

**MINUTES**  
**Town Council**  
**Town of East Greenwich**  
**Special Session**  
**February 16, 2017 @ 6:30pm**  
**Swift Community Center, 121 Peirce Street, East Greenwich, RI 02818**

Town Council Present: S. Cienki, S. Todd, N. Granatiero, M. Schwager

Town Staff Present: T. Coyle, III, J. Duarte, S. Brown, S. Cirella, R. McGillivray

Others: A. Novo, S. Hobson (Caputo and Wick Ltd.)

1. Discussion of traffic and engineering analysis completed on Carr's Pond Road.

Ms. Novo gave a presentation on the results of the recent traffic study down for the Town and provided some recommendations for conceptual improvements. Existing conditions of the roadways and several intersections were explained. Seven areas were identified as known or potential wetlands. She stated that although they were not initially designed this way, Middle Road, Frenchtown Road and Carr's Pond Road are now considered minor collector roads that collect traffic from local roads like Waterford Drive and Summit Farm Drive and channel them to major collectors or highways. Results were provided from two weeks of speed counts on Carr's Pond Road and based on the results; the road should technically be designed for 35 mph not 25 mph. Roadway improvements are possible but would impact wetlands, right of ways and drainage. Before providing some conceptual recommendations, she noted that the Town would need to decide what type of use they anticipate and what safety issues need to be addressed such as school bus stops, pedestrians and bicycles. Widening the road from 20 to 32 feet would require immediate drainage mitigation. Specific details and conceptual design recommendations were provided on all the roadways and intersections involved in the analysis. Improvements can be implemented in phases. The costs, permitting and timelines for each phase were discussed. The purpose of the study was revisited which originally centered on concerns for safety. Several aspects of the recommendations were discussed: increasing speed, drainage and flooding, widening lanes, chatter strips, restrictions on trucks/busses, rural aspects, moving utility poles, installing stop signs and sidewalks. Installing three-way intersections was not recommended as the roads are designed now. The benefits of using the analysis as a tool to address many issues, not just safety, were noted. Discussion continued on how to address areas that could be immediately addressed and what the community can live with during construction. A neighbor suggested one solution that would allow a small group of residents to meet to identify their major concerns and gather more specific feedback. President Cienki noted that a bond would be needed approved by voters. Neighbors continued to give examples of scenarios that concern them, especially bus stops.

President Cienki suggested the neighbors compile a list of their concerns and meet again to discuss with Council.

Leigh A. Carney, CMC  
Town Clerk

**APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL MARCH 27, 2017**