

**Town of Auburn
Highway Safety Committee
March 21, 2018**

Committee Members Present: Mike DiPietro, Chairman; Sergeant Kevin Cashman, Road Agent Mike Dross and Dan Carpenter.

Also Present: Town Administrator William Herman

Mr. DiPietro called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Road Agent Report:

Mike Dross reported there has been more issues with individuals plowing snow across the road this year than in the past. He noted Ray Racicot in particular has had several experiences with it, and is concerned because if the residual materials freeze in place, they can cause damage to plow equipment which costs the operators additional money for repairs. Mr. Dross indicated it is also a safety issue should the individual do this type of work after the Town has completed snow operations as the plowing across the road will scrape off the sand or salt the Town has put down.

He noted there was a Town ordinance adopted in 1978 that prohibited the practice and established a \$25 fine per occurrence. Mr. Dross felt \$25 was not enough of a penalty to deter folks today and he felt the Town should look at punching up the ordinance in time for the next winter season.

Mr. Carpenter noted he thought a visit from the Police Department was usually helpful in addressing this type of issue, while several members noted the pushing of snow from one property to another was not fair to anyone including the motoring public.

The Committee members agreed an updated ordinance would be a good project to be undertaken during the coming year.

Mr. Dross also noted a big ash tree came down during one of the winter storms on Hunting Road which required Accurate Tree Service to come in and remove. He also had the company take down another large dead tree on Vici Drive. In two weeks, the company will be back to work on trees on Hooksett Road, Audubon Way and the intersection of Prescott Road and Old Candia Road.

Mr. Carpenter indicated there was a large pine tree near the corner of Coleman Road and Bunker Hill Road that should be looked at for removal.

Mr. Dross reported between the more recent snow storms, they have been busy replacing various road signs and filling in pot holes.

Police Report:

Sergeant Cashman reported there had been 198 motor vehicle stops during the past month. There were 10 motor vehicle accidents, while there were 16 citations issued by the department and nine arrests made during the same time period.

New Business:

Mr. DiPietro noted the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission had asked if there were locations where the Town wanted to have traffic counts done in 2018. Committee members agreed Lovers Lane, the top side of Coleman Road and Bunker Hill Road were all areas where traffic count information would be helpful.

Mr. DiPietro also noted the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission is now also offering pedestrian counts as well. The only area suggested by the committee was the center of Auburn.

Meeting Minutes:

Dan Carpenter moved to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2018 meeting. Seconded by Kevin Cashman. 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, April 18, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

Adjourn:

Dan Carpenter moved to adjourn; Mike Dross seconded the motion. All were in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.