

Traffic Committee

Minutes of the Dec. 12, 2018 Meeting

Attending: George Mora, Kevin Beattie, William Barclay, Kelly Capen, Dick Dale

Meeting began at 5:33

1. Minutes of the September meeting accepted
2. Agenda accepted
3. There was considerable discussion of the Office of Highway Road Audit Safety Review of Thompsonburg Road. Pages 10-17 reviewed the safety concerns that motivated the study and concluded that many concerns were valid and needed to be addressed. Starting on page 18 thru 21, specific Safety Enhancements, their costs, and the responsible party were identified for the short, medium, and long term. The committee endorsed the conclusions and agreed to make the recommendations in the final report to the Select Board.
4. The Committee discussed various conclusions and recommendations in what priority they should be presented. It was unanimous in recommending that the Select Board adopt a new Town Ordinance that established a 40 mph speed limit for all Town Roads unless a lower speed limit was suggested by the various Traffic Studies. Because that speed would require appropriate signs, the Committee recognized that the Ordinance might have to be phased in and recommended the signage and other suggestions in the Thompsonburg Study Safety Audit be the first phase. Considerable time was devoted to the support for the recommendation from the accumulated data. There will be a final report of all the suggested improvements incorporating the suggestions of Jeff Nugent of the Windham Regional Commission.
5. The Committee then discussed possible requests relating to Routes 11 and 100 that the Select Board might make to Vtrans to improve the safety on those State Roads. The most important was a request for a comprehensive Traffic Safety study of the Route 11 corridor from Thompsonburg Road to Riley Road with particular attention to the Village of Londonderry.
6. It was agreed that Dick would write the first draft of the report to the Select Board and submit it by Email for comment and correction to the rest of the Committee with the hope that a presentation can be made to the Select Board at their second meeting in January.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19.