

Traffic Safety Work Group

January 18, 2023
9:45 AM
Via Zoom Meeting

Committee Attendees: Don Scott -Chair; Sgt. Nancy Wallwork-Police Dept.; Kevin Winn-Highway Dept.; Mary Cassidy; Drew Marciano; Michael Weisburger;

Committee Members Not in Attendance: Brendan Keegan; Geraldine Zikely

Guest Attendees: Jesica Youngblood-Planning Director; Residents: John Markiewicz

Town of Bedford Staff: Maria Arena-Police Dept.

NEW CONCERN:

1. Babbitt Road

- Speeding
- Busy town road
- Speed study done over a year ago
- More cars commuting to train
- No speed signs
- Concerns for safety

ACTIONS/RESPONSE:

- New speed study
- Increase police presence/ticketing
 - i. recent offender ticketed
- More focus patrols
- Additional signage
- Stop sign on School St/Adams
 - i. Improve poor sight line
 - ii. Keeps drivers in their lane
- Babbitt well patrolled by school
- Speed studies by school and Babbitt all within acceptable limits
- Notify police of offenders
- Visually speed looks faster coming downhill.

UPDATES:

1. Traffic Safety Working Group Website

- Consolidate information on web page under "Past Issues"
- Build a database
- Map out list of roads
- Pin a map
- Links
- Highlights to be included in Supervisor's newsletter
- FAQ's
- Signs/improvements-Stop & Yield signs require change in law
- Data for speed studies/boards available
- Protocol for speed humps
- Welcome residents to attend meetings/voice concerns

2. Change to Through Traffic

- Easily enforceable
- Done by area
- Signs re-faced/cost effective
- Move trucks off Adams/Harris onto Rte. 117
- Modify signage prior to Cherry St/35East
- State approval & permits required
- Improving quality of life
- Traffic signage
 - i. Advertise
 - ii. Enforce
 - iii. Educate

3. Bike Safety

- Bike safety letter-March/April
- Supervisor's emails/newsletter/TSWG website
- Possible weekly/monthly blurb

4. Babbitt/Harris

- Grant approved
- Grand process in place
- Construction to be done next year

5. Huntville Rd. Sidewalk Project

- Grant approved
- Process: one year for paperwork & design; another for construction
- Longer process dealing with state funding
- Sidewalk to be extended south
- Stop sign to be moved over
- Lines to be painted

2023 Future Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, 3/15/23 @ 9:45 AM

Wednesday, 5/17/23 @ 9:45 AM

Wednesday, 7/19/23 @ 9:45 AM

Wednesday, 9/20/23 @945 AM

Wednesday,11/15/23 @945 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Arena
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Bedford Police Department