

UNAPPROVED

Town of Auburn Highway Safety Committee March 18, 2015

In attendance were: Mr. Mike Dipietro, chairman, Mr. Rick Eaton, Selectman, Lt. Ray Pelton, Auburn Police representative, Mr. Mike Dross, road agent, Mr. Dan Carpenter, and Mrs. Eva Komaradais, Auburn residents. Mrs. Helen Hiltz was taking minutes.

Police Report

Lt. Ray Pelton reported that the server was down due to power losses so no accident reports etc. were available at this time. Lt. Pelton did present two grants for committee review and approval. One of the grants was for twenty, two hour, DWI patrols in the amount of \$8,580.00. The second grant was for six, three hour "click it" patrols totaling \$1,976.36. Mr. Dan Carpenter made a motion to approve and sign the grants. Mrs. Eva Komaradais 2nd the motion. All in favor.

Lt. Pelton noted that the safe commute grant was still ongoing.

Lt. Pelton also stated that he had attended a National Safety meeting on the new hands free electronic device law that will be going into effect on July 1st. It is unknown if violations of the law would be considered moving violations or not but violations would result in \$100.00 fine for the first offense, \$250.00 for the second offense and \$500.00 for the third offense. If these are deemed to be moving violations, insurance rates would be affected as well. The police department will be attempting to educate the public on the new law between now and July 1st. Lt. Pelton noted that there is a driving simulator available to simulate impaired driving, i.e. cell phone usage or drunk driving. The police department will try to reserve the simulator for the Duck Race on September 12th. This may help with the education process.

The speed trailer will be put back in service as soon as the snow is gone.

Road Agent Report

Mr. Mike Dross noted that the pot holes and frost heaves are extremely bad this year. We may end up having problems with ice dams in the culverts if the cold weather continues.

The crews are busy evaluating the guardrail damage throughout town. Limbs and branches need to be picked up. Mr. Dan Carpenter noted the dead, rotten tree that needed to be taken down on Lovers Lane.

Emergency Management Team Recommendations

The Highway Safety Committee discussed the recommendations that Fire Chief Bruce Phillips had brought to the committee at our February meeting. The recommendations were to consider parking only on the school side of Eaton Hill Road ext. from the Safety Complex to Hooksett Road and to consider having that section of road become a one way street. After

much discussion Lt. Ray Pelton made a motion to make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen to consider the parking on the school side of the street only. Mr. Mike Dross 2nd the motion. All in favor. Mrs. Hiltz will send the recommendation to the Board of Selectmen. The Committee decided that it needed more information to make the recommendation for the one way recommendation. Mrs. Hiltz will ask Fire Chief Bruce Phillips to the next Highway Safety meeting on April 15th to give us an update on any new information from the Emergency Management team.

Southern NH Planning Committee

Mrs. Hiltz informed the Committee that the Board of Selectmen has asked the Committee to make recommendations on roads to be considered for this year's SNHPC traffic counting study. The Committee suggested Lovers Lane, Wilson Crossing Road, Eaton Hill Road/Hooksett Road and the four corners in town. Lovers Lane and Wilson Crossing Road were suggested because of potential traffic increases to Pinkerton. Eaton Hill Road ext. and the four corners in town were suggested because of the proposed one way and attempting to determine the impact on the traffic at the intersections. Mr. Mike Dross also noted that Hook Road and Raymond Road and Dearborn Road would be construction sites this year and traffic would be impacted during the construction.

Old Business

NHDOT four corner recommendations

The NHDOT has recommended that a small traffic triangle be constructed in the center of town. Mr. Dan Carpenter noted that the state is facing an \$88 million budget cut so he anticipates that the four corners in town will, more than likely, not be considered a priority project.

New Business

Committee terms for Mr. Mike Dipietro, Mr. Dan Carpenter and Mrs. Eva Komaradais have expired. All three members are willing to renew their terms for three years. Mrs. Helen Hiltz will send the recommendations for reappointments to the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Mike Dross made a motion to accept the February meeting minutes. Mr. Dan Carpenter 2nd the motion. All in favor.

The next Highway Safety meeting will be held on April 15th.

Mr. Mike Dross made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45. Mr. Dan Carpenter 2nd the motion. All in favor.