

Chili Traffic and Safety Committee Minutes

September 3, 2020 Minutes	
Committee Members	Brad Grover; Chairman, Stephen Tarbell; Vice-Chair, Michael Tata; Secretary Jason Marsherrall, Thomas Schreck, Marlene Kretser
Advisors	Dave Lindsay; Town Highway Superintendent Brent Penwarden; Monroe County DOT Chris Fish; Chili Fire Department
Town Board Liaison	Mark DeCory
Guests	None
Excused	David Lindsay
Meeting Called to Order	7:00 PM
August 2020 Minutes Approved	First: Tom Schreck Second: Marlene Kretser Unanimous
Special Circumstances	David Lindsay was not able to attend; however, he did submit written comments and updates – such are noted in the meeting minutes where applicable.

OLD BUSINESS

Date	Issue/Concern	Discussion/Actions Taken
Aug. 03, 2017	The Traffic and Safety Committee contacted the NYSDOT to express their concerns related to delays and safety issues with these four intersections. These intersections are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Union Street (Route 259) and Buffalo Road (Route 33) • Union Street (Route 259) and Chili Avenue (Route 33A) • Chili Avenue (Route 33A) and Chestnut Ridge Road • Chili Avenue (Route 33A) and Beaver Road (Route 252) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The NYSDOT conducted data at these intersections and provided analysis with a written correspondence. Copies of the correspondence can be found in the meeting minutes dated November 7, 2019 • [Feb 6, 2020] Any improvements will require funding; waiting for funding from the state. • [Mar 5, 2020] No additional discussion • [Aug 6, 2020] comment to keep this item on the minutes as reference and until state funding becomes available. • [Sept 3] No discussion/No action needed at this time.
Jan. 3, 2019 Item #1	Concerns were raised from the committee regarding posted speed limits being too low and improper pavement markings existing on several rural roads in the town.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chili Highway Department will work with the Monroe County Department of Transportation to complete a speed and pavement marking assessment on Ballantyne Rd, Humphrey Rd, Bowen Rd, Stryker Rd and Reed Rd. • The work will be completed as resources and time permit. • Copies of the written correspondence can be found in the meeting minutes of Nov. 7, 2019 • [Feb 6, 2020] No additional discussion or activity • [Mar 5, 2020] No additional discussion • [Aug 6, 2020] MCDOT will review the needed work given that there was a delay in many projects relating to the governor's pandemic orders. • [Sept 3] Time/Resources need to be allocated

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<p>Jan. 3, 2019</p> <p>Item #2</p>	<p>A concerned citizen raised an issue regarding speeding on Stryker Rd., near Scottsville-Chili Rd.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave Lindsay will be contacting the Sheriff's Department, looking into reflective slow down strips on signs and placing a traffic detection unit for speed in the area and will set up a radar speed check sometime late Spring 2019. • A radar study was completed for Stryker Road for the period March 27th – April 5th. • [Sept 5, 2019] A concerned citizen addressed the board concerned with speeding in the area of Stryker Rd. and Rt 386. Citizen stated the traffic heading west to east seems to be more dangerous than east to west and of the numerous blind drives (specific times which seem to be the worst are from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM). The committee discussed this ongoing situation in depth and at least for now the Monroe County Sheriff's Department will be contacted to step up enforcement in this area until more studies are completed to help resolve this problem. Dave Lindsay set up a speed radar check in May of 2019 in this area. • [Oct 3, 2019] The same concerned citizen advised the committee that approximately two weeks ago another near miss collision occurred again near residence. Contact was made to the Monroe County Sheriff's Department. Dave Lindsay will be contacting the NYSDOT to see what additional signage the town could possibly add to this area. The sheriff's department is aware of the situation. • [Nov 7, 2019] Dave Lindsay advised that a special tractor warning sign has been ordered and he will be following up with the NYSDOT on an updated stop sign at the intersection. The same concerned citizen gave an update concerning issues within this area. <i>(Note: results of study can be found in the meeting minutes November 7, 2019)</i> • [Feb 6, 2020] Sign posting is delayed, waiting for NYSDOT action on replacing other traffic signs in this area to avoid conflict. If NYSDOT signs are not up soon, Town will place tractor warning sign and adjust if needed. • [Mar 5, 2020] NYSDOT response: The sign inventory found 36" stop signs on the east and west legs of the intersection. These signs are properly placed and in serviceable condition. The intersection warning sign on the southbound approach and the two "stop ahead" signs on the eastbound and westbound approaches are over 20 years old and in poor condition. It appears that the stop ahead

