

**Town of Auburn  
Highway Safety Committee  
February 15, 2017**

**Committee Members Present:** Mike Dipietro, Chairman; Sgt. Kevin Cashman, Road Agent Mike Dross and Dan Carpenter.

**Also Present:** Town Administrator William Herman

Mr. Dipietro called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Old Business:**

Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Dipietro both commented the stripping by the Auburn Village School on Eaton Hill Road has made a significant improvement to the traffic flow in the area. Mr. Dross reported when the stripping is done this year, he is also going to have the drop-off area marked with hash markings to further highlight the area.

Mr. Dipietro also reported the Board of Selectmen had acted on Committee's recommendation to make a portion of Rockingham Road "No Parking" on one side of the road between Champagne Lane and Shea's Drive.

**Police Report:**

Sgt. Cashman reported there had been 30 motor vehicle accidents since the last meeting of the Highway Safety Committee in January, largely due to snow storm events. He indicated most of the accidents took place on state road and that local roads have been in very good condition. He also reported there had been 151 overall motor vehicle stops since the last meeting, 14 of which lead to various citations and seven arrests.

**Road Agent Report:**

Mr. Dross reported the highway crew was basically keeping up with the snow storms. He reported he has had trouble getting salt in recent weeks, and that he has requests pending for a total of 400 tons. He received three loads earlier in the day, which he indicated would basically cover one good storm. He noted the problem for Auburn is that it does not have storage capacity to take in too much salt at any one time. He and the Board of Selectmen have been discussing the need for a larger salt storage facility that will enable to Town to stockpile a larger quantity of material at the beginning of the season and not have to rely on deliveries between every storm event.

The Road Agent also noted there have been several road signs missing that need to be replaced, and the Eversource is becoming aggressive with their tree cutting activities. He indicated there were three crews cutting trees in Auburn, and he was told they were going to be doing the entire length of Wilsons Crossing.

#### **New Business:**

Mr. Dipietro noted the trails throughout the Manchester Water Works property were beginning to be marked with identifying info for 9-1-1 calls. Mr. Herman indicated the effort first began with Dale Phillips and John O'Neil of Manchester Water Works, and then Melissa Gates of the Police Department got the ball rolling with E-9-1-1 identifiers and mapping. The MWW is posting the marking on the trails and indicate they should be completed by April or May.

#### **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

*Dan Carpenter moved to approve the minutes of the January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting as presented. Seconded by Mike Dross. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion carried unanimously.*

#### **Adjourn:**

*Dan Carpenter moved to adjourn; Kevin Cashman seconded the motion. All were in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.*