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TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

April 17, 2019

7:00 P.M.

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

1. Review and approve the Minutes of January 23, 2019
2. Review and Discussion –
 - **Washington Rd. @ Mill St.** – Review status and revised plans from VTRANS for the Mill St. intersection/realignment/improvement project STP HES 0169 (8).
 - **Casanova Street TH#** - Consider resident request for “No Parking” signs to be posted from corner of Church Hill Rd. and near gate into Town Forest. **Possible Action Item**
 - **Daniels Dr. TH # 128 & Rudd Farm Rd. TH # 129** – Consider a request from Jim Fecteau to post the westerly end of both roads (Richardson Rd. end) with 25 MPH speed limit signs. **Possible Action Item**
 - **Middle Road** – Review status of truck signage. Review previous recommendations and existing signage. (See attached Newsletter article from October 2018 meeting). If Barre Town Police Dept. unavailable to attend in person, include their comments regarding the situation. **Possible Action Item**
3. Other Business –
 - **New Business** – Consider any specific sign item requests or CVRPC traffic studies, etc. for the coming summer season.
 - **Other** – Review member status for coming year 2019-2020. Make recommendations, if any, for consideration as new member candidates.
4. Adjourn

TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Draft Minutes

April 17, 2019

7:00 P.M.

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

Members Absent: Val Vallerand

Other Present: Carl Rogers, Harry Hinrichsen, Alicia Feiler, P.E.

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

Alicia Feiler, P.E. from Malone Properties Inc. was present to discuss the matter of installing a future crosswalk on Pitman Road between the buildings of Vt. Creamery (#20 & #40 Pitman Rd.) and #29 Pitman Rd. –

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

1. Review and approve the Minutes of January 23, 2019

Motion: Approve the minutes of the January 23, 2019 meeting as written and submitted.

Made By: Shaun Corbett

Seconded By: Jeff Blow

Approved Unanimously

2. Review and Discussion – The Committee agreed to take up the matter of the pedestrian crossing for Vt Creamery first since Alicia Feiler was in attendance to represent Malone Properties.

- **Pitman Road – TH # 186** – A request by Alicia Feiler, P.E. on behalf of Malone Properties Inc. to provide a crosswalk on Pitman Rd. for employees of Vt. Creamery to access the parking lot at #29 Pitman Rd.

Alicia explained the proposal was to eventually allow for a more formal pedestrian crossing that would include a painted crosswalk.

Vermont Creamery Staff are working with Alicia to identify the criteria in order to clarify the requirements prior to moving forward.

Harry passed out copies of an email from Alicia relating to some of the criteria they had discussed in the fall of 2018.

Alicia proposed a location (walkway) across Pitman Rd. so employees of Vt. Creamery could walk safely between the buildings on the west side of Pitman (#20 & #40) and the building on the easterly side of Pitman (#29).

She indicated the lease would start in late April. A painted crosswalk would lead pedestrians to a more defined walkway (crossing).

Alicia had questions for the TSAC & Town Engineer which included a list of conditions or criteria for the crosswalk. She would like to have guidance if Malone Properties were to move forward with a more formal painted crossing (crosswalk).

The email from Alicia included but were not limited to the following items:

- Landings on either end of the crossing – are they needed?
- Additional (or different) signage and paint markings
- Would sidewalks be required – if so what length and type of materials?
- Would Sidewalks be required in the Right of Way on Pitman Rd.?
- How would sidewalks impact the ditching and/or other drainage?
- If the owners were amicable to the idea, could the ditch alignment be shifted to accommodate the landing or sidewalks?
- What type of review would the Town need or require? (TSAC? Any others?)

Shaun Corbett: The cost of infrastructure improvements should be borne by the user or party making the request.

Chauncey Liese: There are changes in alignment along this stretch of Pitman Road as well as other factors that influence the creation of a pedestrian crossing. Chauncey indicated that traffic counts could be conducted especially if it was felt they were necessary to get a more permanent crosswalk.

Alicia Feiler: There is currently a lease agreement between Malone Properties and Vt. Creamery that starts in late April with regard to 50 parking spaces and building space at 29 Pitman Rd.

Carl Rogers: Traffic counts could be done at specific intervals such as mornings from 8-9 AM., around noon from 12 -1 PM and at the end of the day 3-4:00 PM. This would provide information on the numbers of vehicles using Pitman Rd. during the time of greatest conflict between vehicles and pedestrians.

Jeff Blow: If there is no long-term lease, the crosswalk wouldn't really be needed. If there is more of a long-term lease would there may more of an agreement for the painted crosswalk.

Shaun Corbett: For a second shift , especially in the winter a painted crosswalk would be a benefit. In Burlington, they even use the flashing Pedestrian Crossing signs at places like Pine St.

