

TOWN OF AMHERST

TRAFFIC-SAFETY BOARD

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AMHERST TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD

September 3, 2025

The September meeting of the Amherst Traffic Safety Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on September 3, 2025, Chairman Eric Fraas presiding. Members in attendance included Chairman Eric Fraas, Vice-Chair Cynthia Selden, Maxwell Kahn, Patricia Dunne, Cara Biddlecom, Dan Rider, Kevin Cantwell, Helaine Sanders, and Nicholas Alterio. Departmental liaisons present were William Prenevau of the Building Department, Scott Marshall of the Planning Department, and Christopher Schregel, Traffic Safety Coordinator and Engineering Liaison. The guest list is on file with the Town's Engineering Department.

Chairman Fraas asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes of the August 6, 2025 meeting. Kevin Cantwell noted that in Item 3, page 2, second line, the phrase "entire width of Amherst from East to West" should be revised to include the word 'of'. He also requested that the wording at the top of page 3 be changed to read "a daily volume of 1,171 vehicles." Motion by Eric Fraas, second by Kevin Cantwell, to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was approved unanimously, 9-0.

Chairman Fraas opened the floor to new business.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Fawn Meadows Ct. – Request to lower speed limit and/or install traffic calming. Chris Schregel opened the item by saying a resident cited a perceived issue of speeding and general safety concerns for children and pedestrians on Fawn Meadows Court. The street is a local street with no outlet off Hopkins Road, posted at 30 mph, and there have been no reported accidents over the past five years. Traffic counters were placed at 19 Fawn Meadows Court by the Highway Department and showed the following:
 - Average daily volume: 215 vehicles
 - 85th percentile speeds:
 - Eastbound: 24 mph
 - Westbound: 22 mph

Chairman Fraas opened the floor for Board discussion, which Kevin Cantwell began by observing that the volume is low. Chairman Fraas noted that many residents on other neighborhood streets would be pleased with these results. Motion by Eric Fraas, second by Cynthia Selden, to receive and file the item. Motion carried 9-0.

2. Cottonwood Drive crossing West Klein Road – Request for a pedestrian beacon on Klein Road. Chris Schregel opened the item by explaining the resident making this request is seeking to enhance pedestrian safety at the intersection, particularly for children. This is a four-legged intersection with stop controls on the minor approaches, and uncontrolled crosswalks on the east and south legs. West Klein Road is posted at 35 mph, and there have been no reported crashes at this intersection.

Chris Schregel reviewed what a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) is, along with applicable NYSDOT criteria. It was noted that pedestrian volumes were not collected prior to

this review. The FHWA's recommended protective measures for uncontrolled crosswalks were also referenced, and it was observed that existing signage is outdated under the new MUTCD.

Chairman Fraas opened the floor for public comment:

- Amanda Morton, Cottonwood Resident. Ms. Morton introduced herself as the resident who submitted the request, her address on Cottonwood Drive south of West Klein. She reported frequent foot and bike traffic, particularly involving children, and said the crossing feels least safe during school pick-up and drop-off times. She described heavy traffic volumes, backups from Hopkins Road, and has observed speeding.

Chairman Fraas closed the public comment period and asked the Traffic Safety Coordinator to provide an update on the Klein Road Corridor Study. While the Cottonwood and West Klein intersection is not specifically included, it was noted that the flanking intersections at Hopkins and Klein and at Birchwood and Klein are being studied. Recommendations from those locations may help address issues at Cottonwood as well.

Board discussion followed. Max Kahn noted that RRFB criteria are unlikely to be met and suggested that the Town focus on improved striping and updated signage. Chairman Fraas agreed and observed that existing markings are faded. He also questioned whether advance crosswalk signage is warranted. He recommended waiting for the results of the corridor study before considering further enhancements beyond pavement markings and signage.

Motion by Eric Fraas, second by Cynthia Selden, to recommend that the Highway Department install enhanced crosswalk markings and update signage at the Cottonwood and West Klein intersection. During discussion, Nicholas Alterio asked when the corridor study would be completed and whether the Board would be informed, to which Chris Schregel responded that the study is expected to be completed in December 2025 and that the Board will be advised of the findings and given an opportunity to review them. Motion passed, 9-0.

Chairman Fraas asks if there is any other new business -- none being heard, he closed New Business and opened Old Business.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Bike Path crossing North Forest, Near Auden Apts. – Pedestrian Counts. Hold for counts until school is in session.
- B. Maple Road / Old Lyme / Maple West Elementary – Request for left turn arrow(s); held pending an engineering study. Engineering Dept. seeking a funding source and working on procuring an engineering firm.
- C. Callodine Ave. between Longmeadow and Oxford Parking Restriction – Held waiting for resident input. Letters have gone out and findings to follow at a future meeting.

Chairman Fraas asks if there is any other old business -- none being heard, Old and New Business are closed.

SITE PLANS / REZONING

SUBJECT: Major Site Plan Review, **SP-2023-05_A**
Proposed Amendment to Multifamily Development
TOA Job# 2023.015
ADDRESS: 468-496 Dodge Road
PETITIONER: The Green Organization

X MAJOR SITE PLAN REVIEW IS

X APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

1. Submit a revised traffic impact study that reflects the increase in the number of proposed units.
2. Design electrical run and identify a viable source point go feed the power to the RRFB installation. Coordinate with National Grid during design stage instead of relying on coordination during the construction phase.
3. Determine if the public street light located at the southeast corner of Dodge Road & Robin Road is providing sufficient light for the mid-block crosswalk. The Town's Engineering Department is able to provide fixture specifications upon request.

SUBJECT: Major Site Plan Review , **SP-2025-03**
Proposed 2-Story Commercial Building
TOA Job# 2022.027
ADDRESS: 4548 & 4564 Main Street & 17 Fruehauf
PETITIONER: Benderson Development Company

X MAJOR SITE PLAN REVIEW IS

X APPROVED WITH CONDITION

1. Petitioner's 8/22/25 response #1 under the ATSB section indicates that restrictive turn signs have been relocated within the site. However, the submitted plans do not reflect this change, as the signs remain shown within the right-of-way.
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SUBJECT: Major Site Plan Review, **SP-1989-19_C**
Proposed North French Soccer Complex – Restroom /
Concession Building and Parking Expansion
TOA Job# 2021.028

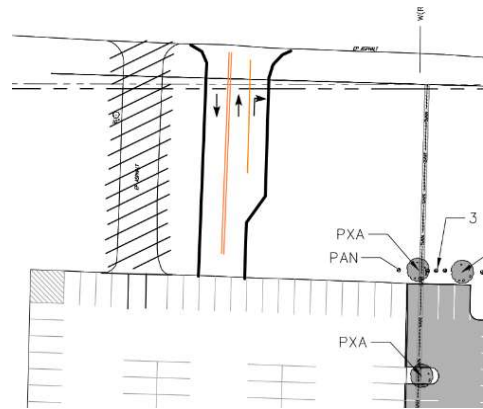
ADDRESS: 1681 North French Road

PETITIONER: Town of Amherst

X MAJOR SITE PLAN REVIEW IS

X APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

1. Show the existing striping of the current parking lot on drawing CP101, similar to how it is shown on the Landscape plan.
2. Bollard detail shown on CP-501 is not the removable type, as called on the Site Plan.
3. Reconfigure and relocate the site's driveway to a central location, lining it up with a parking lot drive aisle, and adding a designated left and right turn lanes. Obtain an ECDPW highway work permit.
4. Coordinate construction activities with the Campbell Rd. Paving project, as N. French changes are planned in early 2026 in this area.



Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher P. Schregel
Traffic Safety Coordinator