

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY July 30, 2007

ATTENDEES:

Bill Pritchard, Chair  
John Barnes  
Blaney Harper  
Larry Lannom  
Arthur Schatzkin  
Costis Toregas  
Lance Hoffman, Town Council Liaison

Joseph Cutro

Absent: Paul Blutter

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

There were no public comments.

The minutes of the July 2, 2007 meeting were approved.

The next meeting will be on Monday, September 17, 2007, 7:30-9:00 pm in the Town Hall.

Speed hump installation policy:

There was general discussion of speed humps with Joseph Cutro, a professional traffic engineer. This included the use of threshold criteria based on measured traffic data (speed, volume) and its limitations.

Mr. Cutro identified three primary criteria to consider in the decision to install speed humps:

1. Public input: Is majority consensus required? Is a public hearing required?
2. Efficacy: Consider the conditions for effective speed hump installation, e.g., length of the street segment, traffic speeds, and traffic volume.
3. Technical limitations that may restrict or prohibit installation, e.g., hills, curves, emergency vehicle access.

On other topics, Mr. Cutro noted that speed limit signs might not be particularly helpful. Stop signs are not useful for speed control but should be placed on the basis of needs at an intersection, considering cross street traffic flow and sight distances. The Town speed limit was also reviewed.

The Committee and Mr. Cutro discussed alternative approaches to the use of traffic data. These include:

- selecting the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile of speed, e.g., 30 mph
- setting limits based on traffic volume
- selecting criteria that address the volume of cars at higher speeds

- selecting criteria based on per hour data to capture rush hour violations that might be diluted in the aggregate analysis

Mr. Cutro will prepare suggested traffic study criteria to use as thresholds and will conduct a study of the Town streets to determine the appropriate speed limits for the design.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07.