

**MINUTES OF  
FAUQUIER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**May 30, 2012**

**7:00 P.M.**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room – Warren Green Building*

*10 Hotel Street*

*Warrenton, VA 20186*

**Members Present:** Peter S. Eltringham, Chairman, Ed Moore, Vice-Chairman, R. Holder Trumbo, Adrienne Garreau, John Green, Tony Tedeschi and Matthew Sheedy

**Members Absent:** J. David Cubbage and Jeffrey Walker

**Guests Present:** Bill Wuensch

**Staff Present:** Rick Carr, Susan Eddy and Meredith Meixner

**1. *Approval of March 28, 2012 Committee Meeting Minutes***

**ACTION:**

**On motion made by John Green and seconded by Holder Trumbo, it was moved to approve the March 28, 2012 Committee meeting minutes as amended. The motion carried unanimously.**

**2. *Approval of April 25, 2012 Committee Meeting Minutes***

**ACTION:**

**On motion made by Adrienne Garreau and seconded by John Green, it was moved to approve the April 25, 2012 Committee meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.**

**3. *Route 28 Safety Study***

Mr. Wuensch gave a presentation on the draft Route 28 Safety Audit and Village Context Study.

**ACTION:**

**Recommendations from the Committee included adding yearly increasing VDOT traffic counts for intersections; raised textured pedestrian crosswalks and/or speed**

**tables in the villages; maintenance improvements such as textured lines and context sensitive shoulders with grass instead of gravel; and incorporating school zones into the study.**

#### **4. *FAQ Brochure***

Mrs. Eddy explained that a recent intern, Jonathan Nuckles, was tasked with putting together an informational brochure of transportation related FAQ's based on the Committee's history of citizen requests. There will also be a web version for citizens to view on the Transportation Committee section of Fauquier County's website.

#### **ACTION:**

**Recommendations from the Committee included adding language indicating the unpaved roads are a rural characteristic of Fauquier County; VDOT only considers documented safety issues and data; and provide a link to VDOT's website regarding speed limit restrictions and engineering design. Planning Staff will make requested changes for the Committee to review at their next meeting.**

#### **5. *Citizens' Time***

No citizens spoke at this time.

#### **6. *Other Items***

Mr. Tedeschi informed the committee he attended a VDOT meeting led by Dan Painter regarding The Town of Warrenton and the HNTB Study of Broadview Avenue. The Town was awarded a 1.6 million dollar grant for improvements to Broadview Avenue and is in jeopardy of losing the funds due to the lack of a prepared plan in place. Mrs. Eddy added that she contacted the Town of Warrenton requesting a copy of the study and she was instructed to check back in November.

Mr. Green stated the Opal Food Mart lot is being used by trucks overnight and it is now accumulating trash. He inquired if there was a way to have the owners close off the entrance to discourage this. Mr. Trumbo suggested the sheriff keep an eye on the area.

Mr. Eltringham suggested the County ask the Commonwealth Transportation Board to obtain the authority to set streamlined speed limits within the County's designated service districts. Mr. Trumbo felt the Committee should invite Jim Rich, Jill Vogel and Mike Weber to a meeting and discuss how this could be accomplished. Mr. Eltringham agreed and added he felt the committee needs to prepare by reviewing legal regulations, administratively list the pros and cons and choose the top three service districts with speed issues, before an invitation is sent. Mrs. Eddy suggested going through the minutes of past attempts to reduce speeds so a list can be put together.

Mrs. Eddy attended the May CTB hearing.

Mrs. Eddy contacted Parks and Rec regarding the ball fields near the corner of Routes 28 and 17. However, they indicated ball fields are under the school system. Mrs. Eddy will email the school system to express the ongoing concerns and ask what can be done.

Mrs. Eddy has met with the neighbors on Waterloo Road who have put together a letter to Jim Utterback and are preparing documentation of their own traffic counts and observations. They want to attend a CTB meeting in the near future and are asking for a letter of support from the Transportation Committee. Mr. Trumbo felt the committee should hear VDOT's interpretation of the study and evaluate the discrepancies. Mrs. Eddy indicated she has noted some areas of concern and the citizens will be forwarding their information to her. Mr. Eltringham requested this item be placed on the next agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 27, 2012.**