

Unapproved Highway Safety Committee Meeting Minutes –9-16-2015

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 Hill Road residents, Susan Tompkins, Kurt Tompkins, Linda Gauthier and Todd Bedard. Mrs. Helen Hiltz was taking minutes.

Old Business:

Bus Stop – Hooksett Road

Mrs. Hiltz invited Mr. Timothy Carney from the DOE to attend this meeting to discuss his analysis of the bus stop on Hooksett Road. Unfortunately, Mr. Carney has moved on to another position. The gentleman who replaced him has not had the opportunity to review the situation but has asked to attend the meeting next month.

Four corners in town:

The BOS has sent a letter of appreciation to the NHDOT for completion of the island at the four corners in town. The resolution appears to be working.

New Business:

Buckle up in the Truck:

Mr. Howard Hedegard has initiated a “Buckle up in the Truck” campaign in Auburn. (For more information please see the August 3rd BOS meeting minutes) The signage can be seen throughout town.

No parking across from AVS:

The BOS is holding a public meeting on placing “no parking” signs across from the AVS. The meeting will be held on September 28th.

Hills Road Extension:

Several Hills Road residents attended the meeting to express their concerns over the fact that Hills Road would shortly be going from a cul de sac to a through road. They were concerned about the increase in traffic and a potential speed increase on the road. There have been discussions with the BOS and Stantec Engineering on possible resolutions ranging from making the road a “one way” to putting up stop signs and reducing speed limits. They would prefer for the road to remain a cull de sac. Mr. Mike Dimitra assured the residents that all evaluations will take place. The Auburn Police will put out the speed trailer to evaluate the average speed on the road. Southern NH Planning will be contacted to evaluate the traffic count on the road. Once all of the information is gathered and evaluated to determine what actions should be taken, the Highway Committee will make a recommendation to the BOS. It was noted that this process could take up to a year and that the Highway Safety Committee only has the authority to make recommendations to the BOS, not make the decisions. Road agent, Mike Dross has ordered 30 MPH signs. The “curve” sign has to be a special order.

Police Report:

Lt. Ray Pelton reported that there were 19 accidents from June through September. There were no fatalities.

Lt. Pelton stated that the radar trailer has been out all summer, in various locations. There have been numerous resident requests for the trailer. The radar trailer is starting to show its age. The police department has learned that there is a grant that can be applied for to get matching funds for a new radar trailer but the deadline for submission was the beginning of September. They will investigate the possibility of getting the grant for next year.

There is a possibility of cutbacks on grants for some of the patrols currently being done. The police department will be asking the BOS to fund the patrols if the grants are not available. It could be 80-100 patrols that will not be covered by grants.

Lt. Pelton stated that the driving simulator was a big hit at the Auburn Day festivities.

Device free appears to be going well.

Road Agent Report:

Mr. Mike Dross reported that work was complete on Chester Turnpike.

The water main is in on Cottage Ave. The paving will be done next week.

Mr. Dross noted that they were working on a double culvert on Raymond Road and would move to Dearborn Road next. The five corner intersection will probably not be able to be done this year.

Mr. Dross was asked if he will be involved with the work that needs to be done at Wayne Eddows. He stated that a plastic box culvert will need to be installed there so he did not think that he would be involved.

Crockett Lane Road signs have disappeared. Mr. Dross has had to order new ones.

Mr. Carpenter noted that the flaming bush on Lovers Lane by Rt. 121 has become a sight distance issue. Mr. Dross noted that it is on private property but he will talk to the land owner to get permission to trim the bush.

Mr. Dross noted that they were repairing a sink hole on Calef Road by the pond.

It was noted that what looked like an organized team was utilizing Eaton Hill Road (both sides) as a practice run. This could be a potentially dangerous situation. Lt. Pelton will talk to the school.

Mr. Mike Dipitro made a motion to accept the June 17th meeting minutes. Mr. Dan Carpenter 2nd the motion. All in favor.

Mr. Mike Dross made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dan Carpenter 2nd the motion.