

Town of Barre  
Traffic Safety Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
October 16, 2019

The Town of Barre Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) held a meeting on Wednesday, October 16, 2019. Committee members present were: William Kirby, Shaun Corbett and Jeff Blow. Town Manager Carl Rogers also was present.

The Committee had a site visit for 6:00 pm at #109 Taplin Hill Road to see firsthand the sight distance from the driveway of 109 Taplin. William Kirby, Shaun Corbett and Carl Rogers were present for the site visit. On the way to the Municipal Building the members and manager stopped at #410 East Cobble Hill Road to see conditions for the bus stop at that location.

Kirby called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Corbett made a motion to approve the written agenda with the addition of the request for a school bus ahead sign at 14 Rudd Farm Drive. Jeff Blow seconded the motion, which was approved 3-0.

On a motion by Blow, seconded by Corbett, the Committee unanimously approved the September 18, 2019 meeting minutes.

Hidden Drive Signs – Corbett noted that based on the site visit, Hidden Drive signs are warranted on each approach of the driveway for 109 Taplin Road. He made a motion to install Hidden Drive signs on Taplin Road on both sides of the driveway to #109, to have the existing Curve Ahead sign west of the driveway moved closer to the driveway, to have the two new signs and Curve Ahead sign placed per the Town Engineer's discretion. Blow seconded the motion, and the Committee voted 3-0 in favor of it.

Bus Stop Ahead – East Cobble Hill – The Committee noted they need more information from the school transportation coordinator. By consensus the Committee tabled action until they get more information and an answer to whether the bus could stop at Hillside Avenue.

Windywood/Sugarwoods –

- a) Stop sign – Rogers reported the stop sign is missing and he gave the DPW a sign work order to replace it ASAP.
- b) Streetlights – The Committee expressed a streetlight is not warranted at upper Sugarwoods. There is good sight distance and the bus stops are during daylight hours. They took no action on this request.
- c) Bus Stop Ahead – Because of ample sight distance on Windywood near upper Sugarwood Road, the Committee thought the bus stop ahead signs are not warranted.
- d) Speed – Committee members stated they believe speeding is a problem on Windywood Road. They stated the road is straight, fairly flat and in decent condition. Discussion about how to reduce speeding on Windywood and similar roads followed. The Committee discussed reducing the width of travel lanes, which led to starting an experiment. A section of Camp Street will be paved next summer. The Committee asked to have the CVRPC place its traffic counter/speed detector loops on that section of Camp this fall. After paving next year, the lanes would be marked 10 ½' wide and then speed measurement done again.

The Committee asked that the police department increase its speed enforcement and ticket writing on Windywood Road, especially near the orchard and Countryside Estates.

Rogers informed TSAC the sign locations for change in speed limit from 40 to 35 mph on Windywood do not match the ordinance. He asked if TSAC wished to rectify it. After discussion, Corbett moved that TSAC recommend an ordinance amendment to move the 35 mph zone out to the top of hill (beyond upper Sugarwoods) and to place the appropriate signs. Blow seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

Discussion about speeding continued. TSAC advised that the police department should see the CVRPC's speed detection reports, so the department knows which roads have the most speeding, compared to other roads, and when speeding is most likely to occur. CVRPC will be asked how many roads per year it would count traffic and measure speed. At future meetings TSAC will discuss a plan to gather this information for the police department's use.

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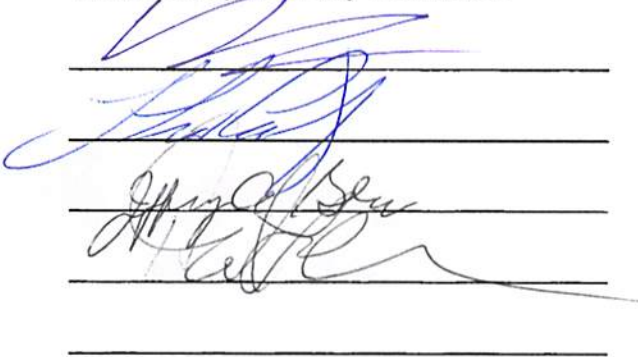
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