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TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 20, 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 March 18, 2015.

2. Review and Discussion – Old & New Business

A. Middle Road (South end) – Truck Signage

Review Issues regarding the limitation to overweight truck traffic turning right on Middle Road at the intersection of Middle Road and Graniteville Road. Possible Action Item

B. Middle Road – Consider recommending a replacement “Caution Camp Ground Ahead” sign for the Lazy Lions Camp Ground.

Possible Action Item

3. Other Business –

A. Miscellaneous –

B. Schedule items for June 17 meeting –

Consider request from Lynette Knapp – 18 High St. – consider placement of Speed Humps for High and/or Summer St. to control speeding in East Barre area.

4. Adjourn

TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 20, 2015

7:00 P.M.

Draft Minutes

Members Present: Chauncey Liese, Val Vallerand, Bill Kirby, Paul White
Others Present: Harry Hinrichsen, Carl Rogers, Jeff Blow, Jack Mitchell
Absent: Dan Newhall

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

Harry mentioned that the original agenda did not have the issue under item for next month's meeting – East Barre resident Lynette Knapp's request for speed humps or some sort of traffic calming for the High-Summer-Garden Street area.

1. Review and approve the Minutes of March 18, 2015.

Motion: Accept the minutes with the version that shows Chief Mike Stevens in attendance.

Made by: Paul White

Second by: Val Vallerand

There was no change or discussion.

The minutes were adopted unanimously.

2. Review and Discussion – Old & New Business

A. Middle Road (South end) – Truck Signage

TSAC was asked by the Select Board to review issues regarding the limitation to overweight truck traffic turning right on Middle Road at the intersection of Middle Road and Graniteville Road.

Motion: The sign package should include a number of signs for the intersection to make it clear that overweight trucks and buses are to use Graniteville Road and Quarry Hill to access Route 14 and Interstate I-89.

The sign package should include the following signs:

1. Graniteville Road -“Trucks and Buses – **Left Turn Only”**

(2). These **two** signs would be black on white (regulatory-enforcement). One would be posted to the right side of Graniteville Road on the approach to the Stop sign **at Middle Road** from the north about 50' from the corner.

The other sign would be posted across from the Stop sign on Middle Road near the hedges, to the right of the W1- 6 Black Arrow Advisory.

2. **Graniteville Road** -“Trucks and Buses – Right Turn Only”
(1). This sign should be posted on Graniteville Road 100’ +/- south of the Rock of Ages Driveway (prior to the slip lane) to the right side of the road for traffic coming from the village.
3. **Websterville Road** - Directional Sign – “Route 14 –I-89 with Right Arrow -Trucks and Buses”. This sign would be posted near the Wilson Cemetery on the approach to the intersection with Quarry Hill Road.
4. **Sterling Hill Road** – Recommended a “No Trucks” symbol signs R14-5 and R14-5P beyond the first driveway on the right into MacAuley Meats (old Malden Mills bldg.) for Sterling Hill Road. This sign would be for traffic headed west to prevent trucks from heading further down the hill towards Cherrywood and the gravel part of the road.

Discussion: Jeff, Jack and Carl were present to discuss the issue of overweight trucks on Middle Road.

There was considerable discussion from Carl, Jeff and Jack regarding the concern over continued overweight truck traffic on Middle Road.

Jeff indicated that there have been repeated times when he has followed a tractor trailer truck either up or down the hill on Middle Road. A recent situation resulted in a truck operator going to court to contest the ticket issued by Barre Town Police Officer Sgt. William Dodge. The driver wanted to fight the ticket in court but failed to have representation and lost the case resulting in a significant fine.

Jeff and Jack both expressed the main concern for the safety of people in other vehicles when trucks and buses are using the hill.

Carl also made several comments **regarding** tractor trailer and dump (gravel) trucks coming up and down the Middle Road hill. This happens many times during poor driving conditions with slippery roads. These trucks do not have a permit from the Town.

Jeff indicated that there have been several trucks issued permits for travel for Middle Road that come from the Department of Motor Vehicles. The State has said they don’t have jurisdiction over local roads.

Chauncey Liese indicated that those permits don’t come from his office.

Although there was a lot of discussion, the TSAC ultimately decided to make a recommendation based on a summary of the list of signs to help in solving the problem at various locations.

Made By: Val Vallerand
Second By: William Kirby

The motion passed unanimously.

C. **Middle Road** – Consider recommending a replacement “Caution Camp Ground Ahead” sign for the Lazy Lions Camp Ground.

Motion: Table this item for further discussion in June
Made By: William Kirby
Second By: Paul White

Discussion: The big questions are “Does this sign still serve a purpose?” Do the campground owners still feel it is necessary? Which direction is the trailer-RV traffic coming from? Do Big Trucks with trailers still come off Route 63 up Middle Road or do they use Quarry Hill?

The Town should replace the sign if it is still needed.

Harry should contact the campground owner and determine if the sign is of any benefit to them for customers coming to the facility.

This item was tabled until June.

3. Other Business –

A. Miscellaneous –

Middle Road - Jack Mitchell was following up on the issue of the safety concerns with regard to left running traffic at the light for Middle Rd. - South Barre Rd.-Route 63 in South Barre. A previous request for a letter to the State of Vermont VTRANS to consider adjusting the signal to create a delay in the light to allow left turning traffic safer passage without having the through traffic to pass and cause a conflict.

To date the Town has not heard if this issue how this is being addressed.

The was discussion about contacting someone at VTRANS such as Kevin Marshia - Assistant Director of Program Development for

VTRANS with regards to follow through on this matter. Amy Gamble of VTRANS may also be a point of contact to be included in the discussion on this matter.

There was discussion about requesting VTRANS to modify the overhead sign to indicate that Truck Routes only go north and south on Route 14 and not up Middle Road.

B. Schedule items for June 17 meeting –

- 1. Consider Traffic Calming for Sterling Hill Road – Jeff and Jack both suggested considering reinstating some form of traffic island at Sterling Hill Road and South Barre Road. There was formerly a removable traffic island **at this intersection.****
- 2. Consider request from Lynette Knapp – 18 High St. – consider placement of Speed Humps for High and/or Summer St. to control speeding in East Barre area.**

4. Adjourn

**Motion Made By: William Kirby
Time: 8:55 P.M.**