

Town of Londonderry, Vermont
Selectboard
Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 7, 2019
Twitchell Building - 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT

Board Members Present: James Ameden, Georgianne Mora, Thomas Cavanagh, Robert Forbes, and Taylor Prouty.

Board Members Absent: None.

Others in Attendance: Town Officials – Town Administrator Shane O’Keefe. Members of the Public – Bruce Frauman (GNAT).

1. Call meeting to order

Selectboard Chair **Jim Ameden** called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

2. Additions or deletions to the agenda

None.

3. Visitors and Concerned Citizens

Bruce Frauman stated that the topic under discussion this afternoon was of concern to everyone in the community and was newsworthy.

4. Roads and Bridges

a. Working meeting on report from the Traffic Safety Committee and VTrans road safety audit for Thompsonburg Road

The Board reviewed the following documents, which were distributed prior to the meeting:

- Traffic Committee Report. December 2018
- Road Safety Audit Review for Town Highway #2: Thompsonburg Road, Main Street. VTrans Office of Highway Safety, August 21, 2018
- Setting Speed Limits – A Guide for Vermont Towns. Vermont Local Roads Program, updated August 2016

George Mora handed out Aerial photos provided by the Windham Regional Commission marked to indicate recommended signage changes along TH#2.

There was prolonged discussion about the information and recommendations provided in the documents. There was also discussion about Middletown Road (TH#5) and previous adoption by the Board of the recommendations from the road safety audit for that Town Highway.

It was noted that there is more traffic on local roads than in the past, partly because of GPS applications allowing non-locals to use shortcuts previously only used by locals.

The concern about cars standing on Lowell Lake Road during times of heavy Park usage was discussed as something that can be addressed in an ordinance.

It was the consensus of the Board that a Town traffic ordinance should be drafted for consideration that provides for speed limits as follows:

Town Highway #2

- 30 miles per hour from VT Route 100 to Rowes Road
- 45 miles per hour from Rowes Road to VT Route 11.

It was agreed that reduced advisory speed signs on the curves of the 45-mph portion would be erected once speed limits are adopted and posted.

O'Keefe suggested doing traffic investigations for a small number of roads annually in order to add new roads to the ordinance each year. Such investigations are required by statute in order to set a speed limit.

It was also agreed that O'Keefe would draft a proposed ordinance for review by the Board at the next regular meeting, scheduled for February 18, 2019. O'Keefe stated that he would confer with Town Attorney Bob Fisher to see if Fisher had successful examples of traffic ordinances that he has already vetted, and would share with Fisher the model ordinance from the Vermont Local Roads Program for his review.

5. Adjourn

Bob Forbes moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by George Mora, passed unanimously.
The meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

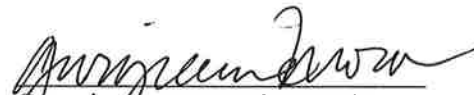


Shane P. O'Keefe
Town Administrator

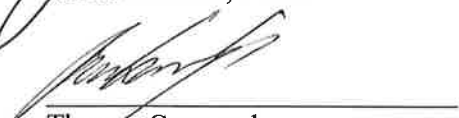
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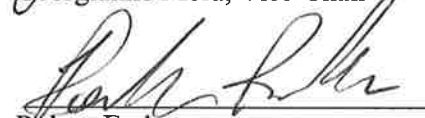
James Ameden, Chair



Georgiamie Mora, Vice-Chair



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