



**TOWN OF BEDFORD
HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

April 26, 2022

A meeting of the Bedford Highway Safety Committee (HSC) was held on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, in the Bedford Meeting Room, 10 Meetinghouse Road (BCTV). Present were John J. Bryfonski (Chief of Police/Chair), Scott Hunter (Fire Chief/Vice Chair), Phil Greazzo (Alternate Town Council), Bill Jean (Resident), and Ken Peterson (Resident). Absent were Lori Radke (Town Council), Jeff Foote (Director Department of Public Works), Jerry Gagne (Alternate Resident) and Anne Wiggins (School Bus Coordinator).

I. Call to Order: 7:18 A.M.

II. Quorum Count:

III. Approval of Minutes – February 22, 2022

Motion by Bill Jean to accept the February 22, 2022, meeting minutes, **seconded** by Ken Peterson Vote **taken – Motion Passed. Abstentions:** Councilor Greazzo, Chief Hunter and Ken Peterson.

IV. Organizational Meeting

Motion by Ken Peterson to nominate Chief Bryfonski as Chair and Chief Hunter as Vice Chair, **seconded** by Bill Jean Vote **taken – Motion Passed.**

V. New Business

1. Request for “Blind Driveway” caution signage in the area of 65 Meetinghouse Road.

On April 13, 2022, the Highway Safety Committee (HSC) received an electronic mail request and form from Ms. Ann and Mr. Paul Remus of 65 Meetinghouse Road, who provided the following justification supporting their request:

“Our property at 65 Meetinghouse Road extends to the intersection of Meetinghouse and Liberty Hill Roads.

After exiting the 4-way stop there, vehicles tend to quickly regain speed and too many of them fly around the curve near our barn.

We are appreciative of Jeff Foote's effort to increase the line of sight to our driveway by lessening the curve when Meetinghouse Road was rebuilt about ten years ago.

Nevertheless, too frequently a vehicle will be close to sideswiping or rear ending a vehicle exiting our driveway.

This is particularly dangerous for trucks or visitors who are not familiar with our situation and therefore may not accelerate as quickly as they need to out of our driveway.

Despite our always looking hard left just before turning out, we too frequently have someone close to impacting us.

It is notable that the US Postal Service has not been willing to have the mail truck stop at a mailbox near our driveway. We agree with that safety concern. Our mailbox is on Orchard Hill Circle.

We have lived in this house for 38 years. In the beginning, the town put up a "Slow Children" sign. Later, when our children were grown, the town put up, without our asking, a "Blind Driveway" sign.

Despite the town's efforts to increase the line of sight, we would appreciate the return of a sign hopefully to alert drivers to pay attention and to decrease their speed as they come up the hill. Thanks so much for your consideration. Sincerely, Ann and Paul Remus."

Chief Bryfonski: MEMBERS OF THE HSC: You should have copies of images taken of the vicinity and driveway in question at 65 Meetinghouse Road for your review in connection with this matter.

I have no data regarding any motor vehicle collisions that occurred at this location attributable to the driveway placement and line of sight.

Ms. Remus: We did appreciate it when we had a sign. I spoke to Jeff Foote (DPW Director) last week on another matter and he mentioned there is only one kind of a sign that is legitimate according to state rules and we would really appreciate it if this sign could be put up.

Chief Bryfonski: Do you recall where the previous sign was placed? I believe the sign was taken out when Meetinghouse was repaved?

Ms. Remus: Yes, that is correct. I think in the clearing where you start to see the pond and the barn, but I am really not sure.

Chief Bryfonski: The sign was adjacent to your property?

Ms. Remus: Yes, definitely.

Ken Peterson: In your opinion do you feel that the sign helped? I am in favor of the sign.

Ms. Remus: Yes.

Motion by Chief Hunter to install a "Blind Driveway" sign between 65 Meetinghouse and Liberty Hill Rd at the discretion of Director Jeff Foote the exact location and whatever the standard approved signage wording would be. **Seconded** by Bill Jean - Vote **taken – Motion Passed.**

VI. Correspondence/Communications

No Correspondence to report.

VII. Sub Committee Reports

None

VIII. Unfinished Business

None

VIII. Comments or Concerns

A. Community Announcements

1. April is Distracted Driving Month-
2. Bedford Police Blood Drive: go to “sleevesup.redcrossblood.org” to pledge your donation, which will also benefit the concerns of police officer survivors COPS a 501c3 organization that supports the survivors of officers killed in the line of duty. Also, a great PSA on BCTV for further information.
3. April 30th is Drug Take Back Day 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Bedford Police Department.
4. Motorcycles are EVERYWHERE as are joggers, walkers and bicyclists: Please be careful and mindful of the other users of our roads and streets out there.

Meeting adjourned 7:35 am
Respectfully submitted
Charlene T. Robinson