



TOWN OF
CLIFTON PARK
SARATOGA COUNTY, NEW YORK

Highway Safety Advisory Committee

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January 22, 2026 Meeting Minutes

1. Introduction

a. Attendance

Present

Al Karoly (Co-Chair)

Tony George

Eric Ophardt

Dave Woodin (Co-Chair)

Jeff LaBarge

Tom Werner

John Scavo (Town Planner)

Bob O'Connell

Dmitri Kabakov (guest)

Absent

Dahn Bull (Highway Supt)

Phil Clark

Jim Allen

MD Haque

Lenny Casper

b. Minutes

The minutes of the December meeting were accepted as drafted. Approved by a voice vote.

2. 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.

c. Okte School Speed Limit Beacons. The flashing beacon is working as a new controller was installed.

Woodin also noted that the westbound school speed limit sign beacons are still flashing on weekends and also past 6 PM (both in violation of the MUTCD). The eastbound beacons are working properly (off on weekends and at 6 PM on school days).

- 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 in the Spring.
- 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. Expect work to be done in Spring.
- f. Guiderail on Bruno Road. Town Board approved and the work should be done this winter.
- g. CAPTAIN Senior Transportation Advisory Committee. There is a need to coordinate the databases between Captain and the Town of Clifton Park to avoid duplicating ride requests before adding 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 to achieve this goal.
- h. 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 recommended removal of the signs by the Town and the County because of non-compliance with the MUTCD. Scavo will coordinate a Zoom meeting with the County 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 – A letter was sent to Councilman Mario Fantini regarding the Committee’s review of traffic conditions along Van Patten Drive. The review included a review of the traffic speeds and the pedestrian counts. The trail counts seemed 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 – No further action this month since Sarah Constantineau of Highland Planning held a stake holders meeting as part of the CPHSAC’s December meeting.
- m. 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.
- n. Intersection Warning Sign on Plank Road near Shadowbrook – Consensus last month was that a sign is needed for southbound travel and that Dahn Bull should look at the need for a northbound sign as well. Bull was absent tonight, so we will wait for his findings regarding northbound traffic.

3. New Business

- a. CP & HM Planning Board Actions
 - 1. Clifton Park: The concrete batch plant on US 9, redevelopment of property at Exit 8 to include a larger Dunkin and a Quick Check Mart w/gas pumps, and sidewalk improvements on Clifton Country
 - 2. Halfmoon: Mosque expansion on Guideboard Road.
- b. Citizen Request - Crosswalk at Crescent Road and Fairmont Drive - Dmitri Kabakov of 19 Fairmont Drive appeared in person to express his concerns about the need for a marked crosswalk at the intersection of Fairmont Drive and Crescent Road. He lives in a new development called Crescent Woods adjacent to the Okte Elementary School. Children from the neighborhood walk to Okte. When they reach the intersection of Crescent Road, they can either walk with traffic along the 5 ft wide shoulder (on north side) for almost 500 feet to reach the school or cross Crescent Road to the south side and walk on a dedicated pathway and cross back to Okte at a marked crosswalk with RRFBs.

Mr. Kabakov is aware that a proposal for a sidewalk along the north side of Crescent has been proposed, but wetlands near the intersection of Fairmont is an impediment. The Town is looking into including the Okte sidewalk in a grant proposal that would fund the extension of the Moe Road walking path. If the Okte sidewalk could be included in this grant application, mitigating the wetland impact could still be a deal breaker. For now, Woodin stated that if a crosswalk was approved, it should be consistent with the Okte crossing and have RRFBs. However, at the intersection of the proposed crosswalk, there are flashing beacons for the school speed limit sign. Woodin suggested that, if possible, move the beginning

of the school speed zone east several hundred feet to separate the new RRFB from the flashing beacons. The Committee recommended that RRFBs be included with the crosswalk proposal and that a design evaluation be performed with a cost estimate provided. If feasible, then the proposal should be sent to the Town Board for consideration.

- c. Citizen Request – Brookhaven HOA requests SLOW – Children signs and STOP sign at Tisdale and Skybrook to control speeding. Woodin did a drive through the neighborhood and found some signing deficiencies (AREA speed limit signs vs linear speed limit signs, missing street name sign, missing DEAD END signs, and missing ALL WAY panels on STOP signs, but no need for additional STOP signs at the intersection of Tisdale and Skybrook. Woodin will prepare a formal report.
- d. Citizen Request – Request for a lighting study along the Grooms Road corridor. Although this is a County highway, the Town has lighting responsibility under its Town Lighting Policy. This item was tabled
- e. VanPatten Drive Study - Response letter to Mario Fantini. See 2k.
- f. Citizen Request – Request for pedestrian signs on Maxwell Drive at Mooney Way. Woodin noted that although the crossing has a pedestrian sign at the crossing, a plaque with a downward arrow should be added to each pedestrian sign to indicate the location of the crosswalk.
- g. Potential traffic impacts when new school on Maxwell opens (Casper). Casper was absent, so this item will be deferred until the February meeting.
- h. Potential traffic impacts if solar facility is built on McElroy Road (Casper). There is nothing new with this project. Typically, solar farms do not generate traffic except temporarily during the construction phase which can last an entire year depending upon the size.
- i. Citizen Request – Green Meadow Drive – No Parking Here to Corner sign. The committee recommended that the request be sent to the Town Board.
- j. Citizen Request – Request for Stop Sign on Lincoln Avenue where Lincoln loops around to connect with Lincoln. The study should also include the intersections of Roosevelt, Lorraine, Maryanne at Lincoln as well. Woodin noted that these other intersections in the neighborhood did not have any stop control either. Last year, a STOP sign was added where Lorraine intersects with Lincoln. Recommended three Stop signs at Lincoln (per citizen request) plus one each at Roosevelt and Maryanne.
- k. Other Items – Review the CPHSAC Mission Statement and lighting policy for next meeting.

Adjournment at 7:51 PM

Next Meeting – February 26, 2026