

Town of Barre
Traffic Safety Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2019

The Town of Barre Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) held a public meeting on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 in the Municipal Building at 149 Websterville Road. Committee members present were: William Kirby, Shaun Corbett, Jeff Blow and Dave Freeman. 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 meeting agenda as presented.

Kirby welcomed new member Freeman to TSAC. It was noted the Selectboard also appointed Bret Meyer to TSAC, filling all the vacant positions.

Corbett made a motion to approve the October 16, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Jeff Blow seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

East Cobble Hill – School Bus Stop Ahead – Engineer Harry Hinrichsen reported he talked with the school's bus transportation coordinator. He said a school bus stops at #410 East Cobble Hill twice in the morning and twice in the afternoon. He said the coordinator does not want the bus to stop at Hillside Avenue instead of #410. Kirby offered to talk with a bus company representative who might explain the bus company's or school's perspective on stopping at Hillside as compared to #410. TSAC will discuss this matter again at future meetings.

Windywood Road Speed Limit - TSAC briefly discussed: a) the Selectboard decision not to change the speed limit without a speed study and b) any interim steps to address speeding on Windywood. Blow made a motion that TSAC not take any action on the Windywood Road speed limit or speeding on Windywood Road until spring when a speed study survey could be done. Corbett seconded the motion and it was passed without dissent.

Traffic Counts/Speed Surveys – The Committee members mentioned highlights or key take-aways from the three speed and traffic reports sent to them. TSAC asked that the police chief provide a short list of roads for which he receives the most speeding complaints or requests for speed enforcement. TSAC will consider the list when making requests for traffic, speed surveys.

Narrowing Travel Lanes – Blow reported Windywood Road travel lanes by the orchard are marked at 11' wide. At Willow Drive though, the lanes are marked at 12' wide. On Camp Street at the city-town line the lanes are marked at 10' wide. The Committee talked about the idea of comparing speed of traffic before and after reducing the travel lane to 10'. Since Camp Street already is marked at 10', that road segment is not a good candidate for the study. The upper part of Hill Street also will be paved next summer and could be a good location for the experiment. The Committee agreed it would talk about this at future meetings.

Graniteville Road Crosswalk – TSAC heard a re-cap of resident John McLeod's request for a crosswalk from the Graniteville Road Picnic Area to the bike path. The Committee had questions about how often people park in the Picnic Area and cross Graniteville Road to the path, when it happens and how many people are involved. No action was taken pending receipt of more information.

Next Meeting – The next regularly scheduled meeting is on December 18. The Committee members said they are available to meet if there are agenda items.

At 8:07, on a motion by Corbett, seconded by Blow, the Committee voted 4-0 to adjourn.

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