

**Town of Auburn
Highway Safety Committee
June 20, 2018**

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

Also Present: Nancy Hoijer, Recording Secretary

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

Meeting Minutes:

Mr. Carpenter motioned to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2018 meeting. Seconded by Sgt. Cashman. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Highway Report

**Rockwood Terrace, Lovers Lane to Bunker Hill
Trees and Hooksett Road**

Sgt. Cashman advised the Road Agent had made progress with getting some of the trees down. Mr. DiPietro added the advance notice sign on Lovers Lane was good. Mr. Eaton stated the road closure sign had really cut down the traffic on Eaton Hill Road, Coleman Road and Lovers Lane.

Sgt. Cashman reported a lot of roads had been closed with the last storm due to tree limbs and wires down.

Town Hall Parking Lot

Mr. Carpenter advised the Town Hall parking lot has been restriped and the parking area by the cemetery entrance has been marked. Mr. Eaton stated that he was thankful Mr. Dollard had taken care of the cemetery entrance marking because SUVs were parking and blocking the cemetery entrance in the afternoon. It was worth the effort and blends in nice. Mr. Carpenter agreed there was about 5-6' span marked and Sgt. Cashman agreed drivers would understand the intended purpose.

Beaver Dams, Wethersfield, Audubon Way

The Road Agent has been working on the beaver problem and cleared some culverts. Mr. DiPietro added that after a driving rain, sometimes Mother Nature works that out. Mr. Eaton stated the dams would often reappear by morning. Mr. Eaton reported the Audubon did not want to remove the dam at this time.

Police Report

Sgt. Cashman reported for the period of May 15, 2018 to June 15, 2018 there were eight (8) motor vehicle accidents reported, 150 motor vehicle stops resulting in one (1) arrest and 26 citations written.

Sgt. Cashman reported the Police Department had received a request for a “*Kids at Play*” sign by a resident of Lover’s Lane. He noted while the road has good visibility of 140’ from end to end, extra patrols have needed to be assigned for issues with excessive speeding at this location.

Mr. Eaton inquired about the efforts made recently to curtail cellphone usage by motorists. Sgt. Cashman reported the bicycle stop initiative had positive results. Officers were able to stop and knock on the driver’s windows while they were stopped at the intersection and observed with hand-held devices while operating their vehicles.

Mr. Eaton reported potential uses for the Police Detail Revolving Fund balance, which has a balance reported to the BOS at their last meeting, of approximately \$131,927, has been accumulating in the fund since its establishment in 2008. Mr. Eaton advised he proposed a cap of \$10,000-\$20,000 annually so that the fund would not be exhausted, funds could be released to purchase detail related equipment in accordance with a proposed Warrant Article.

Sgt. Cashman stated he recalled the details of the original 2008 town meeting which he believed was Warrant #12 for that fund and the process may be not to put forth a warrant article to request funds but approval by that Committee’s Treasurer. Mr. DiPietro advised the funds could be used to offset costs to purchase cruisers, laptops, safety equipment, reflective vests, uniforms, radios, and possible new hires for details. Sgt. Cashman added there is a state statute that itemizes what you can use that fund for.

Other Business

Mr. Eaton stated he will look into the Conservation Commission budget report that Sgt. Cashman reported they had difficulty emailing and let him know.

Next Meeting:

Mr. Carpenter motioned to Recess for the July and August, 2018 meetings. Sgt. Cashman seconded his motion, with all in favor, the motion was passed unanimously.

Adjourn:

Mr. DiPietro adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Hoijer
Recording Secretary