



TOWN OF
CLIFTON PARK
SARATOGA COUNTY, NEW YORK

Highway Safety Advisory Committee

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March 26, 2026 Meeting Minutes

1. Introduction

a. Attendance

Present

Al Karoly (Co-Chair) (Video)
Lenny Casper

Dave Woodin (Co-Chair)
Tony George

John Scavo (Town Planner)
Eric Ophardt

Absent

Jim Allen
MD Haque
Tom Werner

Dahn Bull (Highway Supt)
Jeff LaBarge

Phil Clark
Bob O'Connell

Guests

Nancy Bellamy (Town Board Member)

Mary Cacchiotti

Michael Chase

b. Minutes

The minutes of the February meeting were not accepted as drafted due to a lack of a quorum.

2. Bradt Road Traffic Concerns

a. 63 Bradt Road – Michael Chase (63 Bradt Rd) and Mary Cacchiotti (61 Bradt Rd) were in attendance. Chase told the Committee that in the last five years, he has had his mailbox struck, sometimes by snowplows, but usually by other vehicles. He was looking for solutions to this problem and had requested a speed limit reduction and/or moving the mailbox to other side of the street. The Town has no jurisdiction in regulating mail box placement as the standards are set by the US Postal Service. Chase mentioned that the last crash was reported as the vehicle ran off the road and struck a small retaining wall. Both residents mentioned that speeding is an issue and that truck traffic uses the road as a cut through. The Committee told the two residents that a traffic study will be initiated in which a speed trailer will gather speed data and a review of the crash history on Bradt Road for the past five years will be reviewed. Woodin mentioned that he recently drove the road around 3 PM on a weekday and found that there was a steady flow of traffic in both directions moving between 42 to 45 MPH. He mentioned that signing on the curves can be reviewed for possible advisory speeds. As for truck traffic, after the speed study is completed, the Sheriff and State

Police will be alerted about the truck traffic and perhaps the State Police Truck Enforcement Unit can conduct a few impromptu inspections on Bradt Road.

3. Old Business

- a. NYSDOT's Safety Improvement Projects for NY 146 and US 9. Activity has resumed with a Summer 2026 completion expected.
- b. NYSDOT Referral Status - Traffic Studies and Other Requests
 1. Pierce Road & Usher Road Intersection. NYSDOT contacted Scavo and are reviewing a potential project involving the redevelopment of an office park on 32 acres on the north side of Ushers Road. They are considering CPHSAC's request to study the intersection as well as part of the review. There are two westbound lanes that continue over the Northway bridge and there was discussion as to whether both lanes are still needed. Scavo will contact NYSDOT again and ask that this question be addressed as well.
 2. Jonesville Fire Station signal removal. The signal was recently removed, but the poles are still in place. Perhaps a different crew will remove them at a later date.
 3. NY 146 & Bruno Road - Signal Study. Still awaiting action by NYSDOT.
 4. N-TOR 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. Due to several power outages in mid-March, the flashing beacons are out of synch and are operating approximately from 8 AM to 7 PM. Woodin will notify Bull about the problem. The problem has nothing to do with the switch to DST which occurred a few weeks earlier.
- 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 will send a request to meet Bull for a field review before the new signs are installed.
- e. Driveway striping at Community Care Physicians & Clifton Park Center Mall. Striping at CCP is still not completed although pot hole repair is on-going at the mall. Expect work to be done in Spring.
- f. Guiderail on Bruno Road. Town Board approved and the work has been scheduled for the Spring.
- g. CAPTAIN Senior Transportation Advisory Committee. Bob O'Connell was absent, but he sent the following update:
 1. Until Clifton Park is up and running with experience using the Ride Scheduler software, action on coordination is on hold. Likewise, no action with Halfmoon.
 2. Discussion on CDTA focused on continued interest in getting a fixed route along Rt 9/Northway. Noted FLEX expansion to Saratoga Springs.
 3. Saratoga County OFA will not be seeking state funds for the GoGo Grandparent program due in part to concerns with liability issues among others. We had thought of advocating for inclusion at the county level but information from NYSOFA notes that the \$500,000 available in the state budget has been fully allocated to the 32 county OFA's already enrolled. It's the state GGG budget that should be expanded and we should encourage state organizations such as the New York Statewide Senior Action Council and the Association on Aging in New York to add it to their advocacy agenda.
- 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. Scavo will coordinate a Zoom meeting with Gary Meier of Saratoga County Highway to request they remove the panels on the County highway.
- i. Status of Preliminary Engineering for the Sitterly Road project (PIN 1763.21). Total Project Cost: ~\$5.28M with a Construction Cost: ~\$4.73M
Project Schedule
 1. Draft Design Report submitted: March 6, 2026
 2. NYSDOT Design Approval: May 2026
 3. Public meeting: Late Spring 2026
 4. ROW acquisition: January 2027

