

Town of Vernon
Vernon Traffic Authority
Thursday, April 14, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
In Person

DRAFT MINUTES

Chief John Kelley called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Committee members in attendance were Daniel Wasilewski, David Smith and Mason Thrall. Absent were Robert O’Gara, Paul Roden and Charlie Bettinger.

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1. Approval of minutes from January 13, 2022 meeting.
Daniel Wasilewski MOVED to approve the minutes from January 13, 2022. David Smith seconded. Motion carried with one abstention.

2. New Business
Continuation of discussion associated with the traffic study for the development of The Learning Experience Academy of Early Education (TLE) at 501 Talcottville Road in Vernon. Jay Ussery of JR Russo and Associates discussed the overview of the daycare and school on Dart Hill Road. The proposed development consists of a 10,000 sq. ft. building with an entrance on Dart Hill Road across from Walgreens entrance, and another driveway to Rte. 83. Application to ZPA has been submitted for a reduction to 40 parking spaces and to move building forward due to wetlands. An information packet was distributed detailing the center and its’ operations.

Mark Vertucci of Fuss and O’Neill discussed how the second entrance on Rte. 83 will take the pressure off of the Dart Hill entrance. The signal for Dart Hill road and Rte. 83 is also due to be replaced. The sight lines will be cleared in both directions for Rte. 83 entrance. The improved plan will provide safe access and egress.

Daniel Wasilewski MOVED to approve the plans with stipulation that the State optimize the light at Dart Hill Road and Rte. 83 for peak periods. David Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Chief Kelley MOVED to approve previous Motion with Option 1 (54 parking spaces) or Option 2 (40 parking spaces). David Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously, however Mason Thrall has concerns about traffic.

3. Open Discussion
Discussion took place with regard to the second entrance. Daniel Wasilewski questioned whether OSTA would have a problem with the new entrance, Mr. Ussery stated there should not be in seeing that it is a right in and right out only and proper signage will be used. David Smith feels that second entrance is a great improvement. Chief Kelley still has concerns that in the afternoon, the traffic will back up to the Dart Hill entrance. Mason Thrall agrees with Chief’s concerns. Also questions the amount of parking spaces for events. David Smith questions moving back the entrance on Dart Hill. The process to change timing of light is discussed, as well as will changing the timing for Dart Hill create back -up on Rte. 83.

4. Adjournment

Chief John Kelley moved to adjourn at 6:48 pm. Dan Wasilewski seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Linda Lachance
Recording Secretary