

Town of Barre
Traffic Safety Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2023

The Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) held a public meeting on Wednesday, August 16, 2023, in person at the Barre Town Municipal building. Committee members present were Dave Freeman, Vinny Calcagni, Bret Meyer, Brandon Kipp and Tony Amaral. Also present was Town Engineer Josh Martineau. Guest Steven Korshak and his son were present.

David Freeman called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

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

On a motion by Vinny Calcagni, seconded by Brandon Kipp, the TSAC voted unanimously to approve the June 21, 2023, meeting minutes as presented.

There was no guest for non-agenda items.

5. Cummings Road Speed – Steven Korshak and his son were present to talk about speeding in front of their house. Steve explained that he has noticed excess speeds on an increase in recent years. He is requesting that the speed limit be changed to 25mph on Cummings road. He stated that he has talked with the police department about his concerns. The committee talked about the speed study conducted by the State of Vermont the was conducted in 2021. They informed Mr. Korshak that they are looking at the speeds on both Cummings Road and Windywood Road. After some discussion, the committee decided that Josh Martineau will draft a memo to the selectboard recommending the speed on Cummings Road and Windywood be lowered from 40mph to 35mph. The draft memo will be reviewed at the next meeting.

6. Henry Street “No Outlet” – Allen Heath is requesting a “No Outlet” sign on Henry Street in South Barre. Allen has had vehicles turning up Henry Street thinking its another way to get to Websterville Road. TSAC discussed the situation and Vinny Calcagni made the motion to install a “No Outlet” sign at the beginning of Henry Street. Motion was seconded by Bret Meyer. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Farwell Street Speed Bump and Blind Drive – Bill John is requesting speed bumps on Farwell Street. He is also requesting a “Blind Drive” sign to the south end of his driveway. The committee reviewed the speed study that was conducted in 2022 and the Town’s Speed Hump, Bump, and Table Policy. Farwell Street is a 35mph road and has an AADT 950 vehicles, those two conditions disqualify Farwell Street for speed bumps. TSAC discussed sight distances and the minimum sight distance required for a 35mph road. Bret Meyer made the motion to install a new “Blind Drive” sign south of Mr. John’s driveway for northbound traffic. Motion seconded by Brandon Kipp. Motion passed unanimously.

8. “Stop Ahead” School and Nichols Road – Kristine Wolfrom is requesting “Stop Ahead” signs for the Beckley Hill Road intersection on School and Nichols Roads. Kristine has noticed people not stopping at the Beckley Hill intersection. Vinny Calcagni stated he has also witnessed the same thing. TSAC reviewed required sight distances for a 35mph road and actual sight distances. Bret stated that due to the elevation of the intersection the fog can become very thick with almost zero visibility. Bret Meyer made the motion to add a stop sign to the north side of School Road for eastbound traffic, add a stop sign to the south side of Nichols Road for westbound traffic, and a

“Stop Ahead” sign on Nichols Road east of the intersection for westbound traffic. Motion seconded by Tony Amaral. Motion unanimously approved.

9. East Cobble Hill Road Signs – Danielle Rubalcaba is requesting a 35mph sign midway in the 35mph zone on East Cobble Hill Road. She is also requesting a “Blind Drive Ahead” sign east of her driveway. TSAC reviewed current signs and minimum sight distances for a 35mph road. It was noted that traffic coming off Taplin and Partridge Roads do not have a speed limit sign. TSAC discussed that the sight distances and the intersection sign next to the driveway did not warrant the need for a “Blind Drive” sign. Bret made the motion to install a 35mph sign east of Partridge Road and west of Taplin Road. Seconded by Tony. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Other Business – The Town Engineer informed TSAC that CVRPC has only done 3 speed study’s and are waiting to see if there is extra time once all the towns have completed 3 speed studies.

Next Meeting – September 20, 2023

At 8:17 p.m. on a motion by Dave Freeman, seconded by Bret Meyer, TSAC voted unanimously to adjourn.

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Dave Freeman

Bret Meyer

Tony Amaral

Vinny Calcagni

Brandon Kipp