

Town of Stow
Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

Minutes of December 12, 2023, Traffic Safety Advisory Meeting

Members Present: Chief Michael Sallese, Fire Chief John P Benoit, Valerie Oorthuys and Highway Department Superintendent Brian Hatch.

Chief Benoit called meeting to order at 1:03 PM

Approval of Minutes | November 21, 2023

Chief Sallese moved to approve the minutes. Brian Hatch Seconded.

VOTED: 4-0 (Unanimously in favor: Chief Benoit- Yea; Valerie Oorthuys – Yea; Chief Sallese –Yea; Brian Hatch-Yea)

Member Updates:

- Chief Sallese discussed some feedback he received about traffic redirection issues related to the Gobbler in Bolton.
- Chief Sallese updated the committee regarding the purchase of the Shield 15 Radar sign that was purchased through the MRS Grant as well as an overview of the software. The software is included for the first year but to continue with it would be an additional \$1500 annually. The sign will be placed on Pompositticut Street to start.
- Other towns are starting to receive their bike signs from the grant that Brian Hatch put in for. It is believed they are going in alphabetical order by town so the time frame for Stow receiving ours is unknown.
- The additional 25mph speed sign on Harvard Rd was installed.
- The reflective marker at the bottom of Whitman St has been knocked down multiple times now so the decision has been made to remove it.

Honeypot Orchards:

- Honeypot Orchards requested to be put on the agenda to start discussion possible traffic mitigation plans for next year's apple season.
- Multiple ideas and options were discussed at length.
- This topic will be put on the next agenda as well so that conversations can continue.

310 Sudbury Road:

- Chief Benoit has updated the resident regarding what steps the Committee has taken regarding his concerns.
- Committee reviewed the letter drafted by Chief Benoit to be presented at the January meeting of the Select Board regarding creating a safety zone.

Marlboro Road:

- The committee further discussed the options previously presented by the Planning Board.
- To have a traffic consultant look at the option selected will be \$500. Valerie to go back to consultant regarding looking at the cost for consultant to look at additional options as well as bring questions raised regarding Option #9.
- Committee plans to do a "common sense" test of the options prior to any public hearing to make sure all public safety concerns are adequately addressed.

Parking Signs:

- Parking sign quote received by TSS was reviewed. A second quote will be sought from Perma-line.
- Discussion of adding additional language on the sign. COA will be consulted re: what language would be best.

Budget:

- The Committee discussed asking for \$10,000 for TSAC budget to use upon depletion of ARPA funds rather than the \$5,000 previously discussed.
- This would ensure coverage of postage for public hearings, 50 "No Parking" signs, traffic software for radar sign and the estimated \$5,000 for Marlboro Road option as well as the traffic consultant fees for that project.

Next Meeting January 2, 2023, at 1:00 PM

Motion to adjourn by Chief Sallese at 2:31PM. Brian Hatch Seconded.

VOTED: 4-0 (Unanimously in favor: Chief Benoit- Yea; Valerie Oorthuys – Yea; Chief Sallese –Yea; Brian Hatch-Yea)