mrs. Kingzett, to understood the request,

TSAC members concluded that due to winter maintenance and that Mill Street is not a through road, speed humps would not be warranted at that location.

Signs along Websterville Road will be tabled until the next meeting. More research is needed to see what signs are existing and what signs can be installed to meet MUTCD.

**7. Traffic Counts** – Martineau reviewed the traffic data count findings with TSAC. The overall trend of the traffic data showed that there is speeding along Cassie Street, Camp, Street, and Hill Street. The speed in the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile is in the 34-35 mph range for all three streets.


TSAC recommends to the Selectboard that the lane width be changed to 10 feet wide with the line stripping on Cassie Street, Hill Street, and Camp Street. After the lines have been painted TSAC will ask CVRPC to do another speed study in the same locations. Motion by Freeman, second by Meyer, TSAC voted unanimously in favor of the changing the lane width.

**8. Other Business** – Martineau told TSAC that the paving of the Hill Street path from the store to the playground was complete.

**9. Next Meeting** – The September 16 meeting date was noted.

At 8:05 p.m. on a motion by Meyer, seconded by Freeman, TSAC voted unanimously to adjourn.

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William Kirby



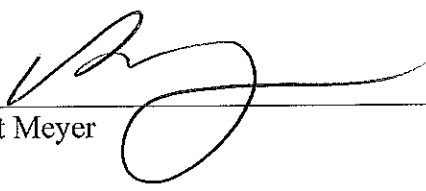
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