

**Town of Auburn
Highway Safety Committee
January 17, 2018**

Committee Members Present: Mike DiPietro, Chairman; Sergeant Kevin Cashman, Selectman Rick Eaton and Dan Carpenter.

Also Present: Town Administrator William Herman

Mr. DiPietro called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Meeting Minutes:

Dan Carpenter moved to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2017 meeting. Seconded by Kevin Cashman. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Police Report:

Sergeant Cashman reported there had been 144 motor vehicle stops during the past month. There were 26 motor vehicle accidents or vehicles off the road, resulting in two arrests during the same time period, of which one was a DWI arrest. There were 12 citations issued by the department.

He also reported the Department has been awarded three grants for 2018 from the Highway Safety Bureau of the NH Department of Safety. The grants include STEP Patrols, \$3,224; DWI Patrols, \$4,200, and Safe Commute Patrols, \$2,558. He indicated the grant programs have become competitive and this is a little less funding from prior years.

Other Business:

Mr. DiPietro asked if there had been any action on the Committee's recommendation concerning a Hooksett Road bus stop at its December meeting. Mr. Herman noted Principal Collins indicated the Committee's letter was very helpful, but he had not asked what the process was for the school district concerning bus stops. Mr. DiPietro reported he had stopped and checked the sight visibility from the crest of the hill, and he believed it was the best stop for the visibility of the school bus and its passengers.

Committee members noted it might be helpful to post "Do Not Block Driveway" signs at both the Auburn Village Cemetery and the AVS property. As noted at a prior meeting, when the parents line up bumper-to-bumper for the student drop-off, vehicles cannot get in or out of the cemetery.

New Business:

Mr. DiPietro acknowledged the draft Report of the Highway Safety Committee for the Town Report. He asked if it had already been submitted, and Mr. Herman indicated it was here for the Committee's approval and would then be submitted.

Dan Carpenter moved to approve the 2017 Report of the Highway Safety Committee. Seconded by Kevin Cashman. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. DiPietro noted the Town had erected a new salt storage facility at the Highway Garage. Mr. Herman indicated he thought there was approximately 1,000 tons of salt there at the present time, while the Town had a second smaller facility adjacent to Eddows Recreational Fields where he thought as much as 200 tons was in storage.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Highway Safety Committee will be held on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

Adjourn:

Rick Eaton moved to adjourn; Dan Carpenter seconded the motion. All were in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

In 2017, the Police Department was successful in securing three grants from the Highway Safety Office at the NH Department of Safety. These grants covered DWI/DUI Roving Patrols, Auburn Selective Traffic Enforcement Patrols (STEP) and Distracted Driving Enforcement Patrols. The grant funded patrols yielded the following statistics in 2017:

Distracted Driving (318-17A-017)

Patrols Conducted	Car Stops	Warnings Issued	Summons Issued	Arrests
13	94	79	46	1

STEP Enforcement Patrols (315-17a-067)

Patrols Conducted	Car Stops	Warnings Issued	Summons Issued	Arrests
24	254	214	40	2

DWI Roving Patrols (315-17a-067)

Patrols Conducted	Car Stops	Warnings Issued	Summons Issued	Arrests
14	156	132	21	5

The majority of the focus for the Road Agent during 2017 was the reconstruction of Nutt Road and a significant portion of Rockwood Terrace. The issue of sink holes also developed on Dartmouth Drive and was temporally addressed. A more permanent drainage repair and fix for Dartmouth Drive will be made in 2018.

The Highway Safety Committee noted there continued to be an uptick in speeding complaints during the past year. Unfortunately, the Police Department was limited in the ability to use the aging mobile radar trailer, which has been a strong deterrent in the past. However, several local residents allowed the Auburn Police Department to operate the trailer in key areas by allowing the department to plug the equipment into a power source at that location.

At the request of the school administration, the Committee considered the location of a school bus stop on Hooksett Road towards the end of the end and made a recommendation to school district and transportation officials that the bus stop be re-located to a different stop that was considered safer for both the school age children and the motoring public.

The Highway Safety Committee meets on the third Wednesday of most months at the Safety Complex at 7:00 PM. The public is always welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike DiPietro, Fire Department Representative, Chairman

Eva Komaradis

Dan Carpenter

Mike Dross, Road Agent

Sgt. Kevin Cashman, Police Department Representative

Rick Eaton, Selectmen Representative