

## Chili Traffic and Safety Committee Minutes

January 7, 2021 Minutes	
Committee Members	Brad Grover; Chairman, Stephen Tarbell; Vice-Chair, Michael Tata; Secretary Jason Marsherall, 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	Chuck Rettig
Excused	Chris Fish and Dave Lindsay
<b>Meeting Called to Order</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
December 2020 Minutes	First: Tom Schreck Second: Jason Marsherall Approved 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	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Union Street (Rte 259) and Buffalo Road (Rte 33)</li> <li>• Union Street (Rte 259) and Chili Avenue (Rte 33A)</li> <li>• Chili Avenue (Rte 33A) and Chestnut Ridge Road</li> <li>• Chili Avenue (Rte 33A) and Beaver Road (Rte 252)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>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</b></li> <li>• <b>[Feb 6, 2020] Any improvements will require funding; waiting for funding from the state.</b></li> <li>• <b>[Mar 5, 2020] No additional discussion</b></li> <li>• <b>[Aug 6, 2020] comment to keep this item on the minutes as reference and until state funding becomes available.</b></li> <li>• <b>[Sept 3] No discussion/No action needed at this time.</b></li> <li>• <b>[Oct 1] No discussion</b></li> <li>• <b>[Dec 3] No discussion</b></li> <li>• <b>[Jan 7] Review of the issue and restatement that this is pending state funding.</b></li> </ul>
Jan. 3, 2019 Item #1	<p>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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>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.</b></li> <li>• <b>The work will be completed as resources and time permit.</b></li> <li>• <b>Copies of the written correspondence can be found in the meeting minutes of Nov. 7, 2019</b></li> <li>• <b>[Feb 6, 2020] No additional discussion or activity</b></li> <li>• <b>[Mar 5, 2020] No additional discussion</b></li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [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.</li> <li>• [Sept 3] Time/Resources need to be allocated.</li> <li>• [Oct 1] No discussion</li> <li>• [Nov 5] Restating that this issue is contingent on time and resource needs.</li> <li>• [Dec 3] This will more than likely happen in the Spring.</li> <li>• [Jan 7] Town and County will work on a pavement marking study as time and resources permit.</li> </ul>
Sept. 5, 2019	Dave Lindsay reported he received a complaint concerning speeding on Toni Terrace.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• [Oct 3, 2019] Dave Lindsay reported that the radar unit will be up next month.</li> <li>• [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.</li> <li>• [Mar 5, 2020] Driver feedback units are scheduled to be posted in Spring.</li> <li>• [Aug 6, 2020] Area has been added to the driver feedback rotation schedule.</li> <li>• [Sept 3] David Lindsay commented that the driver feedback signs are planned to be posted next week or two.</li> <li>• [Oct 1] Feedback signs will be added to the Rotation Schedule in 2021</li> <li>• [Nov 5] Feedback signs posted.</li> <li>• [Dec 3] Confirm that data was collected and being analyzed. Initial thought is that the feedback sign used is not designed to collect data.</li> <li>• [Jan 7] David Lindsay submitted that the feedback signs did not generate data. Committee will determine if signs should be reposted in the Spring to collect data.</li> </ul>

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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"> <li>• <b>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.</b></li> <li>• <b>[Sept 3] No discussion</b></li> <li>• <b>[Oct 1] Feedback signs will be added to the Rotation Schedule in 2021</b></li> <li>• <b>[Nov 5] Intent is to send letters to the residents in conjunction with the feedback signs being posted in the Spring.</b></li> <li>• <b>[Dec 3] No discussion</b></li> <li>• <b>[Jan 7] Expectation that letters to the neighbors should be sent as discussed/noted from November 5 meeting.</b></li> </ul>
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"> <li>• <b>The committee has asked that the town highway department conduct a study to determine if the stop sign is warranted.</b></li> <li>• <b>[Sept 3] No discussion</b></li> <li>• <b>[Oct 1] County will perform a traffic study to determine if top sign is warranted.</b></li> <li>• <b>[Nov 5] Discussion of the need and impact of removing the stop sign was made and a study will be conducted when department resources are available in the upcoming months.</b></li> <li>• <b>[Dec 3] Further analysis is needed to determine the need for a study on the removal of the existing stop sign.</b></li> <li>• <b>[Jan 7] Committee has recommended that the stop sign remain at the current location and that a study is not needed.</b></li> </ul>

