

**Town of Auburn
Highway Safety Committee
May 16, 2018**

Committee Members Present: Mike DiPietro, Chairman; Sergeant Kevin Cashman, Richard Eaton, Selectman; Road Agent Mike Dross, Eva Komaridis and Dan Carpenter.

Also Present: Town Administrator William Herman

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

Meeting Minutes:

Kevin Cashman moved to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2018 meeting. Seconded by Mike Dross. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Highway Report:

Road Agent Dross reported they began work on the reconstruction of Rockwood Terrace this week. He indicated there was approximately 500-feet of road to repair and he estimated it would take five to six weeks to complete. Once Rockwood Terrace is completed, the plan is to move over to Lovers Lane and complete the second half of the road through to Bunker Hill Road.

He indicated he would be having a tree service in the week of June 11 – 15 to cut trees along Lovers Lane, and then a crew the following week of June 18 – 21 to remove large pine trees on Hooksett Road. This work will be done with the assistance of a crane.

The Road Agent reported we would be re-striping the Town Hall parking lot, the “hash box” on Eaton Hill Road Extension adjacent to the Auburn Village School and would also be adding a “hash box” at the entrance to the Auburn Village Cemetery.

The crews are dealing with beaver dams at Wethersfield and Audubon Way, while also replacing & repairing street signs and performing general ditch and clean-up work. They have repaired five catch basins on Coleman Road and Pasture Drive that have collapsed in recent months. He indicated the cement or mortar had given way and the top portions of the catch basins had collapsed.

He also reported they would be looking to replace a smaller culvert on Spofford Road with an 18-inch culvert to better carry the drainage.

Police Report:

Sergeant Cashman reported there had been 181 motor vehicle stops during the past month. There were eight motor vehicle accidents, while there were 16 citations issued by the department and four arrests including two DWI arrests made during the same time period.

He also noted the department would be picking up various grant-funded patrols during the summer months, which would have additional officers on patrol on certain Fridays through Sundays. He also indicated the department would be out on the trails as a result of ATV grant funded patrols.

Other Business:

Mr. Carpenter indicated by all accounts, the Town Wide Yard Sale on May 12th was a huge success, but he noted that parking was difficult at some locations due to how individuals either blocked driveways or pulled over resulting in some one-lane roads in certain areas. He suggested some additional communication with the public for a future year to encourage and inform drivers to pull over and off the road would be helpful.

Road Agent Dross and Sergeant Cashman noted trash dumping seems to have returned to the top of Dartmouth Drive. They also noted trash appears to be dropped once or twice a month on Depot Road property owned by Manchester Water Works.

Mr. DiPietro asked about the drainage issues on Dartmouth Drive. The Road Agent indicated they will be making repairs as developed by Stantec during the summer.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Highway Safety Committee will be held on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

Adjourn:

Mike Dross moved to adjourn; Rick Eaton seconded the motion. All were in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.