

## Chili Traffic and Safety Committee Minutes

<b>September 2, 2021 Minutes</b>	
Committee Members	Brad Grover; Chairman, Stephen Tarbell; Vice-Chair, Michael Tata; Secretary Marlene Kretser, Thomas Schreck, Jason Marsherrall
Advisors	Dave Lindsay; Town Highway Superintendent Brent Penwarden; Monroe County DOT Chris Fish; Chili Fire Department
Town Board Liaison	Mark DeCory
Guests	Mr. John Maher Dave DuBreck
<b>Excused</b>	Thomas Schreck, Jason Marsherrall, Shane Hirt, Mark DeCory
<b>Meeting Called to Order</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
August 2021 Minutes	First: Stephen Tarbell; Second: Marlene Kretser; Approved: Unanimous

### 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, 2021] Review of the issue and restatement that this is pending state funding.</b></li> <li>• <b>[Feb 4] No discussion</b></li> <li>• <b>[Mar 4] No discussion</b></li> <li>• <b>[Apr 1] Further reinforcing of the need for state funding</b></li> <li>• <b>[May 6] No discussion</b></li> <li>• <b>[Jun 3] No discussion; still waiting for funding</b></li> <li>• <b>[Aug 5] No discussion</b></li> <li>• <b>[Sept 2] Update that funding is still being worked on from the state. Funding for the area is mainly being allocated for the I-390/I-490 interchange work.</b></li> </ul>

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<p>Jan. 3, 2019</p> <p>Item #1</p>	<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> <li>• <b>[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.</b></li> <li>• <b>[Sept 3] Time/Resources need to be allocated.</b></li> <li>• <b>[Oct 1] No discussion</b></li> <li>• <b>[Nov 5] Restating that this issue is contingent on time and resource needs.</b></li> <li>• <b>[Dec 3] This will more than likely happen in the Spring.</b></li> <li>• <b>[Jan 7, 2021] Town and County will work on a pavement marking study as time and resources permit.</b></li> <li>• <b>[Feb 4] Review and assessment of striping reasons from the past to better determine the needs for changes</b></li> <li>• <b>[Mar 4] No discussion</b></li> <li>• <b>[Apr 1] Review of jobs and needs has begun. The expectation is that a list of roads will be compiled for changes. Approved changes in striping will occur when resurfacing is conducted on designated roads.</b></li> <li>• <b>[May 6] County and town are working on a schedule of work</b></li> <li>• <b>[Jun 3] Planning for this task is being determined to coincide with work being done by the County.</b></li> <li>• <b>[Aug 5] Waiting for status update from County</b></li> <li>• <b>[Sept 2] Waiting for the Passing Zone Assessment to be completed by the County. A strong possibility that the new posted speed limit signs will not be completed until Spring 2022.</b></li> </ul>

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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"> <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, 2021] 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> <li>• [Feb 4] Radar placement being considered in the Spring in order to collect specific traffic data.</li> <li>• [Mar 4] Radar placement planned for second half of April; contingent on weather conditions</li> <li>• [Apr 1] No discussion</li> <li>• [May 6] Snow and weather prevented the placement of radar unit. Town Highway looking to place these in May.</li> <li>• [Jun 3] Driver feedback signs have been posted and the data is being analyzed. Preliminary analysis indicates that 5% of the vehicle traffic was at or above 36 MPH. Town is considering adding signage requesting drivers to slow down.</li> <li>• [Aug 5] Waiting for confirmation of signage placement.</li> <li>• [Sept 2] Signs have been placed; issue resolved.</li> </ul>

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<p>Aug 6, 2020</p> <p>Item #1</p>	<p>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.</p>	<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, 2021] Expectation that letters to the neighbors should be sent as discussed/noted from November 5 meeting.</b></li> <li>• <b>[Feb 4] A canvas of the neighborhood is planned with letters to residents as well as a general notice being published in the Town newsletter.</b></li> <li>• <b>[Mar 4] No discussion</b></li> <li>• <b>[Apr 1] Waiting confirmation of letters being sent and Town newsletter being published.</b></li> <li>• <b>[May 6] Letters have sent to approximately 400 residents.</b></li> <li>• <b>[Jun 3] One response that David Lindsay received from the letters was appreciative of the Town's review and actions about vehicular traffic. This location is being considered for driver feedback signs in the coming months.</b></li> <li>• <b>[Aug 5] Waiting for confirmation of driver feedback posting.</b></li> <li>• <b>[Sept 2] Signs have been placed; issue resolved.</b></li> </ul>

