

**BRATTLEBORO TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2013
8:30AM – SELECTBOARD MEETING ROOM
MINUTES**

Members present: Town Manager Barbara Sondag, Public Works Director Steve Barrett, Police Chief Gene Wrinn, Fire Chief Mike Bucossi, Leo Schiff as Chamber of Commerce Representative, and Betsy Gentile as School Representative.

Selectboard representative present: David Gartenstein.

Other staff members present: Highway/Utilities Superintendent Hannah O'Connell, and Assistant Town Manager Patrick Moreland.

Others present: Matt Mann from Windham Regional Commission, Daisy Frederick, Terry A. Carter, Alice Charkes, and others who did not sign the attendance sheet.

Town Manager Sondag called the meeting to order at 8:35am. She confirmed that the meeting was properly warned.

MOTION BY LEO SCHIFF TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MAY 28, 2013. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Public Participation – Terry Carter noted that she had ongoing safety issues on Putney Road near the Harris Avenue intersection. Sondag said that the matter would be taken up under "Other Business."

Traffic Calming Plan – Highway/Utilities Superintendent O'Connell said that the draft Traffic Calming Plan had been posted on the Town website, along with a link for public comment, and that seven comments were received. There was discussion about the comments, the draft Plan, possible revisions to the Plan, and past and future traffic studies. Alice Charkes suggested adding language concerning reporting of individual traffic incidents to the Police Department, and the Committee discussed Police involvement and enforcement in connection with the overall Plan. Gartenstein said that he had several individual line edits to the Plan, and he briefly discussed some of the edits. He suggested that the Committee review the edits and that the Town Attorney review the Plan before it was finalized. There was further discussion about reviewing past traffic studies, the age of those studies, and obtaining new traffic studies, including volume and speed. Sondag asked that representatives from the Police Department and Windham Regional Commission meet and compile past traffic studies in order to determine an organized approach to a traffic plan.

Putney Road Bike Lanes – Hannah O'Connell said that she spoke with a representative at VTrans and was told that the bike lanes and road striping on Putney Road were painted by the State annually. There was discussion about safety concerns on Putney Road because the lines for pedestrian crossings, bike lanes, and traffic lanes were faded and worn off. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Scott Rogers at VTrans, the legislature, and others about the unsafe conditions caused by the lack of lines.

Other Business

Terry Carter re-stated her concerns for pedestrian safety on Putney Road from St. Michael's Episcopal Church to Brattleboro Tire. Sondag read the minutes from the July 24, 2012 Traffic Safety Committee meeting where the Committee decided not to take action on the matter. Terry Carter asked that the matter be taken up by the Committee again, and that her request not be limited to the installation of a crosswalk, but that the Committee discuss traffic calming efforts in that area on Putney Road. It was decided that the Committee would have a site visit at its August 27 meeting at 8:00am at the intersection of Putney Road and Harris Avenue. The Committee would then reconvene at the Municipal Center after the site visit to discuss possible traffic calming measures for that area. There was a brief discussion about the State and Town right of way and the difficulties in that area.

There was no further business.

**MOTION BY DAVID GARTENSTEIN, AND SECONDED BY BETSY GENTILE, AT 9:15AM TO
ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**