

Unapproved Highway Safety Committee Meeting Minutes –3-16-2016

In attendance were Mr. Mike Dipietro, chairman, Mr. Rick Eaton, Selectman, Lt. Ray Pelton and Mr. Dan Carpenter. Also in attendance were Mr. Dave Nye and Mr. Alex Eisman. Mrs. Helen Hiltz was taking minutes.

New Business:

Mr. Alex Eisman asked to address the Highway Safety Committee. Mr. Eisman expressed his concern over the rate of speed that vehicles are using in the center of town on Rt.121. He explained that he has attempted on several occasions to gather support for sidewalks in the area that would lead from the school to the Circle of Fun Playground. People walking in the area and bicyclists are in danger. Mr. Eisman asked if the Committee would support putting up signs similar to those in the center of Manchester to make people aware of speed limits. Mr. Eisman provided a copy of the proposed signs. Lt. Ray Pelton suggested that there are new portable speed monitors that attach and detach from poles at will. A discussion took place about the possibility of having the state put a biking/walking lane on Rt. 121 similar to those that have been built in other towns. The decision was made that walking/biking alternatives in the Village center would provide the safest alternatives to traffic in general. Trying to slow traffic could be done with less intrusive methods. The Committee noted that there have been several attempts to develop a side walk system or bike/walking lanes in the past and they have always lacked support or have met with opposition. Mr. Eaton stated that a sidewalk system has already been planned out by Stantec Consulting but no further action has taken place. The Committee suggested that Mr. Eisman attempt to get support for the proposed projects from the Village residents and address the planning board and the Board of Selectmen with proposals. Lt. Pelton will check into cost of the movable traffic speed signs. Ms. Hiltz will also submit the request to do a NHDOT traffic study in the Village area.

Mr. Dave Nye asked that the Highway Safety Committee consider granting a waiver or variance on the “no parking on street” ordinance for the June 4th town event that will be held at Wayne Eddows. He noted that he is having trouble getting building permits to complete the first phase of the auxiliary packing lot. If he is not successful at securing the permits, people attending the event will be forced to park on the streets. The Highway Safety Committee stated that it will work with the P&R department in the effort.

Police Report:

Lt. Pelton reported that there were 2 accidents in the past month.

Lt. Pelton informed the Committee that the paperwork has been initiated for new year’s grants.

It was noted that the area in front of the Auburn Pitts restaurant still appears to be a potential problem if a large event is held there. There are still no parking signs on one side. Ms. Hiltz will check to see what the status of that suggestion is.

Road Agent Report:

There is no road agent report available for this month.

Lt. Ray Pelton made a motion to accept the February meeting minutes. Mr. Rick Eaton 2nd the motion. All in favor.

Lt Ray Pelton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dan Carpenter 2nd the motion. All in Favor.

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