

STAC Meeting 12/6/22 Minutes

Attending: Alex Wade, Vince Buono, Glen Jones, Ray Mayone, Jorge Costagnola,
Barbara Budik, Leeanne Thornton

Absent: Al Bruno, Doug Myers, Diane Mueller, Lou Klepner, Carl Mueller, Mary McNamara, Justine Gauckler

Public Comment: Barbara Budik came to discuss a safety concern along the Kings Hwy. corridor and expressed an interest in joining the committee for 2023. She has been attending the county UCTC meetings for several months to explain the need for a collector rd./Sideroad be built along the Kings Hwy. corridor due to increasing traffic and speed issues. There are 11 crossings of the CSX tracks and 23 houses impacted. She explained the truck traffic issues near the recycling center and the 55 mile speed limit that cars travel. The issues have been presented to the County and a letter was sent by Tracey Bartels, Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to Lance MacMillan, Region 8 Director dealing with the safety issues of non-gate controlled rail crossings. Barbara suggested a "look at" study be done to determine the best way to resolve the problem. Ray commented that there is an approved access to a town road- Tissel Rd. -a deeded

Right of way 50 feet- in case the town ever wanted to do a road. It was mentioned that Jim? Spent \$40,000 to hook up to the town road and that the town has a right of way all the way through to the end of the property. In order to do a road way, Ray said you would have to create a district. Alex volunteered to draft a letter to the Town Bd. Requesting that the Board reach out to the County and State DOT to address the residents concerns. The committee supported the idea. Note- The letter was presented at the Dec. 14 Town Bd. Meeting, approved and the Supervisor sent a letter to the County and Region 8 Director, Lance MacMillan.

Ray reported that since we haven't had a lot of snow, the town crews have been busy cutting back trees and limbs on roads that they will be paving in the spring. They are also busy blowing out culverts/drain pipes and vacuuming up leaves. Plows are on all the trucks. Since there is no "sign" on the town highway garage, they decided to scrape and repaint an old antique plow to make a sign for out front. In other news, 16 trucks now have GPS systems and they are working to

get the GPS in all the vehicles. Brinner and Larios are putting together a quote for the Herrick Bridge project which is a metal bridge. \$850,000 blacktop, oil/chip maintenance can be done over 5 years. Leeanne distributed copies of the 2007 SAMA report study pgs. 30-48 dealing with the 9W corridor, Rte. 32/212/CSX rail crossings, Bicycle improvements and pedestrian improvements to provide a history of recommendations for members to review. Vince and Alex reported that all the gas line replacements are complete and that the streets were repaved. Sergeant Costagnola reported that "all was calm." Leeanne shared an article from the 11/30/22 Hudson Valley1 pg.45 stating that a new state law allows local govts. To set speed limits. It was discussed that the State has yet to respond to the town's request of 12/21 to lower the speed on Sparling Rd.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

Notes taken by Leeanne Thornton