



# TOWN OF OLD LYME

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## Road and Public Safety Committee

### Minutes –Regular Meeting

January 13th, 2026, 6:00 P.M.

Town Hall- American Legion Room

**Disclaimer.** *Please note these Minutes are considered draft until accepted at the next meeting.*

#### 1. Call to Order

Chair Greg Futoma called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

### Attendance

#### Committee Members Present:

Greg Futoma, Sophie Diamond, Andrea Fenton, Danielle Kuczkowski, Mary Devins, Rosemary Padavano, Michael Fox

#### Guests/Applicants:

Bradley Berry, Ken Sweeney

#### Staff:

First Selectwoman Martha Shoemaker

## Business Discussed

### Committee Membership

- Lyme first selectwoman attended last meeting; expressed interest in a joint road safety committee.
- Martha will meet with the Lyme first selectwoman to work out logistics.
- Greg suggested appointing co-chairs.
- Applications:
  - **Ken Sweeney** — applied
  - **Bradley Berry** — recently applied.
  - Board of Selectmen will make appointments Jan. 26

### Safety Enforcement and Speed Monitoring

- Town has **3 active speed warning devices**: 2 more planned for:
  - Town Woods Road
  - Grassy Hill Road

- Suggestion: mount new devices on **trailers** for flexibility; Public Works might be able to build trailer units.
- These roads were selected based on survey feedback indicating speeding issues.
- **Data request:** G Futoma requested recent speed device data; no data received since August.

## Accident Reporting

- Police accident reports may not identify precise locations and sometimes reference state roads rather than town roads.

## Traffic Enforcement Outreach

- Each committee member to contact 1–2 other towns with active ATSED (automated traffic speed enforcement devices) programs to ask questions and gather insights.

## Brighton Road Updates

- Residents requested **speed humps** — estimate ~\$1,000 per hump.
  - M Fox will research exact cost.
- Police patrolled area; residents requested 15 mph signage — not yet approved.
- Funds for one speed humps would come from the committee's budget.

## Traffic Calming Measures

- **Road markings** suggested for areas of concern (example: around Mile Creek School).
  - R Padavano to look into potential markings.
- Noted: **Mile Creek School currently has no school zone signage.**

## Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety

- Survey showed concern for bicycle/pedestrian safety; no bike lanes currently exist.
- Suggested: involve students for ideas; Martha to introduce committee to school system administration.
- **State DOT** is creating a pedestrian safety plan.
- Priority for calming solutions: **near schools and high-pedestrian areas.**

## River Valley Transit

- New bus stops opening; committee reviewed designated stops; consensus that **there are too many stops** listed in town.

## Additional Traffic Calming Ideas

- Painting on roads approaching problematic areas (e.g., school zones)

- Creating visual illusions (e.g., painted “speed bumps”)
- Using roundabouts to naturally slow traffic
- Utilize town engineering resources and DOT support for traffic expertise

## **Problem Intersections**

- **Town-state road intersections** identified as unsafe through the survey.
- **Buttonball Road railroad bridge:** narrow; controlled by Amtrak; discussed possibility of a stoplight to slow traffic.
- Requests submitted to **DOT for crosswalks:**
  - On Route 156
  - On Ferry Road
- Ferry Road currently has a **blinking caution light**.

## **Regional Traffic Safety Plan**

- Town needs a comprehensive traffic safety plan for any future ATSED application.
- **RiverCOG** is working on such a plan; requested someone from RiverCOG attend future meetings to discuss problem intersections.

## **Automated Speed Enforcement Devices**

Discussion about privacy and safety concerns:

- Issues noted with automatic enforcement technology:
  - Privacy concerns about data storage/handling
  - Lack of control over data
  - Concerns about cloud storage policies
- Chief of Police would have authority to cancel/approve tickets.
- Ordinance and fines would be established by town vote.

## **Adjournment:**

**Motion to Adjourn:** First – Andrea Fenton • Second – Sophie Diamond

**Adjourned:** 7:09 PM

