

Town of Clifton Park
Highway Safety Committee
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January 23, 2025

Minutes

1. Introduction

a. Attendance

Present

Al Karoly

Tony George

John Scavo

Jim Allen

Absent

Dahn Bull

Bob O'Connell

Dave Woodin

Tom Werner

Jeff Labarge

Eric Ophardt

Phil Clark

Lenny Casper

MD Hague

b. Minutes. The minutes of November 2024 were accepted as drafted.

2. Old Business

- a. NYSDOT's Safety Improvement Projects for NY 146 and US 9. Clifton Park & Halfmoon Town Staff met with the project staff of NYSDOT on the project. Inductive loops will be replaced with video detection. An Interconnected traffic signal system will be deployed and be connected to NYSDOT's Operations Center. Slip lanes at US & NY 146 will be removed. The left turn from Fire Rd. will be prohibited. A lane will be dedicated for right turns from Fire Rd. to I-87 north. April is the projected start of construction.
- b. Okte School Speed Limit Beacons Timer Replacement. Dahn Bull had reported that the timer for the flashing beacon had been replaced.
- c. Stop Sign Issue near Hannaford and Service Area. This stop sign has been replaced.
- d. Phragmites on the North side of Kinns / Plank intersection. This issue will be raised again in the spring when mowing resumes. The issue will ultimately be resolved when the signal is replaced by a roundabout.
- e. Citizen Concerns - New Gas Station & Parcel at Park & Maxwell. A gas station is proposed just south of the Jeep/Dodge Dealership. A drive through establishment at the corner of Park and Maxwell may be proposed. Several concerns were raised about these developments. The drive through parcel has not advanced.

3. New Business

- a. The Capital Region [Vision Zero Safety Action Plan](#). Liz Podowski King described the \$1.2 million safety plan that a consultant team has undertaken for the CRTA. The plan should be completed in the Spring. The goal is to reduce and eventually eliminate severe and fatal crashes. She displayed a map of "hot spots" in our region. She queried the Committee on a number of safety issues for input into the study.
- b. CAPTAIN Senior Services Committee - Senior Transportation Options for Seniors Study. CAPTAIN has been looking at the transportation needs of seniors in our community. Several committee members attended a meeting recently. Bob O'Connell described some of the issues under study. A discussion around CDTA issues ensued.
- c. Concerns at Pierce Rd. & Usher Rd. Intersection. Traffic heading eastbound on Ushers Rd. entering I-87 SB has the potential for conflicts with Pierce Rd. traffic stopping and waiting to turn left. John will contact Region 1 NYSDOT regarding this issue.
- d. Setting Speed Limits - [Tools + FHWA](#) has put out a new handbook regarding the setting of speed limits which can be found at: <https://highways.dot.gov/safety/speed-management/reference-materials>

- e. CP & HM Planning Board Actions. The audio went dead about 9 minutes from the end of the recording. Any recollections?
- f. CRTC Updates

Adjournment

Next Meeting – February 27, 2025