

**Town of Clifton Park**  
**Highway Safety Committee**

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**June 26, 2025**

**Minutes**

**1. Introduction**

a. Attendance

**Present**

Al Karoly

Jim Allen

Tony George

Tom Werner

Dave Woodin

Dahn Bull

Bob O'Connell

John Scavo

Phil Clark

Eric Ophardt

**Absent**

Lenny Casper

MD Haque

Jeff Labarge

- b. Minutes: The minutes for May were accepted as drafted. Motion by Ophardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Clark. Voice vote to accept.

**2. Old Business**

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

- On schedule with a June 2026 anticipated completion date. Total cost of \$9.1M.

b. Pierce Rd. & Usher Road Intersection (NYSDOT Study)

- No word from NYSDOT regarding a study to review this intersection. Two new requests were submitted to NYSDOT: Jonesville Fire Station signal removal and repair the microwave detector for eastbound traffic at the Shen Campus entrance on NY 146. Video detection might be the solution for the latter.

c. NY 146 & Bruno Road (Pending NYSDOT Signal Study)

- NYSDOT has an on-going study and should have a decision this summer.

d. Okte School Speed Limit Beacons

- Timing Correction Needed on Westbound Flashing Beacon - The Town has a new vendor (DLC Electric) who will look at the signal again.

e. CRTC Updates [Vision Zero Safety Action Plan](#) & "In Motion Plan Vision Statement, Goals, and Objectives".

- The final version of the report is being developed and a draft is expected late summer.

f. Speed Limit Request to reduce the speed limit on Clifton Park Center Road near South Shen Campus entrance.

- Recently collected speed data and an analysis of the existing traffic control devices will be reviewed. - A virtual meeting was held with the State Police and they are done with their enforcement activity along Clifton Park Center Road. The speed trailer will be put in place to collect updated speed data.

g. Driveway striping at Community Care Physicians & Clifton Park Center Mall.

- Scavo reached out to Columbia Development to make them aware of the situation.

- h. Guiderail leaning on Bruno Road
  - Bull will have the Highway Department look at the situation.
- i. Establishing an Advisory Speed for curve on Thunderbird Drive.
  - A resolution for the STOP sign has been submitted to the Town Board. Ball banking the curve needs to be done prior to establishing an advisory speed.
- j. Seniors Transportation Advisory Committee
  - O'Connell reported that CDTA has reduced the number of pick-up points for the Flex program. He attended the Saratoga Transportation Summit on June 10<sup>th</sup> in Malta. The Clifton Park Senior Transportation Committee is advocating for future transportation improvements to aid the elderly as 20% of the Town population is over 65 years of age.
- k. NTOR Sign at Exit 8 Southbound Off-Ramp
  - NYSDOT is being requested to provide a supplementary sign off the shoulder.
- l. Plank Road at Kinns Road - Shoulder used for right turns
  - This intersection will be replaced by a roundabout in the future. In the interim, there is a need to look at possible signing alternatives.
- m. Boyack Road – Jonathan Drive Intersection Sight Distance Issue
  - Caryl Hugg of Jonathan Drive appeared before the Committee in May to voice her concern about difficulties experienced by motorists exiting Jonathan Drive onto Boyack Road. Vehicles turning left have an obstructed view due to an occasional vehicle (both registered and un-registered) parked about 200 feet north on the southbound shoulder of Boyack Road. There is also an overgrown bush encroaching in the ROW that hinders visibility. There is no STOP line, so vehicles stop approximately at the STOP sign. The view is obstructed and the motorists have to pull up so that the nose of the vehicle is at the edgeline in order to see southbound traffic on Boyack Road. The Committee will consider restricting parking 200 ft to the north in the southbound direction, removing the unregistered vehicle, and trimming back the overgrown bush if in the ROW.

### 3. New Business

- a. CP & HM Planning Board Actions
  - The following are before the Halfmoon Planning Board:
    - A mixed-use development southwest of Walmart on US 9. The project includes two restaurants, three self-storage facilities and one large storage building.
    - New fellowship hall for Harvest Church on Grooms Road.
    - 60,000 sf of additional warehouse space on Tabor Road
    - A 6000 sf clubhouse and a 6000 sf covered driving range station at Northway 8 Golf.
    - Bank at the corner of Route US 9 and Chelsea Place.
    - 12 lot major subdivision off Woodin Road.
  - The following are before the Clifton Park Planning Board:
    - Expansion of the Starpoint Church parking lot at Jarose Place.
    - DEC regulations now require a bat habitat assessment for culverts 3 feet or greater.
    - ADA ramp and sidewalk reporting is requesting data on pedestrian signals and ADA upgrades on ramps.

- ROW is needed at the northwest corner of NY 146 at Waite Road for a roundabout. Preliminary design is due late summer.
  - Design approval for a roundabout at NY 146 and Tanner Road is scheduled for December 2025 with other ROW approvals expected in December 2026, construction in March 2027, and completion in October 2028. A request for a 45 MPH speed limit on NY 146 from Blue Barns Road to NY 146A is being submitted to NYSDOT.
- b. FHWA Pedestrian Safety Training Course
- Al Karoly took the entire course. He recommended looking at a table on page 16 that recommend specific solutions for given conditions.
- c. Prohibiting riding motorized bicycles in Town Parks
- There is no simple solution. The laws regarding the use of motorized bikes are confusing and the local law may need to be updated.
- d. Investigation of School Zone Signs on Clifton Park Center Road
- Woodin reported that the signage is in compliance with the 2009 MUTCD with the exception of an advance school sign. He has not compared the signing yet to the new 11<sup>th</sup> Edition MUTCD or determine if the existing sign location spacing is compliant.
- e. Vischer Ferry Stop lines
- A work order to replace the missing three stop lines will be issued.

**Adjournment at 7:57 PM**

**Next Meeting – July 24, 2025 @ 6:00 PM**