5. Construction: April–December 2027

- j. 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. Scavo needs to talk to Fantini before the results can be posted on the Town webpage.
- k. Kinns Road Corridor Study – Concept plans are being developed. There will be a meeting in April.
- l. Bass Pro Shop - The Clifton Park Building Dept responded in November that they talked to the Department of State who said that the traffic control devices are ADA compliant which is not the same as MUTCD compliant. Scavo has been requested to coordinate a meeting with John DiSimone to explain how enforcement is not possible if the traffic control devices are not MUTCD compliant.
- m. Intersection Warning Sign on Plank Road near Shadowbrook – The Committee had previously recommended an intersection warning sign for southbound travel and Dahn Bull has now looked into the need for a northbound intersection warning sign. Bull was agreeable that a northbound sign would be beneficial. Karoly suggested that the southbound sign show not just an intersection with a side road, but show the geometry: a Curve with the side road. Bull was absent, but sent word that a curve ahead street warning sign with a recommended 30 mph speed caution sign panel was installed.
- n. Citizen Request - Crosswalk at Crescent Road and Fairmont Drive request. The Committee’s long-term solution is a 500 ft long sidewalk on the north side of Crescent Road. Looking to include it as part of a Moe Road pathway extension grant proposal. Wetlands at the intersection are a potential issue. In the short term, recommend a crosswalk, but it would require re-locating the school speed zone beacons further east and install a set of RRFBs where the flashing beacon is located at Fairmont Drive. This would also require a more detailed design and Town Board approval. Scavo will develop a memo to the Town Board outlining both the short and long term solutions and request a design evaluation be performed with a cost estimate provided.
- o. Citizen Request – Brookhaven HOA requests SLOW – In February, the Committee approved some changes with the traffic control devices in the neighborhood. To be in compliance with the MUTCD, ALL WAY panels were added at two ALL WAY Stop intersections. Linear Speed limit signs were also replaced with AREA speed limit signs, but the issue of an ALL WAY Stop at Tisdale Lane and Skybrook Circle to control speeding was denied as ALL WAY Stops are no longer allowed by the MUTCD to control speeding. The HOA would still like an ALL WAY Stop at the western intersection of Skybrook with Tisdale and are now citing poor sight distance on a curve and the fact that two trails will terminate on Tisdale. This means that there will be pedestrians walking along Tisdale from one trail to the other. The Committee agreed to look into the matter again, but noted, one of the trails is proposed, so the pedestrian traffic expected has not materialized yet.
- p. Citizen Request – Request for pedestrian signs on Maxwell Drive at Mooney. The signs are already there, but angled downward arrows were missing and have been installed.
- q. Citizen Request – Green Meadow Drive – No Parking Here to Corner sign. The matter is now before the Town Board.
- r. Citizen Request – A request for a Stop Sign on Lincoln Avenue where Lincoln loops around to connect with Lincoln was recommended in February as well as STOP signs on Lincoln at Roosevelt and on Lincoln at Maryanne. These other intersections did not have any stop control either. The matter has been sent to the Town Board for approval.

4. New Business

- a. CP & HM Planning Board Actions
 - Clifton Park is still waiting on DEC decision for who will be Lead Agency for the proposed concrete batch plant on US 9. There is a proposal to expand the number of storage units at NY 146 & Miller Road. The Committee was asked to look at some of the internal roadway turning radii.
 - Halfmoon – Nothing to report
- b. Bradt Road – See Bradt Road Traffic Concerns (Section 2a). Two residents attended the meeting and spoke with the Committee.

- c. Boyack Road Parking Restriction - Last November, No Parking signs were installed on the west side to prevent parking for 200 feet from the Jonathan Drive intersection north 200 feet. Resident at 14 Boyack submitted a request to remove the signs in front of his house. Committee reviewed what was approved vs what was installed for signing and decided to have three members take a look at the site and report back at the April meeting as to whether to leave as is, shorten the parking restriction or remove it completely.
- d. Vista Drive @ Vista Court – STOP sign needed on Vista Drive. This is an un-controlled intersection. Also, NO THRU TRAFFIC signs have appeared on Vista Drive near NY 146 and on Vista Court near Tanner Road. A public street is open to all traffic regardless of their origin or destination. This is not an appropriate way to minimize traffic through a neighborhood. Bull was absent, so discussion as to how the signs came to be was deferred until the April meeting.
- e. Oakwood Drive Corridor – There are a number of un-controlled intersections along Oakwood Boulevard. STOP signs are needed at Laurence Drive, Rioux Court, Redwood Drive and on Oakwood at Fenimore Drive. A resolution will be sent to the Town Board to approve the installation of STOP signs at the intersections.
- f. Potential traffic impacts when new school on Maxwell opens. Lenny Casper explained that 11 to 13 buses along with parents doing drop off at the school will create potential traffic back-ups. It was suggested that Scavo send a letter to Shen and invite them to meet with the Committee to discuss how traffic is expected to operate in the area around the school.
- g. Potential traffic impacts if solar facility is built on McElroy Road. Casper stated that the problem with the site is that the access road is proposed to be located on a curve instead of on a tangent section of McElroy. Scavo will send a letter to the Planning Board expressing the Committee’s concern.

Adjournment at 8:03 PM

Next Meeting – April 23, 2026