

Unapproved Highway Safety Committee Meeting Minutes –11-18-2015

In attendance were Mr. Mike Dipietro, chairman, Lt. Ray Pelton, Auburn Police representative, Mr. Mike Dross, road agent, Mr. Dan Carpenter, Mrs. Eva Komaradais, Mr. Gary Guzouskas, Department of Education – School Transportation Consultant, Ms. Patti Osdershook, STA Terminal Manager, Ms. Lori Collins, AVS Principal . Mrs. Helen Hiltz was taking minutes.

Old Business:

Bus Stop – Hooksett Road

Mr. Guzouskas gave the Highway Safety Committee a summary of how investigations are typically done when there is a request to review bus stops. The school board has the final determination of the location of school bus stops. Ms. Osdershook noted that the bus stop on the hill by Depot Road on Hooksett Road has always been a concern and has been reviewed several times. Ms. Guzoukas and Ms. Ostershook took a bus out to the location in question to see firsthand what the issues are. They both stated that visibility was an issue. The lay of the land changed very quickly and the line of sight was very short. The state law allows for a bus stop to be within one mile of a child's residence. The current bus stops are at Forest Hill and Dollard St. These locations allowed for a pull off (for parents and the bus), a place for students to stand, and a place for parents to meet. After much conversation, it was determined that the bus stop that was originally flagged as an area of concern by the Highway Safety Committee is no longer a bus stop. If there are children that require a bus stop between Forest Hills and Dollard Street in the future, all parties will review the concerns brought forward before making a determination.

Hills Road Extension:

Road agent, Mike Dross stated that the "no thru trucking" signs are up on Hills Road. Sothern NH Planning has also set up a traffic counter.

Police Report:

Lt. Ray Pelton reported that there were 8 accidents last month. The accidents were spread throughout town and not localized in any particular area. There were three DWI arrests.

Lt. Pelton noted that the antennae on the radar trailer is broken. It is being set out for repair. The cost could be anywhere from \$100.00 to \$900.00.

The police department is hoping to have some grants ready for signatures for next month's meeting. Lt. Pelton stated that the process has been slowed by a changing format required for the application process.

Road Agent Report:

Mr. Mike Dross reported that the Highway Department is ready for winter. A salt contract has been signed with Eastern Mineral at \$52.00/ton.

There is enough money left in the budget to shim and overlay a portion of Bunker hill Road.

Dearborn Road work will continue next year. The plan is to go to the Candia line.

Mr. Dross stated that some anticipated hazard mitigation funds may be utilized to work on Old Candia Road, right after Tower Hill Road.

The “no parking” signs have been up on Eaton Hill Road Ext., opposite the AVS school.

Mr. Dross anticipates that some trees will need to be taken down on Pingree Hill Road. They present a future hazard.

Mr. Dross stated that there may be a shortage of plow drivers this year.

The state has not yet given approval to move the salt shed so the move will have to wait till next year.

It has been determined that the end of Raymond is contaminated. Clean up will need to take place.

Mr. Dross has proposed upgrading the rest of Lovers Lane next year to the selectmen.

Mr. Dan Carpenter noted that he has been observing a landscape company parking in the road on Coleman Road. This could become a hazard and should be addressed.

Mr. Mike Dross made a motion to accept the October 21st 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.

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