

Town of Barre
Traffic Safety Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 15 2021

The Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) held a public meeting on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 in person at the Barre Town Municipal building. Committee members present were Shaun Corbett (via phone), Dave Freeman, William Kirby (via phone), and Bret Meyer (via phone). Also present was Town Engineer Josh Martineau, Police Chief William Dodge (via phone), Town Manager Carl Rogers, VT DMV Derek Fenby (via phone), and Gary Isham.

Chairman William Kirby called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

On a motion by Dave Freeman, seconded by Bret Meyer, the TSAC voted unanimously to approve the August 18, 2021 meeting minutes as presented.

There was no guest for non-agenda items.

5. Overweight Permits – Derek Fenby from Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles and Police Chief William Dodge were on hand to discuss possible ways to keep overweight trucks off certain town roads. Derek explained the two types of permits that his section issues, one being an annual permit and a single trip permit, good for 7-days. With any permit from the State the company/driver is responsible for getting all local permits need to drive on Town roads. Derek noted that some towns implement an ordinance that allow fine to be written based on he registered weight instead of using scales for Vermont law. Chief Dodge will be checking with other towns and make a recommendation to TSAC.

6. Windywood Road Signs – Gary Isham joined the meeting to request addition 35mph signs within the 35mph zone on Windywood Road. He has seen an increase in speeding and noise on the road. After some discussion, TSAC decided that they would investigate the speeds in that area with a speed study. Martineau and Corbett will work together to find the appropriate locations for the study. Depending on the availability of CVRPC the study will try to be done before winter.

7. ATV Use – TSAC was asked to review the request to have roads opened to ATV use. TSAC consulted with Chief Dodge and decided that they would not recommend allowing ATV use on any Barre Town roads. There is not a trail system in the Town of Barre that would support the need to open town roads to connect trails.

8. Other Business - None

Next Meeting – The October 20, 2021 meeting date was noted.

At 8:00 p.m. on a motion by Dave Freeman, seconded by Bret Meyer, TSAC voted unanimously to adjourn.

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William Kirby

Shaun Corbett

Dave Freeman

Bret Meyer

Jeff Blow