- **Washington Rd. @ Mill St.** – Review status and revised plans from VTRANS for the Mill St. intersection/realignment/improvement project STP HES 0169 (8).

For the good of the order –

This VTRANS project is set to open bids on Friday 4-26-19.

The project is set to begin in August and be substantially complete by November.

- **Casanova Street TH#** - Consider resident request for “No Parking” signs to be posted from corner of Church Hill Rd. and near gate into Town Forest. **Possible Action Item**

The Bergerons (Denise & Greg) at # 14 Casanova St. requested “No Parking” signs be installed to restrict parking between the corner of Church Hill Rd and their house near the corner of Casanova Street. People using the Town Forest and other local attractions are parking vehicles and severely limiting the travel width on their street.

The Committee discussed a recommendation for a “No Parking” zone to be designated by the Town Engineer. The actual locations to be determined after a review. The Ordinance provision would state the length and which side or both if necessary.

It was decided to review this street prior to the May 15 Meeting at 6:45.

Harry would notify the Bergerons and other neighbors of the meeting as well as get more specific about the limits of the parking restriction.

- **Daniels Dr. TH # 128 & Rudd Farm Rd. TH # 129** – Consider a request from Jim Fecteau to post the westerly end of both roads (Richardson Rd. end) with 25 MPH speed limit signs. **Possible Action Item**

Jim Fecteau of Fecteau Residential requested speed limit signs be posted on both Daniels Dr. and Rudd Farm Rd. coming in off Richardson Rd. as neither has a speed limit sign on them currently. In anticipation of additional traffic once the Wobby Farm Subdivision is started, it is his concert that more traffic will also mean more chances of speeding.

C.L. – Indicated that he thought the speed limit signs should be the responsibility of the developer putting in the new streets.

W.K.- Bill was concerned about just putting up speed limit signs on the side streets as covered by the ordinance and in the general neighborhood. The signs cost money to purchase and install.

S.C. – Shaun felt the PD should be issuing tickets. If the tickets get dismissed by the court, then the Town would have a reason to post the signs. He felt the developer could be charged for purchasing and installing the signs during the build-out of the new subdivision.

Motion: Install 25 MPH signs at the westerly ends (beginning) of both Rudd Farm Rd. and Daniels Dr. as requested by Mr. Fecteau.

Made By: Jeff Blow

Second By: Ne second

The motion failed to receive a second and thus did not pass.

- **Middle Road** – Review status of truck signage. Review previous recommendations and existing signage. (See attached Newsletter article from October 2018 meeting). If Barre Town Police Dept. (BTPD) unavailable to attend in person, include their comments regarding the situation. **Possible Action Item**

Police Chief, William Dodge, had submitted a written memo by email indicating his concerns and the difficulty the BTPD has controlling tractor-trailer truck usage on Middle Rd.

C.L. – Discussed the issues of trucks accessing from Route 63. He felt that if there were two “No Truck” symbol signs directly across the intersection on Middle Rd. that should deter trucks from using the road.

C.L. – Chauncey also felt that Digital mapping systems and providers such as Google, Garmin, etc. that do GPS updates could help deter the trucks. Business owners should be asked to remind delivery drivers, as well, not to use Middle Rd. They shouldn’t be using it either uphill or downhill. BTPD enforcement should be checking gross vehicle weight on the vehicle registration.

Dan Currier from CVRPC has previously suggested posting “**Steep Grade**” signs at both ends (top & bottom) of the road.

The TSAC was reminded that they had received approval on October 23, 2019 for “No Trucks” signage for the top & bottom of the hill. It has not yet been installed by DPW.

W.K. – suggested any installed signs be lit by solar powered lights.

CVRPC should do an updated traffic study to assist in determining the time of day and actual numbers of trucks using the road. DMV could also be requested to assist in monitoring the truck traffic.

The state should be contacted about digital map services to advise truckers that travel on Middle Rd. is restricted.

5. Other Business –

- **New Business** – Consider any specific sign item requests or CVRPC traffic studies, etc. for the coming summer season.

Traffic Counts were indicated for Middle Rd. to assist in enforcement of the Truck traffic detail.

- **Other** – Review member status for coming year 2019-2020. Make recommendations, if any, for consideration as new member candidates.

It was noted that Val Vallerand is stepping off the board this May and the Select Board will need find a replacement. Jeff Blow is also up for appointment but has confirmed he is willing to stay on the committee.

6. Adjourn – 8:44 P.M.

Motion to Adjourn was made at 8:44 P.M.

Made by S.C. – Moved to adjourn the meeting

Second by W.K.

Meeting adjourned