



TOWN OF
CLIFTON PARK
SARATOGA COUNTY, NEW YORK

Highway Safety Advisory Committee

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April 23, 2026 Meeting Minutes

1. Introduction

a. Attendance

Present

Dave Woodin (Chair)	John Scavo (Town Planner)	Dahn Bull (Highway Supt)
Jim Allen	Lenny Casper	Phil Clark
Tony George	Al Karoly	Jeff LaBarge
Bob O'Connell	Eric Ophardt	Tom Werner

Absent

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Guests

Nancy Bellamy (Town Board Member)

b. Al Karoly announced that he had submitted his resignation as a Co-Chair to the Town Supervisor. He intends on remaining as an active member. Dave Woodin will be the lone Chair for now.

c. Minutes

The minutes of the February and March meetings were accepted as drafted on a motion by Woodin and 2nd by Allen. A lack of quorum prevented the adoption last month of the February minutes.

2. Old Business

a. NYSDOT's Safety Improvement Projects for NY 146 & US 9. Work resumed in March and steady progress is being made towards a Summer 2026 completion.

b. NYSDOT Referral Status - Traffic Studies and Other Requests

1. Pierce Road & Usher Road Intersection. NYSDOT is studying a potential project involving the redevelopment of an office park on 32 acres on the north side of Ushers Road. CPHSAC has requested that the intersection be included 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. Greg Wichser of NYSDOT Region 1 will look into the CPHSAC request.

2. Jonesville Fire Station signal removal. The signal was recently removed, but the poles are still in place with power and a meter. Casper stated that the poles will be removed at a later date.

3. SS4A Grants – Several locations have been identified as possible candidates for SS4A grants: NY 146 & Blue Barns Road future roundabout and Grooms Road at Exit 8A. Candidates should be a high accident location which both would fit in that category.
 4. NY 146 & Bruno Road - Signal Study. A decision is expected next month as Scavo has been in contact with the woman who originally wrote to NYSDOT about the location.
 5. NTOR Sign at Exit 8 Southbound Off-Ramp - Supplementary sign requested off the shoulder. Letter sent to NYSDOT in September and they have it in their queue of pending studies.
- 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. Bull said that the controller needs to be replaced to resolve the problem. To assist motorists that are not familiar with the hours of operation that the school speed limits are in effect, plaques will be installed at every school speed limit sign that states “7:00 AM to 6:00 PM / SCHOOL DAYS”. Bull noted that while responding to a house fire in Rexford that afternoon, he noticed that the Glenview School which is in the Niskayuna District did not have a plaque either stating the school speed limit hours.
 - 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 will meet sometime in later May to do a field survey before sign changes are to occur.
 - e. Driveway striping at Community Care Physicians & Clifton Park Center Mall. Striping at CCP will occur after the pot hole repairs are made. Expect work to be done in later Spring.
 - f. Guiderail on Bruno Road. Town Board approved and the work has been scheduled for the Spring. Additional guiderail work has been added, so the schedule has no firm installation date.
 - g. CAPTAIN Senior Transportation Advisory Committee. Bob O’Connell reported that a decision is expected to be made by the Town Board regarding the purchase of a software package. SPEDSTA is expected to be the ride scheduling software selected. The Town missed the deadline for a Federal grant regarding mobility management resources. Captain will meet with Saratoga County to see the SPEDSTA software.
 - 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. No action taken yet, but 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). - Expect construction to occur from April - December 2027.
 - j. Van Patten Drive – The results of the study have been posted on the Town website.
 - k. Kinns Road Corridor Study – Concept plans are being developed. There will be a meeting in May. This project would be a good candidate for SS4A funding.
 - l. Bass Pro Shop - John DiSimone will set up a meeting with Bass Pro to discuss the issue of non-MUTCD compliant traffic control devices in their parking lot. Although the devices may be ADA compliant, enforcement of the handicap parking spaces is not possible if the traffic control devices are not MUTCD compliant.
 - m. 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 is finalizing 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.
 - n. 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.

- o. 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. Will check out the need for a crosswalk on Mooney as well.
- p. Citizen Request – Green Meadow Drive – No Parking Here to Corner sign was approved by the Town Board on April 7th and the signing has been installed.
- q. 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 was approved by the Town Board on April 7th and the signing has been installed.
- r. Street lighting on Grooms Road – Scavo sent a letter to the person requesting corridor lighting on Grooms Road that the Town only installs lighting at intersections.
- s. 63 Bradt Road – Michael Chase (63 Bradt Rd) and Mary Cacchiotti (61 Bradt Rd) were in attendance at the March meeting. 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. A speed study is underway to collect speed data along Bradt Road and crash data is being analyzed. There should be results available to discuss at the May meeting. Once the data is available, it will be shared with the law enforcement agencies.
- t. Potential traffic impacts when new school on Maxwell opens. In March, 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. Scavo had a conversation with Shen’s facility & transportation coordinator. Shen is working with a consultant and will share their plan when it is developed.
- u. Potential traffic impacts if solar facility is built on McElroy Road. In March, 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 sent a letter to the Planning Board expressing the Committee’s concern. If a berm is installed, Bull should be consulted as there are strong winds that cross McElroy.
- v. Oakwood Boulevard 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. Although the Committee recommended the Stop signs at the March Meeting, a resolution has not been sent to the Town Board yet.

3. New Business

- a. CP & HM Planning Board Actions
 - Clifton Park** - Still waiting on DEC decision for who will be Lead Agency for the proposed concrete batch plant on US 9. There is a lawsuit filed regarding the decision of the ZBA to grant area variances for a proposed Quick Check project at Exit 8.
 - Halfmoon** - There is a proposal for a large solar farm on Upper Newtown Road. The discussion also included updates on battery energy storage systems (BESS) proposals. Clifton Park banned BESS in January; Halfmoon has implemented a moratorium and Waterford will be asking the Town Board to proceed with a moratorium as well. Most municipalities, regardless whether pro or against BESS are in a position where their municipal codes need to be updated in order to deal with this technology. Federal

funds have dried up for solar applications, but are available for BESS and as a result, the interest in siting BESS projects is gaining momentum due to the funding and the fact that they can occupy small plots of land compared to a solar farm.

- b. 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. The sub-committee recommended that the no parking restriction be shortened to not include the property in front of # 14, only # 16. The signs will be relocated and on new posts so that they are at the proper 7 foot height. Also, a stop line on Jonathan Drive was recommended so that motorists would know where to initially stop when at the intersection of Boyack Road. That will improve their visibility.
- c. 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 in March and said that they were put up by resolution a few years ago when there was a lot of detour type traffic when the 146A roundabout was being built. This item was tabled so that research could be done regarding the origination of the approval.
- d. There were two citizen requests to lower the speed limit on Crescent Road near VanVranken in response to several geese being struck and killed crossing the road from a pond to a resident's house where the homeowner regularly fed wildlife. There was discussion about how lowering a speed limit for small wildlife would not make the situation any better. The problem is the feeding of the wildlife which is prohibited by DEC if it becomes a nuisance. The fact that several geese have been killed while crossing from the pond to feed is an indication that the situation has become a nuisance and the feeding needs to stop. Scavo has a brochure that he can have published on the Town website urging residents not to feed the wildlife.
- e. FY 26 Safe Street & Roads – Scavo will talk to CRTA to see if the Town qualifies for this type of funding.

Adjournment at 7:50 PM

Next Meeting – May 28, 2026