

Town of Clifton Park
Highway Safety Committee
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April 24, 2025

Minutes

1. Introduction

a. Attendance

Present

Dave Woodin

John Scavo

Tony George

Tom Werner

Bob O'Connell

Eric Ophardt

Jim Allen

Lenny Casper

Phil Clark

MD Haque (on video)

Absent

Al Karoly

Dahn Bull

Jeff Labarge

- b. Minutes: The minutes for March were accepted as drafted. Motion by Woodin, 2nd by George.

2. Old Business

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

- Scavo reported that the project is underway and the contractor is currently working on sidewalks not originally in the plan. This includes some extra crosswalks at DCG Plaza. Scavo will send the plans to the committee members. The work along NY 146 is actually two separate projects with Kubrycki the contractor.

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

- The goal is to look at transportation options for seniors. CDTA says there will be changes to FLEX. There will be a shrinkage of service as it will no longer be curb to curb service. There has been some protesting from the public regarding the cuts in service, but CDTA is losing money and has fewer drivers than in previous years.

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

- Scavo stated that there have been four meetings held in March (3 in person and one virtually). The consultant is pulling data and public comments together and may have something to share in May.

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

- There is a meeting scheduled for April 29 with NYSDOT and Scavo will ask about it.

e. Citizen Concern - NY 146 & Bruno Rd.

- NYSDOT is currently doing the signal warrant analysis to determine the need for a traffic signal at this intersection. Expect a decision possibly in June.

f. Okte Speed Limit Beacons

- Woodin explained that Bull had reported last month that a new timer was installed and electrical wires replaced due to mice chewing on them. The westbound beacon is flashing again, but Woodin noted that it is flashing later than 6 PM (between 7 and 8 PM). Bull will be requested to look at it again.

g. ADA Transition Plan Update

- The Town Board adopted the plan at its April 14 meeting. There were no real changes made to the plan prior to adoption. Dan Clemens will be the ADA coordinator. The Town will seek funding sources so that as much work as possible can be done in one contract. Then each succeeding year, funding will be allocated to do a percentage of the remaining sidewalks.
- h. CRTC Updates –Draft Comments on “In Motion Plan Vision Statement, Goals, and Objectives”
- Scavo reported that Creighton Manning has been hired to do a corridor study involving both Clifton Park and Halfmoon. Also, the MPO is working on the Vision Zero plan.

3. New Business

- a. CP & HM Planning Board Actions
- At the April Clifton Park Planning Board Meeting there were eight items on the agenda. The Planning Board is noticing delays in projects due to DEC letting their 100 day review period play out to the end of the deadline for issuing a decision.
 - More flex type warehouses are proposed for Wood Road.
 - Other proposals include a small concrete batch plant and a 55 foot communication tower that is visible by adjacent residences.
 - The Halfmoon Planning Board will be meeting April 28
- b. FHWA Pedestrian Safety Training Course
- Al Karoly intends to participate in the course in early May.
- c. CRTC Updates
- See Old Business (h). The “In Motion Plan Vision” plan will be considered by CRTC Policy on May 22.
- d. Speed trailer data results
- The speed trailer has not yet been deployed on Clifton Center Road near South Shen Campus entrance because the State Police is still conducting speed enforcement at the site.
 - There is no speed limit sign for the speed notification sign on Vischer Ferry Road.
 - Some 2018 speed data for Clifton Center Road shows a 39 MPH speed in the school zone.
- e. 25 MPH Speed Limits – Preliminary findings
- The consensus was that preliminary results for municipalities that have adopted a 25 MPH speed limit are mixed and should be looked at after a reasonable implementation time has passed. Tony George voiced his opinion that 25 MPH is more appropriate in subdivisions.
- f. Wavy Pavement Markings to Curb Speeding in Pennsylvania town – Does it work?
- The consensus was that these markings are like a lot of innovated markings. Initially, they get your attention, but long term, the effect is not sustainable.
- g. Citizen Concern - Request to install a sign in Torrey Pines prohibiting the riding of motorized bikes in the development streets and into Longkill Park.
- The consensus was that e-bikes are probably the issue and involve a handful of youngsters. E-bikes are legal and to prohibit them would require legislation.
- h. Citizen Concern - Request to look at driveway striping at Community Care Physicians at 1793 US 9.
- Striping is worn and the centerline is white and not double yellow, thereby causing confusion for entering and exiting motorists. This is private property. Will look into notifying the owner

of the property. There is a similar issue at the Clifton Center Mall and that should be addressed in a similar manner.

- i. Citizen Concern - Request for a STOP sign on Thunderbird Drive at Meridian as well as the placement of another yellow centerline, and a "Curve" or "Speed limit" sign on Thunderbird.
 - There is a speed trailer on site and we should have some speed data next month. Woodin recommended that both a STOP sign and advisory speed signs on the curve be approved. When discussing the need for an advisory curve sign on Thunderbird, the need for a similar sign on the curve along Par Del Rio was brought up.
- j. Citizen Concern – Bruno Road guiderail
 - Werner mentioned that the guiderail along a section of Bruno Road is not vertical and closer to being almost in a horizontal position. This will be referred to the Highway Department.
- k. Applying for funding under the FHWA Roadway Departure Safety Action Plan.
 - NYSDOT wants to package applications so that each represents at least \$250K in project cost. A package for Saratoga County might include state and county highways and few, if any local roads based on the accident history of roadway departure crashes. Therefore, it is unlikely that there will be a separate Clifton Park application.

Adjournment at 7:30 PM

Next Meeting – May 22, 2025 @ 6:00 PM