

**Town of Auburn
Highway Safety Committee
October 20, 2021
Town Hall
7:00 PM**

Committee Members Present: Chair Michael DiPietro, Dan Carpenter, Todd Bedard, Dennis Vieira, and Master Patrolman Karl Hanson

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

Police Report

Officer Hanson reported on activity for the period September 12 to October 11. There were 179 motor vehicle stops, seven motor vehicle summonses, nine arrests (three from motor vehicle stops), and 11 motor vehicle accidents.

Road Agent Report

Mr. DiPietro noted there is a lot of paving being done. A coat was just put on Hooksett Road. Mr. Vieira noted Eaton Hill Road was just started.

New Business

Mr. Carpenter opened the discussion concerning buses. Drop off and pick up at the school is going well and when there is a back up cars are encouraged not to park down Eaton Hill Road.

Mr. Carpenter noted he has observed few students using the bus service and can't understand why the few students using it are not picked up in front of their homes. He realizes after Covid use may return to normal but can't understand seeing a student walking after being dropped when the bus goes right past him afterward. Mr. Bedard noted he observed the same with Copley Court and the elementary level.

Mr. DiPietro noted that other than first graders the bus company won't establish bus stops. Parents are dropping their kids at the bus stop and waiting with their vehicles running and lights on for their kids to be picked up because there is no visibility at the dark bus stop.

The Committee agreed the bus company was not approachable on the subject and there have been no complaints this year. Mr. Bedard noted there were issues a couple of years ago and the bus company was called. Parents may not be aware they can bring their complaints here.

Mr. DiPietro noted the district must provide the transportation even if it isn't being used much.

Review September 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Vieira motioned to approve the September 15, 2021 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. DiPietro. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn

Mr. DiPietro motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 PM. Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Hoijer, Recording Secretary