

UNAPPROVED

Town of Auburn Highway Safety Committee February 18, 2015

In attendance were: Mr. Mike DiPietro, Chairman; Mr. Rick Eaton, Selectman; Lt. Ray Pelton, Auburn Police Representative; Mr. Dan Carpenter, and Mrs. Eva Komaradais, Auburn Residents and Fire Chief, Bruce Phillips. Mrs. Helen Hiltz was taking minutes.

Police Report

Lt. Ray Pelton reported that there were 8 motor vehicles accidents in the past month. There were also 8 vehicles off road. There is nothing out of the ordinary with these numbers. There is currently one grant, 2 patrols per month for the safe commute grant, being worked on.

Old Business

The NHDOT will now be attending the February 23, 2015 Board of Selectmen's meeting to discuss options for the four corners in the center of town. The January meeting was postponed due to weather. Mr. Dan Carpenter note that his research has shown that the smallest round about in the state is 85'. He also stated that according to the Boston Globe federal funds to NH are down 5% over the last few years and the new gas tax is only bringing in \$32 million in revenue. Mr. Carpenter felt that funds for a roundabout would probably not be available.

Mrs. Hiltz reports that there is no news on the bus stop review as yet.

New Business

Mr. Dan Carpenter raised the issue that when school starts late or is released early there is much automotive confusion at the school because the time frame on the sign on Hooksett Road that designates Eaton Hill Road Extension a one way is not applicable outside of "normal school hours".

Fire Chief Bruce Phillips stated that he is part of the Emergency Management Team for the school and he was here to solicit input from the Highway Committee on this issue. The Emergency Management Team has observed the same conditions that are noted by Mr. Carpenter. They have also observed that the road is narrowed by the current practice of allowing cars to park on both sides of the street. There would not be enough room for emergency vehicles to pass if the need were present. Chief Phillips stated that the Emergency Management Team would like to propose that Eaton Hill Road Extension be made a one way street from the Safety Complex to the Hooksett Road. A "One Way - Do Not Enter" sign would be placed on Hooksett Road. They are also proposing parking be allowed only on the school side of the street. He asked for input from the Highway Safety Committee. Mr. Carpenter noted that there may be some opposition to this plan from the teachers who would now have to go up Raymond Road and turn down Eaton Hill Road Extension to get to the parking lot that most probably enter directly from Hooksett Road presently. He also noted that there are some people who will do almost anything to avoid the four way intersection in town and use the Eaton Hill Road Extension regularly. Mrs. Eva Komaradais stated that some of the congestion could be minimized if the school busses would load and unload in the back parking lot instead of on

the street. Lt. Ray Pelton noted that, with the current situation, there would be chaos if there were an emergency situation. The general consensus of the Committee appeared to be in favor of the proposal to make that portion of the road a one way and allow parking only on one side of the street but the Committee asked for more time to think and review the proposal.

Chief Phillips stated that any recommendations would need to be brought to the Board of Selectmen for consideration.

Mr. Mike Dipietro stated that the highway budget is taking a big hit because of all of the snow storms that we have had this month. It is also stated that salt reserves are low as a result and acquiring salt has been challenging. The Road agent and his crew have done a good job keeping up with all of the storms.

Lt. Pelton made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the January meeting. Mrs. Eva Komaradais 2nd the motion. All in favor.

The next Highway Safety meeting will be held on March 18, 2015

Mrs. Eva Komaradais made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Mr. Dan Carpenter 2nd the motion, all in favor.