

**Town of Auburn  
Highway Safety Committee  
September 20, 2017**

**Committee Members Present:** Mike Dipietro, Chairman; Sergeant Kevin Cashman, Road Agent Mike Dross, Selectman Rick Eaton and Eva Komaridis.

**Also Present:** Town Administrator William Herman

Mr. Dipietro called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

**Old Business:**

There was no Old Business to review.

**Road Agent Report:**

Mr. Dross reported the reconstruction work on Nutt Road has been completed, and the crew has begun work on Rockwood Terrace. He indicated they have hit quite a bit of ledge in the area which would require blasting to get through it.

He reported the NH Department of Transportation has provided notice to the Town the condition of Griffin Mill Bridge has deteriorated to the point the bridge should be closed and barricaded to vehicle traffic. Mr. Dross indicated the Board of Selectmen and he are working with Stantec to review what options the Town has moving forward, and the Board will be meeting with affected property abutters next week.

Mr. Dross reported this has been a busy month for street signs. He has found signs missing all through the Town that he will be replacing.

The upper portion of Dartmouth Drive is still closed to traffic as the water and sinkhole issues have not been completely addressed. Mr. Dross indicated Stantec is going to provide a report to the Board of Selectmen with recommendations on how to repair the road including the installation of underdrains at various intervals across the road, and an improvement in the drainage collection in the road shoulders.

Mr. Dross indicated he will be having a number of trees cut down next week in several areas including Old Candia Road, Prescott Lane and Sun Valley. And he is experiencing problems with beavers in several areas of town.

Mr. DiPietro noted he had attended the Board of Selectmen's meeting where they discussed the conditions of sections of Hooksett Road and the potential of the Town exchanging responsibilities with NHDOT for summer maintenance responsibilities for portions of Hooksett Road. Mr. Dross noted the Board has sent a letter to NHDOT

complete with a full report on existing conditions and improvements necessary before an exchange could be made.

### **Police Report:**

Sergeant Cashman reported there had been 251 motor vehicle stops during the past month. There were eight motor vehicle accidents and seven arrests during the same time period, of which two were OUI arrests. There was also one bicycle / automobile accident in this period, and 17 citations issued by the department.

Sergeant Cashman noted the state law that decriminalizes possession of small amounts of marijuana took effect this month. He anticipates there may be more individuals operating under the influence situations moving forward as a result.

He also noted the department continues to see regular violations of the use of cell phones, particularly in operating grant-funded distracted driver patrols.

### **Other Business:**

Mr. DiPietro asked if the stripping of the school bus lane adjacent to the school property has been accomplished. Mr. Dross noted it had and indicated he learned the type of line marking they put in place is called a "hash box".

Mr. DiPietro also noted the State had been placing black and yellow road signs on By-Pass 28 indicating upcoming Town roads.

Mrs. Komaridis commented the chevrons installed on the curve on Route 121 were very helpful.

### **Meeting Minutes:**

**Mike Dross moved to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2017 and June 21, 2017 meetings. Seconded by Eva Komaridis. 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, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

### **Adjourn:**

***Mike Dross moved to adjourn; Eva Komaridis seconded the motion. All were in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.***