

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

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**December 18, 2025**

**Minutes**

**1. Introduction**

a. Attendance

**Present**

Al Karoly	Dave Woodin	John Scavo
Dahn Bull	Jim Allen	Lenny Casper
Phil Clark	Tony George	Jeff LaBarge (via Zoom)
Eric Ophardt	Tom Werner	

**Absent**

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**Guests**

Sarah Constantineau, Planner for Highland Planning  
Jim Young, former CPHSAC Member

b. Minutes

The minutes of the November meeting were accepted as drafted. Allen motion; 2<sup>nd</sup> by George

**2. Special Presentation – Sarah Constantineau, Highland Planning  
(CR 109) Kinns Road - Farm to Market Road Corridor Study**

Sarah is working on the (CR 109) Corridor Study and was seeking input from CPHSAC. The study is entering the Concept Development Stage. The project is funded by CRTC, Town of Clifton Park, Town of Halfmoon and Saratoga County. Sarah was looking for holistic solutions and connectivity. The intent is to have a meaningful and substantive conversation with the planning team and committee members from a stakeholder perspective and ensure everyone has the opportunity to provide input and ask questions for shaping next steps and aligning priorities. It was noted that Clifton Park is built out and more developed than in Halfmoon. Three to four foot shoulders are common. Sarah asked the group to provide comments and input on the following topics:

a. Pressing Issues & Vision for CR 109 corridor 10 years from now

Scavo	Left-Turn lane from Kinns Road to southbound NY 146A needed for visibility.
Casper	Kinns Road @ Plank Road need improvement (Roundabout proposed) Kinns Road @ Pierce Road – Fire Department uses Pierce Road for staging and there is not enough room to pull over due to narrow shoulders.
George	Kinns Road @ Carlton Road – Need to add a left-turn lane coming down the hill on Kinns. The lane was removed years ago. The result has been a number of run-off road accidents. Suggests two eastbound lanes (thru and left).
Werner	Farm to Market Road – 3 major issues: Heavy freight and speeding; need for pedestrian connections as developments build out; the two Anthony Road intersections should be redesigned to be 90 degrees.
Karoly	Coming out of Nadler puts the driver in an awkwardly designed intersection.
Young	Vegetation blocks the view near Twilight Drive. The sight distance is poor going westbound on Kinns and Pierce needs three lanes at the Kinns intersection.

- Ophardt There are lots of non-standard vertical curves, speeding and sight distance issues on Kinns Road.
- Woodin Synergy is to build a right turn lane from Kinns to southbound US 9. Werner had been stating at previous meetings that one left turn vehicle can back up everything over the Northway bridge and that there should be a left-turn lane.
- Clark Should use roundabouts as moving traffic and higher speeds will come from improvements.
- Scavo Like to provide trails in the County ROW. Open ditch drainage hinders the use of the ROW.
- Bull The County only plows on County Roads. The Town is responsible for other activities (Signs, markings, lighting, etc.).
- Scavo Variable Message Signs should be used to alert motorists of delays
- Karoly The westbound Kinns Road YOUR SPEED sign is helping.
- Bull Flashing beacons are affordable
- Ophardt ROW and cost are the key to providing neighborhood pedestrian connectivity.

b. Type of Improvements sought

- Ophardt Need traffic calming. Speed has to be self-enforcing
- Bull Install a 1000 ft trail from Carlton Rd to Castle Pines through the Kinns Park ROW.
- Bull A Northway exit 9A has been something on the table for years, but is not likely.
- Casper Add a small parking lot on the south side of Kinns Road at Castle Pines to Kinns Road Park.
- Scavo & Karoly Reduce speed limit on US 9 southbound as it approaches Kinns Road intersection. Ditto for northbound US 9.
- Clark Internal driveways entrances with access control should be used.

c. Who else should she be talking to?

