

**Town of Auburn
Highway Safety Committee
February 19, 2014**

Present: Mr. Mike DiPietro, Chairman; Police Representative, Ray Pelton; Paul Raiche, Selectman; Dan Carpenter and Mike Dross, Road Agent. Mrs. Helen Hiltz was recording minutes.

Police Report

Lt. Ray Pelton reported that there were 16 accidents in the past month. Six of the accidents were on the Rt. 28 bypass. There were four DWI arrests. Lt. Pelton also stated that there have been snow mobile accidents, one with serious injuries.

Road Agent Report

Mr. Dross reported that the town was experiencing the effects of the salt shortage. There is currently no salt available and limited opportunities exist for future deliveries. The crews are currently using a salt mixture.

Mr. Dross noted that frost heaves and pot holes are prevalent throughout town. The crews will attempt to patch in the worst pot holes but it is not anticipated that this will be a lasting fix. The patch will probably be ripped up by the plows as they remove snow.

The storms have raised havoc in town. One of the busses was stuck in snow on Coleman Road during one of the storms.

Mr. Dross stated that the snow banks in town were extremely high. This may result in a need to get a bucket loader out to remove some of the snow.

Mr. Carpenter asked if we were aware of the state effort to certify salt. Mr. Dross was aware of this effort.

New Business

Fire Chief, Bruce Philips noted that there have been numerous accidents on Old Candia Road, resulting in cars going off the road. He requested that road chevrons be put in place. Chief Phillips asked if this would be a state project or a town project. Mr. Dross responded that this would be a town project. Mr. Dross does have some of the old style chevrons to put in place but noted that the new red/white chevrons are said to be more effective. The cost for the new chevrons is \$600.00 to \$700.00.

It was noted that John O'Neil from Manchester Water Works has some concern over the density of the salt levels being found in the deeper pools of Lake Massabesic.

Mr. Dross made mention of the stepping down of Selectman Paul Raiche. Mr. Raiche was thanked for his service and dedication to the Highway Safety Committee.

Mrs. Helen Hiltz has submitted the annual town report to Adele.

The January meeting minutes were reviewed. ***Mr. Paul Raiche moved to accept the minutes. Mr. Mike Dross 2nd the motion. All in favor.***

Mr. Paul Raiche made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40. Mr. Dan Carpenter 2nd the motion. All in favor.