

Town of Clifton Park
Highway Safety Committee

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September 25, 2025

Minutes

1. Introduction

a. Attendance

Present

Al Karoly

Jim Allen

MD Haque (via Zoom)

Dave Woodin

Phil Clark (via Zoom)

Bob O'Connell

John Scavo

Tony George

Tom Werner

Absent

Dahn Bull

Eric Ophardt

Lenny Casper

Jeff Labarge

- b. Minutes: The minutes for August were accepted as drafted. Motion by Allen, 2nd by George. Voice vote to accept.

2. Old Business

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

- There is a separate pavement milling operation being performed on US 9 from NY 146 to Kinns Road. Paving around the US 9 and NY 146 intersection is mostly completed.

b. NYSDOT Referrals

- Traffic Studies and Other Requests – Scavo provided the following updates:
 1. Pierce Road & Usher Road Intersection - NYSDOT still reviewing this intersection.
 2. Jonesville Fire Station signal removal - Fire Department responded to NYSDOT inquiry that they are OK with the signal removal since it is not an activated signal.
 3. Shen Campus entrance on NY 146 – Waiting on NYSDOT to repair the EB loop detector.
 4. NY 146 & Bruno Road – NYSDOT still preparing the signal study.
 5. NTOR Sign at Exit 8 Southbound Off-Ramp – NYSDOT needs more time re: request to provide a supplementary sign off the shoulder.
 6. Applicant has submitted a curb cut permit to NYSDOT for widening the existing driveway.

c. Okte School Speed Limit Beacons

- Three issues remain with these flashing school beacons:
 1. Beacons flash until 8 PM instead of 6 PM
 2. Lower westbound beacon is non-operative
 3. Vegetation is about to overtake the lower westbound beacon – Needs trimming
- Bull was absent, but he reported last month that rodents have destroyed the wiring in the westbound beacon. The electrical contractor (DCC) is going to install a new controller.

Update - The vegetation around the controller was removed in October.

- d. CRTC Updates [Vision Zero Safety Action Plan](#) & “In Motion Plan Vision Statement, Goals, and Objectives”.
 - Drafts have been adopted for public review. The Policy Board approved, but the Board takes final action in November.
- e. Speed Limit Request to reduce the speed limit on Clifton Park Center Road near South Shen Campus entrance.
 - Reviewed the speed data collected in June which is consistent with the posted speed limit. Woodin provided an analysis of the signing through the corridor and recommended a series of improvements in both directions including: a new advance school warning sign to indicate the presence of a school, an advance school speed limit warning sign, an additional school speed limit sign, and an upgraded end speed limit sign. The recommendations will be given to the Highway Department for implementation.
- f. Driveway striping at Community Care Physicians & Clifton Park Center Mall.
 - Scavo previously reached out to Columbia Development to make them aware of the situation, but no action taken yet. The mall has done some patchwork of the potholes in the mall.
- g. Guiderail leaning on Bruno Road
 - Bull reported in August that the guiderail will be fixed. County Bridge & Rail has provided a quote for \$13K to straighten and repair the guiderail. Town Board approval is necessary to approve the expenditure and may have already been done at the September meeting.
- h. Establishing an Advisory Speed for curve on Thunderbird Drive.
 - Scavo and Bull still need to coordinate the ball banking of the curve before establishing an advisory speed. Karoly mentioned that Van Patten Drive should be ball banked as well as vehicle speeds were found to be higher going northbound.
- i. Seniors Transportation Advisory Committee
 - Karoly, O’Connell and Werner attended the September 17th meeting. O’Connell reported that the Committee would like to apply for a mobility manager position utilizing 5310 funding by NYSDOT. However, the November 3rd deadline cannot be met because they do not have a specific project approved yet by CRTC yet.
 - There is \$27M in State funding available for disabled and senior transportation. The Town Supervisor is not pursuing a County grant, but will discuss software coordination for the two towns (Clifton Park and Halfmoon).
- j. Plank Road at Kinns Road - Shoulder used for right turns
 - Need to verify with Highway Department that a NYR9-9 STATE LAW - DO NOT DRIVE ON SHOULDER sign has been installed. Update - The sign has been installed.
- k. CRTC Capital Region Transportation Council (CRTC) is providing data collection services at no cost to communities and regional partners.
 - On Demand Trail Counts & On Demand Traffic Counts – Town has requested trail counts for VanPatten Drive (to be performed 9/25 through 9/27). Counts on Moe Road will be done next year.

