

Traffic Review Board Minutes

Wednesday, November 16, 2022- 1pm

Chiefs Conference Room

Meeting commenced at 1:00 p.m. in the Chief's Conference Room

Present at Meeting: Chief Ryan, Anna Savastano, Sgt Stone, Dennis Franzi, Jim Ruzbasan, Jim Platosh, and Russ Arnold

New Business:

1122-01: Employee at Turbine Tech (126 Hyde Road) is concerned about speeding on Hyde Road and the potential for accidents due to the blind driveway when leaving the parking lot.

Group discussed that the "Hidden Driveway" sign is no longer an MUTDC recognized sign. That said, Engineering Department shared that they believe this property has come to TRB in the past for the same issue, around 5-7 years ago. It was decided that we will review what was done in the past and see if the area near the driveway needs to be cut back again.

1122-02: Resident of 241 Talcott Notch Road would like the speed limit on that road to be raised to at least 40 mph.

The Traffic Officer will report the speeding data at the next meeting. Tabled.

1122-03: Resident is concerned about the potential third bridge and the traffic/speeding that could result. Wants the Town to preemptively plan for issues that could arise.

Engineering Department reported that reviewing the traffic and speeding data in the neighborhoods surrounding the potential new Third Bridge will be part of the design process. At this time, the Third Bridge has not received funding and there are no immediate plans to begin design or construction. Closed.

Old Business:

1022-01: Resident at 77 Sylvan Ave wishes to have the No Outlet sign that was installed, to be removed. (Engineering Dept was going to return to look at the functionality/location, etc., and report back to the group).

Engineering will relocate the sign. Closed.

0922-04: Request for either a sidewalk to go up and continue up mountain on the north side of the street, or a crosswalk on the south side of the street between Hillstead and Mountain Road (Engineering Dept needed to do some further research).

The group discussed the possibility of installing a crosswalk. The main concern with installing a crosswalk in that area is that the sight distance is not enough to ensure that cars have enough time to see a pedestrian crossing and to stop. A crosswalk may give a pedestrian a false sense of security. Engineering will look into alternatives options to increase safety in the area.

0922-05: Resident is requesting speed bumps or flashing signs on Wood Pond Road. Concerned for safety of pedestrians, kids, etc., as there aren't any sidewalks and cars speed down the road on a daily basis. (Traffic Officer Frink to install speed signs to accumulate data to see if speeding is an issue that would warrant additional action).

Item tabled until the December meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Anna Savastano

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