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<p>Sept 3, 2020</p> <p>Item #2</p>	<p>Union Street Industrial (USI) is 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"> <li>• <b>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.</b></li> <li>• <b>[Oct 1] Passero submitted a recommendation to the NYSDOT upon their review of the entrance to USI from Rt. 259 (Union Street): Passero's recommendation based upon the bypass road having certain structural and geometric limitations is that it would not be ideal to utilize the bypass road for anything but emergency access to the site. Furthermore, while that entrance was used as a primary construction entrance for Phase 1, all future phases would not be permitted to use it for construction or other traffic. A copy of the Passero recommendation letter was submitted to David Lindsay, the town supervisor, and the planning board. Copy is attached to October 1, 2020 minutes.</b></li> <li>• <b>[Nov 5] NYSDOT sent a letter to the town regarding the signal light for the on/off ramps of Rt. 490 at Rt 259 (Union St.). A copy of letter attached to the November 5, 2020 minutes.</b></li> <li>• <b>[Dec 3] Additional request made to NYSDOT for review of the existing stop light placement (Rt, 490W exit ramp) for better alignment with road markings.</b></li> <li>• <b>[Jan 7] Further discussion on this topic; no further action needed at this time.</b></li> </ul>
<p>Sept 3, 2020</p> <p>Item #4</p>	<p>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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>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.</b></li> <li>• <b>[Oct 1] No discussion</b></li> <li>• <b>[Nov 5] Intersection is being considered for paint and striping.</b></li> </ul>

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Sept. 3, 2020  Item #5	<p>Committee member 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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• [Oct 1] No discussion</li> <li>• [Nov 5] Town highway department will examine this intersection for overgrown foliage and trim where necessary. The placement of the stop sign will be considered for a need to reposition in accordance with existing codes.</li> <li>• [Dec 3] Foliage trimming was done, moving the stop sign was considered and there is little room to relocate, stop ahead sign is being considered for relocation or to remain in its current placement.</li> <li>• [Jan 7] The stop ahead sign is posted approximately 250 feet in advance of the intersection and is visible from another 150 to 200 feet. No changes are being recommended to the placement of the stop sign and stop ahead sign.</li> </ul>

## NEW BUSINESS

Date	Issue/Concern	Discussion/Actions Taken
Jan 7, 2021  Item #1	<p>Committee received a concern for a citizen about the stop light located at the intersection of Rt. 386 and Rt. 33A. The concern is that the light for the southbound traffic appears be quickly cycle (change) and is causing traffic from both directions to enter the intersection during the cycle, thus a danger.</p>	<p><b>There was a discussion about the potential danger of this issue and possible solutions. Also, it was raised that this is not the first time this stop light has received a complaint. The signal cycle will be reviewed to determine if changes are warranted.</b></p>
Jan 7, 2021  Item #2	<p>Committee received a concern for a citizen about the stop light located at Rt. 490W off ramp and Rt. 386. The concern is that the northbound traffic traveling on Rt. 386 does not have sufficient time to determine the color status of the light because the Rt 490</p>	<p><b>Committed discussed the complainant's concerns and has requested the county look at the visibility issue of the stop light for northbound traffic and provide recommendation for any potential solution.</b></p>

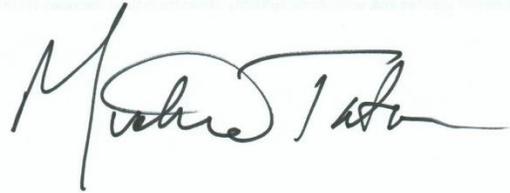
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	overpass blocking the visibility of the northbound traffic from a reasonable distance. The complainant expressed a desire to have the yellow light at a longer duration than normal to minimize potential traffic incidents.	

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 PM**

*The next Traffic and Safety meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2021 at 7:00 PM*



**Brad Grover, Chairman**



**Michael Tata, Secretary**