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<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> <li>• <b>[Dec 3] Paint/striping is being considered and if needed will be completed in Spring.</b></li> <li>• <b>[Jan 7, 2021] David Lindsay submitted that the current painting/striping is adequate, and it will be placed on the inclusion list for review in 2021.</b></li> <li>• <b>[Feb 4] No discussion</b></li> <li>• <b>[Mar 4] Restriping is planned for late March/early April; weather permitting</b></li> <li>• <b>[Apr 1] No discussion</b></li> <li>• <b>[May 6] Restriping is planned for late summer in conjunction with several other striping needs/work</b></li> <li>• <b>[Jun 3] Restriping is planned for late August/early September.</b></li> <li>• <b>[Aug 5] Restriping planned for August/September.</b></li> <li>• <b>[Sept 2] Restriping planned for August/September.</b></li> </ul>
<p>Mar 4, 2021</p> <p>Item #1</p>	<p>Committee has had ongoing discussion related to the Union Street Industrial (USI) project and concerns of changes in traffic pattern.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A request for review is the need for adding a stop light at the intersection of Rt. 259 and Rt. 490E on/off ramps.</b></li> <li>• <b>[Apr 1] No discussion</b></li> <li>• <b>[May 6] Awaiting decision from NYSDOT</b></li> <li>• <b>[Jun 3] Official decision from NYSDOT pending.</b></li> <li>• <b>[Aug 5] NYSDOT has not formally provided its decision specific to the Rt. 259 and Rt. 490E on/off ramps intersection.</b></li> <li>• <b>[Sept 2] Waiting for official response from NYSDOT.</b></li> </ul>
<p>Apr 1, 2021</p> <p>Item #1</p>	<p>Committee member Michael Tata was informed of a citizen observing vehicles traveling at high rates of speed westbound on Paul Rd (heading towards Union St. (Rt. 259) near Ford's Farm and the Rt. 490 overpass.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The area will be placed on the rotation for driver feedback signs.</b></li> <li>• <b>[May 6] The road in question is a county road on David Lindsay will coordinate with the county on placing driver feedback signs.</b></li> <li>• <b>[Jun 3] Upon county agreement, the hope is for driver feedback signs to be placed at this location in mid/late June.</b></li> <li>• <b>[Aug 5] Waiting for confirmation of driver feedback posting.</b></li> <li>• <b>[Sept 2] Waiting for confirmation of driver feedback posting.</b></li> </ul>

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<p>May 6, 2021</p> <p>Item #1</p>	<p>Committee member Michael Tata noticed that the intersection of Orange Tree and Chili Ave. is set with a yield sign rather than a stop sign.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Lindsay will reach out to NYSDOT and county to determine why a yield sign was place at this intersection and if a stop sign is warranted.</li> <li>• [Jun 3] David Lindsay will reach out to the county and state to determine if the intersection has the proper sing placement (Stop sign vs. Yield sign).</li> <li>• [Aug 5] Waiting for response from the NYSDOT for confirmation of correct sign placement (Stop or Yield).</li> <li>• [Sept 2] Since Chili Ave (Rt. 33A) is a state road, it requires NYSDOT approval; waiting for response from the NYSDOT.</li> </ul>
<p>Aug 5, 2021</p> <p>Item #1</p>	<p>Several members of the committee had a concern about the two separate intersections at Rt. 386 and Rt. 252 with other being Rt. 252 and Old Chili Scottsville Rd.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The western most intersection uses a four-way stop with flashing red and the eastern most intersection uses two-way stop with flashing red for north/south bound traffic. After discussion the committee will inquire with Town Highway and NYSDOT to explore the possibilities of upgrading the flashing lights to be brighter and clearer and other potential improvements.</li> <li>• [Sept 2] David Lindsay will reach out to NYSDOT for review of the flashing lights for upgrade needs.</li> </ul>
<p>Aug 5, 2021</p> <p>Item #2</p>	<p>A concerned citizen brought to the attention of the committee concerns of the need for an upgrade of traffic signage at the intersection of Morgan Rd. and Rt. 386.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Citizen provided the committee with two photographs of the type of signage that may be best for this specific intersection: (1) a border of lights that flash and (2) a flashing light above or below the sign. The two photographs will be given to David Lindsay.</li> <li>• [Sept 2] This intersection has had many recent improvements done by NYSDOT. The recommendation of upgrading the stop signs to include the style/type that the citizen brought to the committee attention will be passed onto the NYSDOT office.</li> </ul>

## NEW BUSINESS

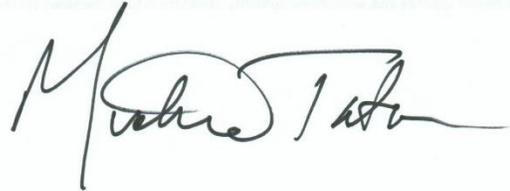
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Sep 2, 2021  Item #1	A concerned citizen informed the committee about speeding on residential roads. The complaint was specific to the College Greene neighborhood with emphasis on College Greene Dr.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Complainant expressed his desire to lower the speed limit from 30 MPH to 25 MPH in hopes of having drivers reduce their operating speeds within this residential area. David Lindsay cited two recent speed studies done in this area and the findings show that there is not an issue with excessive speeds. The committee will review alternative measures to assist drivers in being aware of the current and posted speed limits. The complainant also expressed his desire on the process of getting speed limits changed. He was advised of the process.</b></li></ul>

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:54 PM**

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



**Brad Grover, Chairman**



**Michael Tata, Secretary**