- Casper There are three fire departments that serve portions of Kinns Road (Jonesville, Clifton Park, and Hillcrest). Fire trucks have issues making certain turns.  
School district is participating
- Woodin Individual neighborhoods should be included
- Scavo Contact Sherwood Park District

### 3. Old Business

- a. NYSDOT's Safety Improvement Projects for NY 146 and US 9. Activity to resume in Spring 2026 with Summer 2026 completion expected.
- b. NYSDOT Referral Status.
  - Traffic Studies and Other Requests
    1. Pierce Road & Usher Road Intersection. NYSDOT is reviewing a potential project involving the redevelopment of an office park on 32 acres on the north side of Ushers Road. They will consider CPHSAC's request to study the intersection as well as part of the review.
    2. Jonesville Fire Station signal removal. The signal will be removed next year.
    3. NY 146 & Bruno Road - Signal Study. Scavo had further contact with the woman who requested that CPHSAC look at this intersection last winter. Still awaiting action by NYSDOT.
    4. NTOR Sign at Exit 8 Southbound Off-Ramp - Supplementary sign requested off the shoulder. Letter sent to NYSDOT in September. Still awaiting action by NYSDOT.
    5. Traffic Signal Timing at the intersection of Ashdown Road & NY 146A. NYSDOT has made some timing changes.
- c. Okte School Speed Limit Beacons. The flashing beacon is working as a new controller was installed.
- d. School Speed Limit Signing Review on Clifton Park Center Road near South Shen Campus entrance. Woodin had recommended signing improvements and they were approved by consensus at the

- October meeting. It was also recommended by the Committee that the hours of operation for the speed zone be posted. Woodin and Bull are to do a field review together .
- e. Driveway striping at Community Care Physicians & Clifton Park Center Mall. Striping at CCP is still not completed although some pot hole repair has been done at the mall.
  - f. Guiderail on Bruno Road. Town Board approved and the work should be done in January.
  - g. CAPTAIN Senior Transportation Advisory Committee. Scavo met with Bob O'Connell and two members of Captain. They reviewed the ride scheduler software. It is possible to piggyback on this system and save money by eliminating duplication of services. Clifton Park's plan is to work first with Captain before adding Halfmoon. It will be one step at a time. The goal is to add Clifton Park to the ride share board. Clifton Park has two vans and Captain has a van and individual cars. \$5K has been put in the Town budget for software.
  - h. Boyack Road. Town Board approved a resolution to restrict parking 30 feet north of Jonathan Drive Intersection to improve sight distance and the signing is now in place.
  - i. 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 and any other intersections in that vicinity. The committee recommends removal of the signs by the Town and the County because of non-compliance with the MUTCD. Scavo will coordinate a phone call to resolve the matter.
  - j. Status of Preliminary Engineering for the Sitterly Road project (PIN 1763.21). The project is now in the Preliminary Design Phase with construction (\$4.3 M) in 2027.
  - k. Van Patten Drive – Review of existing speed conditions for recommendations to the Town Board for safety improvements and measures if warranted. Trail count data was collected on Van Patten Drive and it showed an average of only 30 pedestrians per day. No action on the Town Board's request has been taken by the Committee. Scavo is sending the trail counts to the Town Board as it seems to contradict the neighborhood's perception that there is a lot of pedestrian traffic along Van Patten Drive, thereby necessitating a series of traffic improvements.
  - l. Kinns Road Corridor Study – CPHSAC held a stakeholder meeting earlier tonight with Highland Planning. See 2. Special Presentation.
  - m. STOP sign request for Greenlea Drive at intersection of Broadleaf Drive. Town Board approved in December and the sign has been installed.
  - n. Bass Pro Shop - The Clifton Park Building Dept responded in November that they talked to the Department of State who said that the devices are ADA compliant which is not the same as MUTCD compliant. Scavo will coordinate a meeting with the Building Department to explain how enforcement is not possible if the traffic control devices are not MUTCD compliant.
  - o. Intersection Warning Sign on Plank Road near Shadowbrook – Consensus is that a sign is needed for southbound travel and that Dahn Bull should look at the need for a northbound sign as well.

#### **4. New Business**

- a. CP & HM Planning Board Actions
  - Clifton Park: Redevelopment of three buildings at 1 Main Street; consultant is to perform additional studies for the Concrete Batch Plant proposed off US 9 south of Ushers Road; and a proposed 5 MW solar farm on McElroy Road.
  - Halfmoon: 146 Marketplace is under construction and a digital billboard was approved at the intersection of US 9 and NY 146.
- b. Woodin and Karoly attended the Tree Committee project kickoff meeting for the Focused Tree Inventory within the Town of Clifton Park's Municipal Lands and Town-Maintained Public Lands/ROW. They gave an overview of the meeting.
- c. Request for extended lane track markings for vehicles making left turns from Village Plaza to northbound Clifton Country Road. There was agreement that these markings would be beneficial and the work will be done in the Spring.

**Adjournment at 7:50 PM**

**Next Meeting - January 22, 2026**