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## TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES

June 19, 2019

7:00 P.M.

**Members Present:** Chauncey Liese, Jeff Blow, Shaun Corbett, William Kirby

**Members Absent:**

**Other Present:** Carl Rogers, Harry Hinrichsen, Josh Howard (for Hill St. site visit)

The Committee met at the Trow Hill Playground to look at the location of a sidewalk requested by resident Josh Howard. The committee talked with Mr. Howard and walked the proposed location from the playground to the Trow Hill Grocery. After that site visit the Committee stopped at the Wilson Cemetery by the Quarry Hill/Graniteville / Websterville Road intersection to look at the intersection where Heather Slayton requested a crosswalk.

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

A request was made to add to the agenda truck traffic on lower Hill Street and placing a traffic counter on that section of road.

This item was added to the agenda by consensus of the Committee.

### 1. Review and approve the Minutes of May 15, 2019

**Motion:** Approve the minutes of the May 15, 2019 meeting with revisions.

**Made By:** Shaun Corbett

**Seconded by:** Jeff Blow

Approved Unanimously

### 2. Review and Discussion –

- **Graniteville Rd. #SAH 1-** Consider a request from Heather Slayton for a crosswalk at the intersection across Graniteville Road from Sterling Hill Road to Websterville Road. Her concern refers to people (particularly children) crossing (by walking or riding their bike) to Barre Town School or the Barre Town Recreation Area. **Possible Action Item**

Corbett moved and Kirby seconded a motion to place Pedestrian Activity signs on Quarry Hill Road and Graniteville Road the appropriate distance from the Sterling Hill intersection. The motion was approved unanimously.

- **Sterling Hill Rd. TH # 53**- Consider a request from Heather Slayton made for a center line delineating the road center on upper Sterling Hill Road. The particular problem she mentioned, is people not staying in their lane. She had a close call as she came up the hill and someone came over the crest of the hill over the center line. **Possible Action Item**

Jeff Blow moved and Corbett seconded a motion to take no action on this request at this time. The motion was approved unanimously.

- **Farwell St. - SAH # 12** – Consider a request from Mary Searles of 440 Farwell St. for speed monitoring as well as some sort of traffic advisory sign (in each direction) between the Town Line with E. Montpelier and the corner near Mekkelsen Rd. **Possible Action Item**

**Motion By:** Shaun Corbett moved to forward this item to the Police Department, so they can run the traffic cart to monitor traffic.

**Second By:** Jeff Blow  
Passed Unanimously

This will be put on next month's agenda.

- **Hill St. TH # 28** - Josh Howard made a request for a sidewalk across the front of his property located between the Trow Hill Playground and the Trow Hill Grocery. Many people, including children, walk to and from the playground to the store. Josh is suggesting that consideration be given for constructing a sidewalk in this area to improve pedestrian safety. **Possible Action Item**

Chauncey Liese: Alternatives to a sidewalk would be extending the shoulder of the road or pavement between the white line and edge of the road. If a sidewalk went in, the tree would need to be removed. An off-set sidewalk would be 5' if there is no curbing.

Shaun Corbett: ADA standards, design and curbing all add cost to the expense of the sidewalk. A paved 5' of extra shoulder would have a shorter turn around time and need less design.

Chauncey Liese: The sidewalk on the opposite side belongs to Barre Town until the city line.

William Kirby: We should really have a plan for doing sidewalk improvements.

Chauncey Liese: We would need a warrant for a sidewalk.

Shaun Corbett: There's probably no warrant for a paved shoulder and there are fewer constraints for paved shoulders.

Chauncey Liese: We can give this to the Select Board with two options. One is a paved extended shoulder; two is a sidewalk with the design costs. Should TSAC make a recommendation about elevated sidewalks with warrants or a paved shoulder with lesser requirements.

Jeff Blow: Most neighborhoods would like a wider shoulder.

Jeff Blow: Winter maintenance of the sidewalk would cost around \$20,000 for sanding, salting and plowing.

Chauncey Liese: We'll table the item for a sidewalk until we have traffic counts and pedestrian traffic warrants.

Carl Rogers: Pedestrian activity signs in conjunction with a wider shoulder is recommended. Playground signs and pedestrian advisory signs should be placed on Balsam and Sierra Lavin as well as Hill St. before the intersection.

**Motion By:** Jeff Blow moved that TSAC recommend that gate posted signs at Windy Wood/Hill St. intersection and at Osborne/Hill St. intersection be forwarded to the Select Board for approval.

**Second By:** Shaun Corbett Approved unanimously

Jeff Blow: Keep the paved shoulder on the agenda for next couple of meetings.

Shaun Corbett: Keep it in mind for paving contractor to pave for next year.

### 3. Other Business –

- **New Business** – Consider any other specific sign item requests or CVRPC traffic studies, etc. for the coming summer season. Put loops on Middle Rd. and Farwell St.; add loops to Windy Wood Rd. and Hill St. after paving is done.

Added to agenda: Request police to enforce the permitted route for trucks by Hill St.


Jeff Blow: The sign for the Hidden Drive on Holden Rd. for Darshir Lane was not put up. The line striping master list needs to be brought for the next meeting, so we can review it.

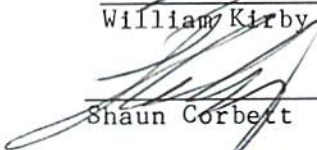
- **Other** – Review member status for coming year 2019-2020. Receive letter of resignation from Chauncey Liese.

Jeff Blow: Select Board Budget committee includes the coming year's budget. We're subject to budget review.

**4. Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.**

Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

  
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William Kirby

  
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