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TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 21, 2015

7:00 P.M.

AGENDA

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

- 1. Review and approve the Minutes of November 19, 2014.**
- 2. Review and Discussion – Old & New Business**
 - A. Vermont Agency of Transportation – Review with Paul Keegan of VTRANS about ongoing and upcoming programs in the Agency.**
 - B. East Cobble Hill Road - Consider reinstatement of streetlight on East Cobble Hill Road near #201 East Cobble Hill Road (G. Lowe Residence) as requested by George Lowe. **Possible Action Item****
- 3. Other Business –**
 - A. Miscellaneous – Training – Open training workshop to committee
Open Meeting Law scheduled for Wednesday April 1 at 6:30 at
Town Offices put on by VLCT – Municipal Assistance Center**
 - B. Schedule items for February 18 meeting**
- 4. Adjourn**

TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**January 21, 2015
7:00 P.M.
Minutes**

The Chairman asked and determined there were no items to be brought forward to add to the agenda before taking up the regular order of business as posted in the agenda.

**Members Present: Chauncey Liese, Paul White, Val Vallerand
William Kirby. Dan Newhall was absent**

**Others Present: Harry Hinrichsen, Town Engineer, Paul Keegan, VTRANS-
Vermont Local Roads (VLR), and Kevin Gadapee, VTRANS-VLR**

1. Review and approve the Minutes of November 19, 2014.

The minutes were reviewed and Val Vallerand made a suggested correction for taking the word “not” from the sentence regarding canceling the December meeting from the calendar. Although Dan Newhall was not present to defend himself it was determined that we did in fact cancel the need for a December meeting. It was agreed that the minutes should be amended.

Motion: A motion was made to approve and to accept the minutes of November 19, 2014 as amended.

Motion by: Val Vallerand
Seconded by: William Kirby

The item to approve was carried unanimously.

2. Review and Discussion – Old & New Business

A. Vermont Agency of Transportation –Paul Keegan and Kevin Gadapee both of VTRANS – Vermont Local Roads (VLR) reviewed ongoing and upcoming programs in the restructured organization. Paul introduced Kevin as the new program manager. He also reviewed several workshops that are available to municipal officials, committees and board members as well as state and municipal highway department employees.

Paul & Kevin explained that the new program is being operated out of the Agency of Transportations Technical Training Center on the Barre-Montpelier Road. Previously, the Local Roads Program was operated out of St. Michael’s College in Colchester, VT. The new program is offering similar training courses but at no cost to municipalities. The courses that are offered cover a broad range of topics.

The majority of classes are directed to highway workers, road foremen and supervisors. Other municipal officials, board and committee members and employees would benefit from classes as well. They offer class categories that break out in Road Scholar, Equipment Scholar, Technical Training, Safety Training and Management Training certificates once the curriculum is completed.

There will be an effort to provide classes at many different regional locations around the state. The classes are free but require advance registration. Many are half day classes but there may be some classes that would be offered in tandem sequence to provide a full day's training.

Members of the TSAC were invited to submit their email addresses to Kevin at Local Roads and join the List Serve connection to receive the bulletin and information newsletter which provides email access to various offerings and communications among towns about the many questions and topics of concern from the field.

- B. East Cobble Hill Road** - Consider reinstatement of a streetlight on East Cobble Hill Road near #201 East Cobble Hill Road (G. Lowe Residence) as requested by George Lowe. The light being considered for reinstatement was on GMP Pole # 40999/8561. The light was removed prior as part of the LED upgrade program with Green Mountain Power.

Discussion on the matter included the reinstatement due to transition to the built-up area of East Cobble Hill as well as the transition from 40 to 35 MPH in the speed limit. It is also the location where the pole spacing was maintained at every other pole coming from the East Barre end of East Cobble Hill Road.

3. Other Business –

- A. Miscellaneous – Training** – Harry announced that there will be an open training workshop to committee members on the Open Meeting Law scheduled for Wednesday April 1 at 6:30 at the Town Offices put on by VLCT – Municipal Assistance Center. Town Clerk Donna Kelty invited all committee members to attend.
- B. Schedule any possible items for the February 18th meeting.** After discussion and clarification, Harry added a reminder of the Public Hearing scheduled for March 18 on Carnes Road – for a proposed new “Stop” sign at the Bianchi Street intersection.

4. Adjourn –

Motion to adjourn: William Kirby moved to adjourn at 8:30 P.M.