

**Town of Auburn
Highway Safety Committee
October 21, 2020**

Committee Members Present: Mike DiPietro, Chairman, Dennis Vieira, Selectman Todd Bedard, Sergeant Kevin Cashman, Road Agent Mike Dross, Dan Carpenter

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

Appointment

Jeffrey Alberts, 617 Hooksett Road – Traffic Sign Request

Mr. Alberts appeared before the Committee to discuss the bus stop in front of his house at 617 Hooksett Road. Mr. Albert noted he and his wife have two small school age children, age 4 and 6. Mr. Albert reported vehicles are speeding and often ignoring the bus and asked if the Board could put up signage to slow vehicles down. Visibility is an issue coming around the corner. Vehicles have gone off the road and ended up in yards. Mr. Alberts noted he and his wife were pleased the bus stop was in front of their house and the children did not have to travel to the stop. Guardrails were discussed but were noted to be an expensive and unsightly option.

Sergeant Cashman indicated the number of accidents were 59 and 41 on Old Candia Road up by their home. The speed limit is 35 MPH. Mr. Vieira noted sometimes cars coming toward you seem to be going faster than they are. Sergeant Cashman offered to have officers go verify with a radar.

Road Agent Dross indicated he did not think putting in signs would slow the morning commuters down, but he would present the request to the Selectmen at their next meeting on Monday to see if some “slow bus stop ahead” signs could be ordered and installed. If approved it would take a couple of weeks to order them.

Old Business

Approval of Minutes – September 16, 2020

Mr. Carpenter motioned to accept the minutes of September 16, 2020. Mr. Dross seconded the motion. A vote was taken, voting in favor were Mr. DiPietro, Mr. Vieira, Mr. Bedard and Mr. Carpenter, while Sergeant Cashman and Mr. Dross abstained. The motion passed 4-0-2.

Police Report

Sergeant Cashman reported 315 motor vehicles stops, 12 motor vehicle accidents, three DWI arrests and 18 summonses issued during the past month.

Road Agent Report

Road Agent Dross reported Pingree Hill Road was paved on Tuesday and catch basins and driveways are being done. Calef Road to the Pingree Hill Firehouse was shimmed and overlayed, Spofford Road, Lakeview Way, and Dearborn Road will have shim and overlay if there is enough. Tree work was done and the bucket truck was brought to the cemetery for the day to prune a maple. The crane will come back to take trees down. The crew has been cutting brush in developments. The tree at Town Hall was taken down. A Frazier Fur was put in its place. Juniper Circle and Haven Road will be submitted for acceptance before winter.

LED Lighting

Selectman Bedard indicated the project for replacing streetlights with LEDs is moving along. The mapping is being done now prior to installation.

New Business

Adjourn

Mr. Bedard motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. DiPietro seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Hoijer,
Recording Secretary