

**Town of Auburn  
Highway Safety Committee  
May 17, 2017**

**Committee Members Present:** Mike Dipietro, Chairman; Officer James Huard, Road Agent Mike Dross, Dan Carpenter and Rick Eaton.

**Also Present:** Town Administrator William Herman

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

**Old Business:**

There was no Old Business to review.

**Police Report:**

Officer Huard reported there had been 223 motor vehicle stops during the time period of April 15 through May 17, of which 26 lead to summons being issued. There were also nine accidents during the same time period.

Officer Huard noted the Department had looked at the potential of replacing the mobile radar trailer based on the Committee's encouragement, but determined it was too expensive to purchase it out of the operating budget in addition to the voters turned down the warrant article proposing funding. He indicated department officials felt trying to buy it now would be inappropriate based on the voters' decision. The department will re-look at the item for next year.

Officer Huard was asked if there were any specific areas of concern for speeding. He indicated in general Wilsons Crossing Road is always a concern for speeding, in attention to "rolling" stops at the intersection.

**Road Agent Report:**

The Road Agent reported they were beginning the Candia Road Culvert replacement this week. It is funded through a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Program grant approved four or five years ago. The crew had installed the by-pass pipe and were expecting Fairpoint to relocate the fiber optics cable in the right-of-way for construction to commence. He hoped to have the project completed within a two-week period.

The Road Agent reported he has been dealing with dead and dying trees throughout the community. He has had a bucket truck and crane for a week, and will be having a bucket truck come back for another week for additional work. Trees in the Ridge Court area were mentioned, and the Road Agent also indicated he was looking at taking down two big ash trees near Griffin Bridge which will have to be taken down prior to the commencement of any work on the bridge itself.

The Road Agent reported once the Old Candia Road culvert project has been completed, he is planning to move over to Nutt Road. He indicated that as part of the reconstruction effort there is some drainage work to be done there, which he has Stantec working on at this time.

Mr. Dross indicated there has been no further action on the Exit 2 area of Hooksett Road since Stantec, NHDOT and he had done an initial inspection over a month ago. NHDOT agreed to secure camera equipment to go back and scope the conditions of all the drainage pipes in order to be better able to determine what work may be required. He indicated it was his recommendation the Town not swap sections of Hooksett Road with NHDOT for maintenance purposes. He felt the Town would be gaining a heavy residential section of road that has drainage problems which would cause the Town problems in the future. He also noted there were seven or eight manholes now requiring repair, while the State would also require the paving of the current Town section of road before the State would accept it. He felt the State's section of Hooksett Road was in tough shape that would also require the Town to implement repairs in the future if swapped.

The Road Agent indicated beavers had created issues on both Priscilla Lane and Windsor Drive. He has hired Dan Tatem (a licensed trapper) to remove the animals.

Mr. Dross reported the Town will be working with Stantec Consulting to try and determine what caused the sinkhole near the top of Dartmouth Drive. The area has been secured with Jersey barriers just above Fischer Sports at 60 Dartmouth Drive to block traffic from going further up the hill until a repair can be made.

The Road Agent asked if the Committee members felt the bus unloading zone on Eaton Hill Road Extension adjacent to the Auburn Village School should be marked with hash marks to clearly identify it. The Committee members felt that would be a good idea.

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

***Dan Carpenter moved to approve the minutes of the April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting as presented. Seconded by Rick Eaton. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion carried unanimously.***

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Highway Safety Committee will be held on Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM.

**Adjourn:**

*Mike Dross moved to adjourn; Dan Carpenter seconded the motion. All were in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.*