

**Town of Auburn
Highway Safety Committee
May 20, 2015**

In attendance were: Mr. Mike Dipietro, Chairman; Mr. Rick Eaton, Selectman; Lt. Ray Pelton, Auburn Police Representative; Mr. Mike Dross, Road Agent; Mr. Dan Carpenter and Mrs. Eva Komaradais, Auburn Residents. Mrs. Helen Hiltz was taking minutes.

Police Report

Lt. Ray Pelton reported that there were 8 accidents. The accidents did not appear to be localized to any specific area but rather spread out in town.

The speed trailer has been set up on Buttonwood Drive after reports of speeding vehicles. It will be moved in to different areas of town. Lt. Pelton reported that residents can now request a specific location for the speed trailer or report motor vehicle violations on line.

Lt. Pelton presented a new Safe Commute Grant for a total of \$6,292 for 22, four hour patrols. This grant has been delayed because the federal funds were held up.

Mr. Mike Dross made a motion to approve the grant. Mrs. Eva Komaradais 2nd the motion. All in favor.

Road Agent Report

Mr. Mike Dross reported that work was progressing well on Chester Turnpike. Work is moving faster than anticipated because they are not running into as many trees as anticipated. They are hitting clay after going down about 3' to 4'. ~1850' of road is being worked on.

Road agent Dross reported that Dearborn Road will be the project taken on after Chester Turnpike is completed.

Mr. Dross stated that the state is working on Rte. 121 from the Sandown/Derry Line to the traffic circle. They are grinding the bad areas. Continental Paving is doing the paving of the area.

Rockingham Road has been shimmed and overlaid. (2 drags)

Road signs are going missing again around town. Mr. Dross is replacing them.

Pavers are on Margate and Lantern Lane. They will return to do the paving on Eaton Hill Road Extension once school is out.

Road agent, Mike Dross reported that several dead pine trees have been removed on Hooksett Road. He stated that FEMA wanted to pay by the yard for the brush that resulted from the storm. He did not know how to best make that calculation as it would differ depending on the type of brush.

There is a trailer in the street and, at times, piles of loam or mulch in the road on Margate Drive. Lt. Pelton will investigate.

Mrs. Eva Komaradais stated that she has noticed a car parking on Rte. 121 in front of the Circle of Fun Playground. She also noted that a large trailer parks there on a regular basis. Lt. Pelton will investigate.

Sothorn NH Planning has got their traffic counters up throughout town.

Mr. Dross noted that Manchester Water Works has been cutting pine trees. He is assuming that it is as a result of the pine bug.

Emergency Management Team

Chief Phillips was not available for an update.

Old Business

Bus Stop on Hooksett Road

Mrs. Hiltz gave the following update from Karen Lessard:

"I met with Tim Carney from the Department of Ed at the bus stop in question. We also looked at the proposed change by the Highway Safety Committee. We had a bus out there as well so that we could visualize what the driver sees at several locations in that area. Tim will be returning to the area within the next week or two to take some measurements and then will follow up with a report to me in which he will state his assessment of the safety of the current stop at 212 Hooksett Road and the proposed stop at the crest of the hill. I will pass that on to you as soon as I get it.

Mr. Mike Dross made a motion to accept the April meeting minutes. Mr. Ray Pelton 2nd the motion. All in favor.

Mr. Mike Dross made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30. Mr. Dan Carpenter 2nd the motion. All in favor.