- l. Boyack Road – Jonathan Drive Intersection Sight Distance Issue
 - The problem has diminished, but we will continue to monitor.

- m. Possible removal of the ALL WAY supplemental panel from the Stop Ahead warning signs at the intersection of Main Street and Long Kill Road in Jonesville.
 - Bull will remove the signs that are on Town roads. Main Street is a County Highway.
Update – The All WAY panels were still in place as of 10/16/25.

- n. Clearing/trimming vegetation to address sight distance restrictions
 - Wall Street entrance to rear of Hannaford – Completed before the September meeting.
 - Phragmites along north side of Kinns Road @ Plank Road – Not a problem at this time.
 - Shrubs and plantings in the median along Clifton Country Road – Buildings & Grounds have trimmed along the section.
 - STOP sign northbound near Trustco Bank @ Southside Drive is blocked by leaves – Highway Department will trim. Update – Work remains not done as of 10/16/25.

- o. Status of Preliminary Design on Sitterly Road
 - Design phase has begun with MJ Engineering performing field work during September.

- p. Van Patten Drive - Review existing speed conditions and make recommendations for improvements
 - Complete speed and pedestrian data will be available in October. There appears to be a speeding issue based on data collected so far.

- q. Bass Pro
 - The Building Department is in discussions with Bass Pro about the accessible parking signs and markings.
 - The need to restrict parking along Clifton Park Center Road in front of Bass Pro may be necessary if a sight distance problem exists. This needs to be evaluated further.

- r. Update on Kinns Road Corridor Study
 - The second committee meeting was to be held on September 30th at which time the updated participation plan and the conditions report will be reviewed.

3. New Business

- a. CP & HM Planning Board Actions
 - Clifton Park:
 1. Village Plaza is developing a plan to have four flex buildings erected along the service road in back of Hannaford.
 2. Bonded Concrete batch plant is proposed on US 9 and is controversial as it is located next to a stream. A dust control vacuum system that recycles is proposed to minimize air pollution.
 - Halfmoon:
 1. Coca Cola is expected to be the tenant of a 126,000 sf distribution center on Liebach Lane.

- b. Boyack Road and Southbury Road Intersection
 - Still waiting for the results of the 2nd speed counts which involved gathering additional speed

data on Boyack Road.

- c. 3-Way Intersection at the Clifton Park Transfer Station
 - It is blind for 2 legs and there is a STOP sign on the gravel ramp. Trucks ignore the sign and speed on the gravel ramp, thereby generating a significant amount of dust pollution. There was agreement that the truck traffic needs to be controlled better within the facility and that dust is a problem. The matter is being referred to the Town Supervisor.
- d. Citizen Inquiry - Traffic Signal Timing at the intersection of Ashdown Road & NY 146A
 - Scavo will contact NYSDOT to request that the intersection be looked at for a possible broken loop. Based on the complaint that traffic backs up on Ashdown Road, it is possible that the signal may be operating in a recall mode due to a faulty detector.
- e. Traffic speed data re: Ashdown Road
 - The speed limit is 40 MPH and the 85th percentile speed was 49 MPH. There is a need to study this further and to notify the State Police for enforcement purposes.
- f. Traffic Speed data for English Road
 - The speed limit is 35 MPH and the 85th percentile speed is 42 MPH. This road also needs further study and to notify the Saratoga County Sheriff Department for enforcement purposes.
- g. Citizen Inquiry - Crash data request for vicinity of Riverview Road (Riverview Orchards)
 - The crash history did not indicate any remedial action.
- h. Citizen Inquiry – Request for a warning device (RRFB?) to assist pedestrian crossings at Riverview Orchards.
 - Since the issue of pedestrian crossing is seasonal and it involves a private crossing, it was recommended that the use of a variable message sign (VMS) be considered.
- i. STOP sign request (Woodin) for Greenlea Drive at intersection of Broadleaf Drive
 - After some debate, the consensus was to recommend a STOP sign as the intersecting roads are categorized as collectors. Positive traffic control should be in place to assign the right-of-way at these types of intersections rather than let them remain as an un-controlled intersection.

Adjournment - Adjourned at 8:10 PM

Next Meeting - October 23, 2025