

Town of Clifton Park
Highway Safety Committee
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February 27, 2025

Minutes

1. Introduction

a. Attendance

Present

Dave Woodin

John Scavo

Tony George

Dahn Bull

Bob O'Connell

Eric Ophardt

Al Karoly (via video)

Absent

Tom Werner

MD Hague

Lenny Casper

Jim Allen

Jeff Labarge

Phil Clark

- b. Minutes: The minutes for January were accepted as drafted. Motion by Woodin, 2nd by O'Connell.

2. Old Business

a. NYSDOT's Safety Improvement Projects for NY 146 and US 9

- Scavo presented renderings provided by NYSDOT of the proposed improvements and provided an update to the project timeline for work to commence this Spring and to be finished by Summer 2025. The project will eliminate the left turn from Fire Road to NY 146.

b. CAPTAIN Senior Services Committee - Senior Transportation Options for Seniors Study

- O'Connell provided an update on coordination efforts, including CDTC for improving scheduling efficiencies. John Scherzer of CDTA will be a guest speaker at the group's March 25th meeting.

c. The Capital Region [Vision Zero Safety Action Plan](#)

- The Consulting Team is still gathering input from stakeholders. Analysis of information gathered is the next step as well as the prioritizing of common themes into topics and categories.

d. Concerns at Pierce Rd. & Usher Rd. Intersection

- No new information to discuss as Casper was not in attendance.

3. New Business

a. CP & HM Planning Board Actions

- Ophardt reported that Clifton Park has a proposed duplex on Clifton Park Center Road near the cemetery that may have a sight distance issue. The speed limit is 40 MPH.
- Werner was not in attendance so there was no update regarding Halfmoon projects.

b. CRTC Updates (UPWP)

- The Unified Planning Work Program has been available for public review since February 11th.

c. ADA Transition Plan Update

- Comments are due March 5th. Karoly and O'Connell have been working on this. Channel 13 news had a positive news report about Clifton Park's efforts. Most sidewalks in the Town are very good. There are some problematic areas along Long Kill Road.

- d. Citizen Concern - NY 146 & Bruno Rd.
 - A letter was received from a citizen suggesting that a traffic signal is necessary at the intersection of NY 146 and Bruno Road. The letter was forwarded to NYSDOT Region 1 who responded that they will initiate a traffic study for that intersection. The Committee also discussed the potential of a roundabout as an alternative to a traffic signal.
- e. Okte School Speed Limit Beacons
 - New timer has been installed, but hours of operation need to be adjusted. Beacons are flashing after 6 PM. State Law requires beacons to flash from 7 AM to 6 PM unless a plaque is posted with alternative hours. Also, the lower beacon of the westbound assembly is not operating. Bull says that he will look into it and noted that when the new timer was installed, the timer was not reset. After daylight savings goes into effect (March 9th), he will adjust this timer and all other signal timers. None of them adjust automatically for daylight savings time.
- f. Any interest in advising Town to adopt a Town wide 25 MPH speed limit. Bethlehem is in the process of adopting it and Albany and Cohoes recently implemented it.
 - Bull reported that there has not been much interest and that a preliminary study was done when the law was being revised. The cost of new signs was going to be a major factor. The Committee will continue to monitor the implementation in other municipalities and its effectiveness.
- g. Grants – What’s available out there that the Town could seek for highway safety improvements? Looking at possible traffic control upgrades (signs, signals & markings) that could be funded with other grants outside the traditional grants offered through CRTC.
 - Unfortunately, outside of what is available through the MPO, there aren’t any specific grants to take advantage of.
- h. Park Place Complex - Sight Distance Concerns
 - Ophardt noted that there is a proposed in-fill development at the northeast corner of Clifton Country Road and Clifton Park Center Road. New apartments would be added to the complex and they would be very close to the road, thereby eliminating the possibility for a future right turn lane. This could also create some sight distance issues.
- i. Van Patten Road Lawsuit
 - No word on the matter
- j. Westchester Drive No Parking Issue
 - This will be placed on the March agenda as there is a need to extend the parking restriction.
- k. Saratoga County Traffic Safety Board
 - The Board will meet on May 12th and have asked that a representative of CPHSC be in attendance. Al Karoly volunteered to attend the meeting.

Adjournment at 7:12 PM

Next Meeting – March 27, 2025 @ 6:00 PM