

Town of Auburn
Highway Safety Committee
March 19, 2014

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

New Business

The Highway Safety Committee welcomed Selectman Richard Eaton as the Board of Selectmen representative, replacing Mr. Paul Raiche. The Committee thanked Mr. Paul Raiche for his years of service and wished him luck in his future endeavors.

Mrs. Hiltz noted that the terms for Mr. Mike DiPietro, Mr. Dan Carpenter and Mrs. Eva Komaridis were expiring. All agreed to renew their terms. Mrs. Hiltz will notify Kate Skoglund.

Old Business

The Committee discussed the issue of ticketing for on street parking during snow emergencies. It was noted that there is a parking ordinance in town but there were no provisions for ticketing and fines in that ordinance. The Committee asked Selectman Richard Eaton to broach the subject with the Board of Selectmen. It was noted that this is not a major issue but there are offenders in the Sun Valley area.

Mr. Carpenter asked if there were any updates on the Griffin bridge project. Mr. Dross stated that Stantec is currently working on a plan. Test borings are being completed to determine the actual location of the bridge. The state bid for a two lane bridge is believed to have come in at more than a million dollars. It is believed that the goal is to keep the historical, small town look for the new bridge.

Police Report

Lt. Ray Pelton reported that there were 15 accidents in the past month. Most of the accidents were weather related and several were on Rt. 28.

The Police Department is only running two days a month on one of their grants presently. Lt. Pelton anticipates that new grants will be coming through in the near future.

Lt. Pelton stated that the Police Department will be stepping up enforcement on Wilson Crossing traffic. Speed is still an issue. It is most likely due to the increase in traffic going to Pinkerton Academy. A speed trailer will be put out once the snow is gone. Selectman Eaton suggested that another speed sign be posted between the two that are currently present.

Road Agent Report

Mr. Dross noted that the salt shortage is no longer an issue.

The chevrons will be placed on Hooksett Road and Old Candia Road in the spring. Mr. Dross stated that the red and white chevron signs are very expensive to purchase. He will make the

chevron signs to save money.

The Highway department is continuing to update the signage throughout town by utilizing the new reflective stickers instead of replacing the signs. This is a cost effective alternative.

Mr. Dross noted that several catch basins have collapsed. A steel plate and cones have been placed over the basin on Heather Circle until the catch basin can be worked on. Mr. Dross suggested that the planning board consider getting rid of the brick and start requiring that the concrete rings be utilized.

The Highway department will start working on taking down dead trees and branches that pose a hazard.

The February meeting minutes were reviewed. Mr. Dan Carpenter moved to accept the minutes. Mr. Mike Dross 2nd the motion. All in favor.

Lt Ray Pelton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Mike Dross 2nd the motion. All in favor.