

Town of Vernon
Vernon Traffic Authority
Thursday, August 8, 2024
In Person

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Draft Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chief Marc Petruzzi at 6:02pm. Other Committee Members in attendance were Dwight Ryniewicz, David Smith, Robert O'Gara, Jon-Paul Roden & Mason Thrall

1. Approval of Minutes from July 11, 2024 meeting

Chief Marc Petruzzi made the motion to accept the minutes from the July 11, 2024 meeting. Dwight Ryniewicz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2 New Business

- The handicapped signage went up at near 19 Skinner Rd as discussed last meeting. The resident provided medical documentation validating his mobility issues. He sent an email expressing his thanks.
- Members of the "Friends of Bolton Lake" (Hatch Hill Rd) Association met with Chief Petruzzi over a safety concern of pedestrian crossing between the ponds. A discussion was had. It was determined that there was already pedestrian crossing signage. Dwight will have DPW check to see if signs needed to be refreshed and/or replaced. Chief Petruzzi will make patrol aware of concerns. Chief Petruzzi followed up with Mr. John Williams, VP of the association.
- Last meeting it was discussed that Wilshire Rd may be in need of additional line striping and/or a stop sign. Dwight went to look at the area and reported that there was no stop sign there. A discussion was had. It was determined that due to the low traffic volume and the fact that there is no history of problems in the area, no stop sign would be needed at this time.
- The speed data collectors were installed on Tower Ave. last week for speed data collection. They will be sent out for the data to be read this week. Dave will do a summary and report the results.
- Loveland Hill Road will have increased patrol with enforcement when the school year starts to deter speeding.

With no other items on the agenda, a motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda items as articulated above. Motion carried unanimously

3. Open Discussion

- A resident has concerns with missing signage and overgrown vegetation at the 255 Taylor Street crosswalk. Chief Petruzzi went to the area and saw the bike crossing sign and blind driveway sign was indeed there. The vegetation looked to have been freshly mowed. There have also been speed complaints in that area. A discussion was had and it was decided that perhaps a fog line or hash lines can be painted to give the illusion of a narrower road. DPW will be confirming the signs are there (in both directions) and replacing them if they are not.

- There was a complaint about the lanes at the Intersection of Talcottville Rd/Pitkin St. It was requested that the lanes be changed to reflect one lane turning left and the other turning right and going straight. A discussion was had. It was determined that this is a state issue and should be brought to the DOT.
- A resident requested the town restrict "Jake Brakes." A discussion was had. It was determined the town has no authority to do so. Chief Petruzzi followed up with the citizen
- Hartford Rd and Dobson Rd intersection has misaligned lanes. A discussion was had. A suggestion was made to perhaps extend the shoulder line so people can see it is a shoulder and not another lane. Dwight will follow up.

4. Adjournment

- Chief Marc Petruzzi moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:30pm. Mason Thrall seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The Next meeting will be Thursday September 12, 2024

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Rondinone
Recording Secretary