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		<p>warning sign on the westbound approach was not authorized or installed by the state. The southbound and eastbound sight distances to the intersection were found to be slightly limited. The northbound and westbound sight distances to the intersection was found to be adequate. Given the above information, it would be in the public's interest to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Update the southbound intersection warning sign to meet current standards. b. Update the eastbound stop ahead warning sign to meet current standards with a long posting distance to accommodate the hill crest condition. c. Remove the westbound stop ahead warning sign. <p>The new stop ahead warning sign will be placed at the location of the town's existing driveway warning sign. The driveway warning sign will be renewed and reinstalled 200 feet west of the new stop ahead warning sign. This work will be completed by State forces as scheduling, ordering, and weather allow. We do not have any appropriate signing on the state route or in the intersection that would be effective at communicating the presence of farm equipment. If the Town wishes to install farm vehicle warning signs on Stryker Road, that may be appropriate; maintain 200' spacing from the sign locations identified above.</p> <p>[Aug 6, 2020] David Lindsay will confirm that the NYSDOT has placed the signage specific to the NYSDOT's needs; if not, he will contact NYSDOT on status. Once state has placed new signage the town will look at placing their desired signs (as not to interfere with state's sign).</p> <p>[Sept 3] Waiting for NYSDOT to complete their work in this area. The state is dealing with reduced staffing issues.</p>

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Sept. 5, 2019	Dave Lindsay reported he received a complaint concerning speeding on Toni Terrace.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave advised the concerned citizen that he would be putting up a radar unit in the area in a few weeks and would share the data with the committee. • [Oct 3, 2019] Dave Lindsay reported that the radar unit will be up next month. • [Nov 7, 2019] Dave Lindsay reported that they set up the radar unit and due to the weather, they did not think the data was accurate. The unit will be put back in the spring in order to obtain more reliable information. • [Mar 5, 2020] Driver feedback units are scheduled to be posted in Spring. • [Aug 6, 2020] Area has been added to the driver feedback rotation schedule. • [Sept 3] David Lindsay commented that the driver feedback signs are planned to be posted next week or two.
Mar 5, 2020 Item #1	A resident of Chili has raised concern about the safety of pedestrians because of the excessive speed of drivers through the Brian and Evergreen Drive neighborhood.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee discussed the matter and has recommended that further investigation of the area is needed. Additionally, the neighborhood will be added to the rotation of posting Driver Feedback signs. • [Aug 6, 2020] Area has been added to the driver feedback rotation schedule. • [Sept 3] David Lindsay commented that the driver feedback signs are to be posted once current allocated ones become available. <i>Note: feedback signs are posted throughout the town based on a two-week rotation schedule.</i>
Aug 6, 2020 Item #1	Residents of Emerald Point raised a complaint of cars driving excessively in the neighborhood (includes W. Forest Dr and other adjoining roads). The committee and the residents had a long conversation to better understand the resident's expectations. Residents did make it known that those believed to be speeding are from the neighborhood.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area will be added to the driver feedback rotation schedule. It was also suggested that a letter be sent to all the residents of the area as a means of bringing awareness. David Lindsay will look into the idea of sending out letters. The driver feedback signs will be considered once the road pavement project is completed. • [Sept 3] No discussion
Aug 6, 2020 Item #2	Residents of Emerald Point made a request for the committee to review the need of the stop sign located at the intersection of Emerald Point and W. Forest.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee has asked that the town highway department conduct a study to determine if the stop sign is warranted. • [Sept 3] No discussion

