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TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 18, 2015

7:00 P.M.

AGENDA

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

- 1. Review and approve the Minutes of January 21, 2015.**
- 2. Review and Discussion – Old & New Business**
 - A. PUBLIC HEARING - Carnes Road (North end) –STOP SIGN**
Review consideration for recommending a new Stop Sign at the intersection of Carnes Road and Bianchi Street in East Barre.
Possible Action Item
 - B. Carnes Road – Consider recommending a “Stop” or “Yield” sign to the Select Board for traffic control at the Carnes Road Intersection with Bianchi Street. **Possible Action Item****
- 3. Other Business –**
 - A. Miscellaneous – Training Reminder – Open training workshop to committee on Open Meeting Law scheduled for 6:30 P.M. at the Barre Town Offices for Wednesday, April 1 put on by VLCT – Municipal Assistance Center.**
 - B. Review Terms of Committee Members**
 - C. Status of reinstated street lights (with new LED units)**
 - D. Schedule items for February 18 meeting**
- 4. Adjourn**

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7:00 P.M.

DRAFT Minutes

**Members Present: Chauncey Liese, Dan Newhall, Val Vallerand, Bill Kirby
Others Present: Harry Hinrichsen, Chris Locarno, Cameron Locarno
Absent: Paul White**

**The meeting opened at 7:10 PM by Chair Chauncey Liese.
The Chair asked if there were any additions to the agenda or anyone at the meeting not there for an item posted on the agenda. There were no additions and no one for anything other than an agenda item.**

- 1. Review and approve the Minutes of January 21, 2015.
Motion to Approve the Minutes of 1-21-15.
Motion: William Kirby
Second: Dan Newhall
Discussion: There were no additions or corrections.**

The item was approved unanimously.

2. Review and Discussion – Old & New Business

- A. PUBLIC HEARING – Chair Liese opened the Hearing for the Intersection of Carnes Road (North end) – STOP SIGN at 7:15 PM.**

TSAC was looking for comments before deciding on whether to recommend a new Stop Sign at the intersection of Carnes Road and Bianchi Street in East Barre.

Chief of Barre Town Police Department (PD) - Mike Stevens gave the first round of comments relative to the position of the Police Department. He stated that for the record the PD had only one officer at a time on duty most days. His situation made it difficult to place the officer in the field to monitor traffic and enforce violations of regulatory signs such as Speed Limit and Stop signs. It is most particularly difficult on low volume dead end streets such as Bianchi Street and Carnes Road. Chief Stevens gave as an example another local dead end street in East Barre – Clyde Street. Several times in the past two years the PD has been called complaining about motorists passing through the intersection of Clyde with High Street that fail to come to a complete stop at the Stop sign.

Chief Stevens - CS feels the concept should make the public aware of the need for Carnes Road traffic to yield to Bianchi Street traffic.

He indicated that placing a Stop sign on Carnes Road would create an unreasonable enforcement hardship on the PD based on the available staff. In his opinion he felt that a Yield sign would be an effective first step in applying traffic flow control to the neighborhood. The Chief had also provided the Town Engineer with a memo stating that position. Harry had made copies of the memo for the TSAC and the public (Mr. Locarno) and had passed them out at the beginning of the meeting.

Chauncey Liese - CL wondered if there was adequate sight distance at the Carnes Road intersection to allow motorists the opportunity to see traffic coming up the hill from the direction of Cameron's Garage. It appears there is adequate sight distance.

Chris Locarno – C. Locarno expressed his gratitude to the TSAC and to Chief Stevens and the PD for their support of his concerns to date. He indicated that he would still like to someday see a speed hump on Bianchi St. Chris also respects the position of the PD to create more of a traffic calming situation than one that creates an enforcement problem.

Chauncey Liese – Asked whether there was a good (appropriate) place to position a speed hump.

Chris Locarno – The best place to put a speed hump would be right in front of his house.

Chauncey Liese – Is there an existing sign for the ballfield on Bianchi St.? Perhaps an advanced warning sign for the recreational area would be a good idea as it may tend to slow traffic down.

Cameron Locarno – Chris's son was present. Cameron expressed a concern that the motorists might not slow down or pay attention to the signs. What if they didn't work?

Dan Newhall – Dan indicted the advanced warning sign relays a need to use caution in the approach to the ballfield.

Chris Locarno – Chris mentioned that there are several places that use the solar panels for controlling the speed limit.

Chief Stevens – The Chief mentioned that he was working with the PD to procure a new speed cart that would light up and indicate the speed of the oncoming vehicle. This enforcement tool has been useful in the past where there has been problems with speeding in other neighborhoods.

Dan Newhall – Dan commented that the one thing to keep in mind is that there isn't really any sign that will change the nature of people doing something they shouldn't do in the first place such as wanting to go fast or to going through an intersection without stopping.

Chris Locarno – Chris indicated that he understands the circumstances and would be happy with whatever the TSAC could do to improve the situation.

The Public Hearing was closed by the Chair at 7:40 PM.

- B. Carnes Road** – Consider recommending a “Stop” or “Yield” sign to the Select Board for traffic control at the Carnes Road intersection with Bianchi Street.

W. K and D. N. both felt that an advanced warning sign for the ballfield was in order.

Chauncey indicated that he felt the Yield sign maybe a better solution to the traffic concerns and therefore more appropriate.

Val V. and W.K. both agreed with the Chair as to the Yield sign.

Motion: Recommend to Select Board to ordain a Yield sign for Carnes Road at the intersection with Bianchi St. and approve an advanced warning sign for the Recreational Area to be located near the easterly corner of the Locarno property and the East Barre (Town) Recreation Field on Bianchi Street.

Motion By: William Kirby

Second By: Val Vallerand

Discussion: Dan N. wasn't sure the signs would be effective.

The Motion carried 3-0-1 (Dan Newhall abstaining)

3. Other Business –

A. Miscellaneous – Harry once again reminded the TSAC of the upcoming training workshop on the Vermont Open Meeting Law scheduled for 6:30 P.M. at the Barre Town Offices for Wednesday, April 1 put on by VLCT – Municipal Assistance Center.

Chauncey, Paul, Val and Harry are all signed up for the training.

B. Review Terms of Committee Members

The terms of Dan Newhall and William Kirby are both up for renewal this May. Both members indicated a willingness to remain on the Committee for an additional 3-year term.

C. Schedule items for April 15 meeting – There was nothing presently.

D. Other Business – Dan Newhall mentioned that he would like to see the members of the TSAC listed in the minutes of the Committee Meetings as they are posted in the Quarterly Newsletters. Several of the other Town committees have their members listed and Dan feels it is appropriate to do the same for the TSAC.

5. Adjourn –

Dan Newhall moved to adjourn at 8:30 PM.