

Unapproved Highway Safety Committee Meeting Minutes –1-20-2015

In attendance were Mr. Mike Dipietro, chairman, Mr. Mike Dross, road agent, Mr. Rick Eaton, Selectman and Mr. Dan Carpenter. Mrs. Helen Hiltz was taking minutes.

Old Business:

Mr. Dipietro updated the Committee on the communications received to date on the application that was submitted to the NHDOT for their road safety audit. The Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission has advised us that the intersection of Chester Road, Lovers Lane and Wilsons Crossing Road does not qualify for the Road Safety Audit (RSA) program due to the fact it has not had a fatal or significant motor vehicle accident at that location. That was one of the key criteria. However, they have contacted the NH Department of Transportation and requested the Department perform a safety audit of this intersection outside of the RSA program. The NHDOT has agreed to do so. In addition to the material we submitted with the original RSA application, the Planning Commission came out to Auburn on January 5th and conducted a visual traffic count of traffic at this intersection for both the 7 – 9 AM time block and the 4 – 6 PM time block. With this count, they broke down the vehicles by the direction and/or turn they took on all of the roads in the intersection – so it was more complete data in terms of traffic patterns and traffic flow. Traffic counts were forwarded to us.

Mr. Dan Carpenter and Mr. Mike Dipietro both noted that while there have been no fatalities at this location as yet, the sheer amount of increased traffic posed a potential problem. It was noted that the tree to the left of the intersection and the sign to the right did pose a slight site distance issue. It was also noted the sign was a temporary situation.

New Business:

The Committee reviewed the draft of the town report that Mrs. Hiltz presented. Mr. Mike Dross asked Mrs. Hiltz to remove Hook Road from the report as that work was completed in 2014. Mr. Dan Carpenter asked that the report reflect that the Raymond Road work be identified as the culvert on Mosquito Brook on Raymond Road.

Mr. Mike Dross made a motion to accept the town report with the proposed changes. Mr. Dan Carpenter 2nd the motion. All in favor.

Chairman Dipietro noted that he was present at a BOS meeting where there was some suggestion of possibly utilizing some of the road reconstruction budget to help fund the school renovations. He asked Mr. Dross for his thoughts and if that budget could be tapped without a negative impact. Mr. Dross stated that he thought that this was a possibility for future funds. He noted that once the large projects in town were taken care of, there would only be a need to maintain the roads and occasional new projects or problem areas that would creep in.

Police Report:

A police report was not available.

Road Agent Report:

Mr. Mike Dross reported that the Highway Department is ready for winter. Mr. Dross noted that Stantec ordered the box culvert for the Wayne Eddows driveway. All wetland permits have been obtained.

Mr. Mike Dross made a motion to accept the December 16th meeting minutes. Mr. Mike Dipietro 2nd the motion. All in favor.

Mr. Mike Dross made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Mike Dipietro 2nd the motion. All in Favor.

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