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Windsor board talks signage, referendum

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Town of Windsor supervisors breezed through a light agenda Sept. 3, discussing non-standard warning signs and striping of town roads but taking no action on either item.

The discussion of erecting non-standard signage came about after a Windsor resident asked the town to consider signage near her home informing motorists of a deaf child in the vicinity.

Town engineer Kevin Richardson recommended not placing street signs near the Morrisonville home, saying that studies on the effect of non-standard signage have shown little impact.

"Research shows that [non-standard signs] are not of value. People don't know what to do," Richardson said, adding that they have tendency to give a "false sense of security" to residents near the signs.

While the town has no legal requirement to approve signage, supervisors showed a willingness to allow for the property owner to place yard

signs or another notifying display on their property.

"I'd be willing to go ahead with it," supervisor Bruce Stravinski said. "I'm not going to say that they can't do something that they think can be of help to their children."

The town board took no action but asked staff to follow up with the family.

Town engineer Kevin Richardson informed the board that the town would be spending about \$10,000 budgeted for center road striping before the end of the summer.

Of the 80 miles of road within the town, about 26 miles is currently painted with center striping. Once a town paints a road the

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Department of Transportation requires that road to stay painted moving forward.

The first roads to receive a fresh coat of paint will be portions of Portage and

Vinburn.

Richardson estimated that center striping costs around \$300-\$1000 per mile.

TOWN CHAIRMAN Bob Wipperfurth said that a mailing regarding the Nov. 3 referendum where electors will decide if Windsor should incorporate as a vil-

lage would be sent to residents this week.

"We want to do whatever we can to make the people aware [of what we're trying to do]," Wipperfurth said.

In their capacity as elected officials, town board supervisors may only inform the public of the ramifications of incorporation - not in support or

opposition. If supervisors identify themselves as private citizens they will be able to lobby on behalf of their preferred choice.

WINDSOR RESIDENT Emily Bouska was appointed to the Park Commission.