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Aug 6, 2020 Item #3	David Lindsay received letter of complaint regarding speeding on College Green.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A speed study was conducted on College Green Drive from July 9 through July 17; a total of 3,807 trips (both directions). The data shows 3,450 (90.6%) vehicles were traveling at or below 30 mph. Based upon the data, the Committee agrees that there does not appear to be a speeding problem. • [Sept 3] Committee advises that David Lindsay contact the resident regarding the committee's finding on the matter as noted in the original hearing notes (previous bullet).
Aug 6, 2020 Item #6	Committee member Steve Tarbell made comment about the proposed stop light on Paul Rd at the entrance/exit of the Wegmans parking lot (near ESL and M&T Bank).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brent Penwarden discussed with the committee that the stop light installation is uncertain and that it is contingent upon the ongoing housing development nearby. • [Sept 3] Brent Penwarden provided clarification that upon completion of the development a new study will be conducted to determine proper warrants for the area.

NEW BUSINESS

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Sept 3, 2020 Item #1	David Lindsay received a complaint about speeding on Union Square Blvd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Highway Department will be adding the driver feedback signs to this area as current signs become available. The hope is to post these before winter season.
Sept 3, 2020 Item #2	<p>Union Street Industrial (USI) in near its second phase.</p> <p><i>Note: industry is located on Union Street south of the railroad crossing bridge.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NYSDOT has requested that USI investigate the impacts of the intersection with Rt. 490 and Union Street (Rt. 259). NYSDOT has also asked USI to utilize the service road (town road) which runs north parallel to Rt. 259 and then crosses Rt. 259 underneath the bridge, then parallel with railroad tracks. The committee wholeheartedly expressed agreement with the use of this town road to avoid left hand turns. Michael Tata further emphasized that southbound traffic may have limited sight distance and that trucks may not be able to judge appropriately the time one has to make that left turn. David Lindsay communicated to NYSDOT that the use of this town road would need improvements to accommodate the size and weight of trucks.

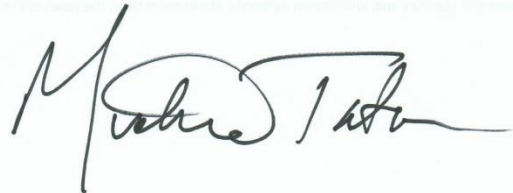
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Sept 3, 2020 Item #3	Councilmember Mary Sperr informed the committee and David Lindsay that she received a complaint via email from a concerned citizen regarding speeding in and around the neighborhood south of Florence Brassier ES.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Lindsay commented that his office will look into the need for “additional speed limit” signs being posted. The area will be included for the driver feedback signs when current ones become available. Additionally, the request to reduce the speed limit from 30 MPH to 25 MPH (decrease of 5 MPH) is not the best option. There are alternatives that may meet the need (e.g. driver education and increased enforcement). The committee agrees that lowering the speed limit by 5 MPH is not currently a viable option.
Sept 3, 2020 Item #4	Committee member Michael Tata received a complaint from a concerned citizen about drivers ignoring the stop sign located at Sleepy Hollow and Paul Road Square, in particular the sign is located on Paul Road Square as one is coming from the plaza.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Tata investigated the area and found that the stop bar and road striping needs to be examined, paint appears to be worn and faded. Brent Penwarden, MCDOT will work with the Town to determine if striping/painting is warranted.
Sept. 3, 2020 Item #5	Steve Tarbell raised a concern brought to him by a citizen. The issue is regarding the stop sign/flashing light at the intersection of Old Scottsville Chili Rd and Beaver Rd. (Rt. 259). The stop sign appears to be obstructed by foliage and that it may need to be brought forward (further away from intersection) for better visibility.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After discussion, the committee recommends a review of the intersection to assess any changes needed in order to improve the visibility of the stop sign.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:38 PM

The next Traffic and Safety meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2020 at 7:00 PM



Brad Grover, Chairman



Michael Tata, Secretary