

Town of Barre  
Traffic Safety Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
June 21, 2023

The Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) held a public meeting on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, in person at the Barre Town Municipal building. Committee members present were Dave Freeman, Vinny Calcagni, Brandon Kipp and Tony Amaral. Also present was Town Engineer Josh Martineau. A list of attendees is located in the TSAC minutes folder.

David Freeman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

On a motion by Vinny Calcagni, seconded by Bret Myer, the TSAC voted unanimously to approve the May 17, 2023, meeting minutes as presented.

There was no guest for non-agenda items.

**5. Public Hearing- Lepage Road Intersection** – David Freeman Opened the public hearing at 7:08 PM. Several residents from LePage Road were in attendance. Residents expressed that there is a sight distance issue when looking down Mekkelsen Road from Lepage Road. They would also like to see an intersection ahead sign installed for traffic coming up the hill on Mekkelsen Road. The Residents do not think that the yield sign will help the intersection and that they would prefer the intersection to remain unmarked. The public meeting ended at 19:40. The motion by Bret Myer to conclude the public hearing was seconded by Vinny Calcagni and unanimously passed. The committee had some more discussion about the intersection and there was a motion by Bret Myer to recommend to the Selectboard the installation of a yield sign on LePage Road at the intersection with Mekkelsen and Beckley Hill Road. Motion Seconded by Vinny. The motion was approved unanimously. The committee decided to approve the recommendation because the sign will clearly define who has the right of way, as they felt it was not obvious due to the geometry of the road. The committee will also meet on site before the next TSAC meeting and look at the other issue brought up and may suggest more recommendations later.

**6. Children at Play signs for Countryside Development** Two members of the Countryside Homeowners Association were present to request watch for children signs for their neighborhood. They reported to the committee that delivery trucks and outsiders were speeding throughout the neighborhood. They would like to see watch for children signs installed at either end of Fieldstone Lane on the roads entering the development. The committee informed them that watch for children and children at play signs do not conform to MUTCD. Those types of signs can also give a false sense of safety to allow children to play in the road. The committee said that the temporary signs and flags have been effective in slowing people down and that they were welcome to try that method, but a permanent sign would not be allowed within the right of way.

7. **Speed Study Waterman Street** – Jen Kipp of 33 Waterman Street was in to request a speed study on Waterman Street. She has seen speeds of 50 mph when the police department has installed their radar signs. She has also had someone go off the road onto her lawn. The committee agreed to the speed study and will put in the request to the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission.

8. **Other Business** – The Town Engineer will provide a speed study update at next month’s meeting.

**Next Meeting – July 19, 2023**

At 8:44 p.m. on a motion by Tony Amaral, seconded by Vinny Calcagni, TSAC voted unanimously to adjourn.

Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

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Dave Freeman

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Bret Meyer

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Tony Amaral

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Vinny Calcagni

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Brandon Kipp