

**Town of Auburn  
Highway Safety Committee  
April 19, 2017**

**Committee Members Present:** Mike Dipietro, Chairman; Officer James Huard, Dan Carpenter and Rick Eaton.

**Also Present:** Town Administrator William Herman

Mr. Dipietro called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

**Old Business:**

Mr. Eaton and Mr. Herman reported the “No Parking” signs for one-side of Rockingham Road between Champagne Lane and Shea’s Drive as previously recommended by the Committee late last year have been installed by the Road Agent during the past week.

Mr. Dipietro reported he observed a “Do Not Enter” sign had been installed at the four-corner intersection of Manchester, Chester, Raymond and Hooksett Roads by the NHDOT. The sign was placed to prevent vehicles heading north on Chester Road from turning left onto Manchester Road in the lane that is intended for traffic heading east on Manchester Road to turn south onto Chester Road.

**Police Report:**

Officer Huard reported there had been 240 motor vehicle stops during the time period of March 15 through April 14, of which 37 lead to summons being issued. The Auburn Police have been performing grant funded Distracted Driver patrols in addition to routine patrolling. Of the 240 motor vehicle stops, 63 were for distracted drivers, of which 18 were issued summons, mostly for cell phone use. There were also seven accidents during the same time period and one DWI arrest.

Officer Huard noted the Department won’t be fixing the current radar trailer during the coming year as it won’t hold the data gathered during the use of the trailer. He noted the Department has spent considerable money in the past to retrofit and repair the unit, but it is at a point where the repairs do not last long to get the value from the investment. Committee members encouraged the use of the trailer even if it was only to flash the speed of motorists as they drive past. The sense was it was still a tool to help improve traffic safety.

## **Road Agent Report:**

Mr. Carpenter reported he had advised Mr. Dross of an animal problem he had on a portion of Rattlesnake Hill Road where an animal had dug a hole under the road. Mr. Carpenter indicated the Road Agent had gone and filled the hole, but the animal has come back and dug another in its place.

Mr. Herman reported a sinkhole was found near the top of Dartmouth Drive last week. The Road Agent has secured the road with Jersey barriers just above Fischer Sports at 60 Dartmouth Drive to block traffic from going further up the hill until a repair can be made. The road barriers do not affect any of the businesses located on Dartmouth Drive.

Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Eaton and Mr. Dipietro all commented on tree cutting taking place around town, both by the Road Agent and Eversource. Mr. Eaton and Officer Huard indicated Eversource was investing up to \$5 million in tree cutting operations in and around Auburn, Candia, Hooksett and Manchester this year. It was believed they would be covering approximately 150 miles of road between the four communities.

Mr. Dipietro noted a tree on Dearborn Road at the Foley property which was hallow and hanging over the road that should come down. Mr. Carpenter also noted a tree on Lovers Lane that is in a stone wall which should be removed.

## **Other Business:**

Mr. Dipietro asked if there had been any progress concerning the area of Exit 2. Mr. Eaton indicated the Town would be working with the State to investigate the condition of the drainage system and portion of Hooksett Road in the near future, and hoped to have NHDOT scope the drainage with a camera. Mr. Herman indicated NHDOT, Stantec and the Road Agent had an initial meeting on site on Tuesday and NHDOT was arranging for the scoping camera equipment, which was actually owned by NH Department of Environmental Services. It was his understanding the scoping of the drainage system would happen in the next two to four weeks.

Mr. Dipietro asked if there had been any further progress on the potential of relocating the intersection of Depot Road and Hooksett Road. Mr. Herman indicated the only worked authorized by the Board to date was the surveying of the property last year. No further action has been taken and was not specifically planned for 2017.

## **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

***Dan Carpenter moved to approve the minutes of the March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting as presented. Seconded by Rick Eaton. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion carried unanimously.***

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Highway Safety Committee will be held on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

**Adjourn:**

*Dan Carpenter moved to adjourn; Rick Eaton seconded the motion. All were in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.*