

Town of Barre  
Traffic Safety Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
December 18, 2019

The Town of Barre Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) held a public meeting on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 in the Municipal Building at 149 Websterville Road. Committee members present were: William Kirby, Shaun Corbett, Jeff Blow, Dave Freeman and Bret Myer. Also present were Town Engineer Harry Hinrichsen and Town Manager Carl Rogers.

Acting chairman Bill Kirby called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

On a motion by Shaun Corbett, seconded by Dave Freeman, TSAC voted unanimously to approve the written meeting agenda with the addition of election of officers under New and Other Business.

Kirby welcomed Bret Meyer who was attending his first meeting to TSAC. Meyer told the other members about his work experience as related to traffic safety

There were no guests.

Jeff Blow made a motion to approve the November 20, 2019 meeting minutes as written. Corbett seconded the motion and it was adopted by a 5-0 vote.

**East Cobble Hill – School Bus Stop Ahead** – Kirby reported information he obtained from the school bus company providing BTMES's bus transportation. He said the bus almost was hit at the Hillside Avenue/E. Cobble Hill intersection. He said the school will follow what the bus drivers and bus company recommend. TSAC discussed the safety of children walking and safety of the bus at its stop. Corbett moved to recommend a School Bus Stop Ahead sign be installed on East Cobble Hill Road for traffic from the West Cobble Hill end approaching the bus stop at #410 and to send a letter to the school board recommending the bus stop at Hillside Avenue for children who live on that street. Blow seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

**Narrowing Travel Lanes** – Corbett said he has found a few reports or articles about narrowing travel lanes by moving the edge lines. He will continue looking. Blow suggested all streets with a 25-mph speed limit and white edge lines should have 10' travel lanes. TSAC asked staff to check the 2021 paving plan for a 25-mph street with white edge lines and have a speed survey done on it during 2020. The consensus of the Committee was to continue working on this idea.

**Graniteville Road Crosswalk** – Rogers reported on his conversation with John MacLeod who requested the crosswalk. After hearing Mr. MacLeod's answers to the questions TSAC asked at the November meeting, members voiced the opinion that a crosswalk was not needed. It was noted that pedestrian activity signs are gate posted on Graniteville Road for traffic coming from Middle Road. Members stated a concern about creating a false sense of security for pedestrians crossing the road. Blow made a motion to install the crosswalk across Graniteville Road near the south entrance to the Graniteville Picnic Area. There was no second to the motion.

**Election of Officers** – Blow moved, and Corbett seconded that Bill Kirby be elected chairman of TSAC. The motion was approved unanimously. Freeman moved and Myer seconded to elect Shaun Corbett as vice-chair. The motion was approved 5-0.

TSAC members thanked Harry Hinrichsen for his 26 years of service to the Town and TSAC. Kirby moved and Myer seconded a motion to officially thank Harry Hinrichsen for his service and wished him well in retirement. TSAC approved the motion unanimously. Jovial conversation followed.

**Next Meeting** – TSAC planned to meet on its regularly scheduled night (15<sup>th</sup>) in January. Members asked for a town road map with roads in 25 mph zones and white edge lines be marked. Also, they asked to have the 5-year road paving plan available.

On a motion by Blow, seconded by Freeman, TSAC voted to adjourn at 7:58pm.

Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

signed by David Freeman\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_Shaun Corbett\_\_\_\_\_

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