

Town of Barre  
Traffic Safety Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
July 15, 2020

The Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) held a public meeting on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 in the Municipal Building at 149 Websterville Road. Committee members present were William Kirby, Shaun Corbett, Dave Freeman and Bret Myer. Also present were Town Engineer Josh Martineau, Town Manager Carl Rogers, and Rolland Bellavance.

Chairman William Kirby called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Dave Freeman made a motion, seconded by Bret Myer, to approve the meeting agenda as presented. The motion was approved unanimously. (Shaun Corbett was not present at that time.)

On a motion by Freeman, seconded by Myer, the TSAC voted unanimously to approve the March 18, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. (Corbett was not present at that time.)

There were no guests for an item not on the agenda.

**5. Truck Route Signage** – Rolland Bellavance, owner of Bellavance Trucking, was asked by Jeff Blow to talk with TSAC about signage from the trucker's perspective. The conversation centered on Middle Road. Bellavance said the signs at the bottom of Middle Road were too small. He suggested a sign that said Truck Detour with a left turn arrow and then another Truck Detour with right turn arrow on Rt. 14 just before Quarry Street. TSAC suggested signs on Rt. 63 would help truckers to get in the proper lane and be prepared to turn left at Rt. 14. The state's travel directional signs on Rt. 63 and Rt. 14 might be helpful. Bellavance noted the I-89 signs at the top of Middle Road (Graniteville Road) by Rock of Ages are confusing. The signs tell drivers to go straight on Middle Road to reach I-89. Bellavance noted that truckers drive all around, some all around the country. He said from experience he knows jurisdictions do things differently. He said in some places jurisdictions don't enforce the signs. He said two commonly used GPS services are Qualcom and Rand McNally. He said truckers tend to watch their GPS device and follow the route it is laying out.

TSAC was interested in improving the signage coming off Rt. 63 and at the bottom of Middle Road. Staff was asked to try arranging for an AOT official to attend a TSAC, via phone, Teams or Zoom if needed.

**6. Speed Humps Websterville Road** – TSAC considered Mr. Allan Elsworthy's question about the feasibility of speed bumps (humps) on Websterville Road between Mill Street and Waterman Street. After questions and answers to be sure they understood the request, TSAC members concluded that due to the short distance between intersections and the stop sign on Websterville Road at Waterman, speed humps would not be warranted at that location. They also pointed out the frequent turning movements and on-street parking at the post office reduces speed. TSAC asked to have the police department do speed enforcement on that block.

**7. No Outlet Signs**

a) **Casanova Street** – The request was made by Lindsay Killian who lives in the last house on the street. Rogers told TSAC there is no turnaround, except the home's driveway, at the end of Casanova. Corbett made a motion to approve installing a No Outlet sign on Casanova. Myer seconded the motion. TSAC voted 4-0 to approve the motion.

b) **McLeod Hill Road** – Ellen Dunkling lives on the road and requested the sign. She said she sees trucks as well as cars trying to go up McLeod Hill Road. It is a dead-end road but at the end Rock of Ages has quarry access roads which might be showing up on some mapping services. Corbett moved and Myer seconded to approve installing a No Outlet sign on McLeod Hill Road. All were in favor of the motion.

**8. Traffic Counts** – Josh Martineau advised the traffic and speed detection tubes are on Cassie Street, Camp Street, Osborne Road and Hill Street. Ashley at CVRPC said the Town should have the data in two weeks. TSAC asked the next agenda include an item to review and discuss the traffic data.


9. **Election** – Freeman made a motion to appoint Bill Kirby chairman and Shaun Corbett vice-chair. Corbett seconded the motion. TSAC voted 4-0 to approve the motion.

10. **Other Business** – TSAC mentioned DPW’s plans to widen the shoulder on Hill Street between the playground and Trow Hill Grocery parking lot. Martineau said the resident requesting it asked about no parking signs to keep people from parking on the shoulder that is intended for pedestrian use. TSAC briefly discussed the matter. Painting white cross hatching was mentioned as an alternative. TSAC felt it should wait to see if parking on the shoulder becomes a problem before erecting signs or painting the pavement.

11. **Next Meeting** – The August 19 meeting date was noted.

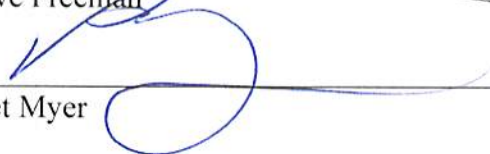
At 7:57 p.m. on a motion by Corbett, seconded by Myer, TSAC voted unanimously to adjourn.

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