

**Town of Auburn
Highway Safety Committee
April 23, 2014**

Present: Mr. Mike DiPietro, Chairman, Police representative, Lt. Ray Pelton, Mr. Richard Eaton, Selectman, Mr. Dan Carpenter. Mrs. Helen Hiltz was recording minutes.

New Business

This was a special Highway Safety Committee meeting that was called to review and approve Highway Safety grant 14-11,02. The grant is for \$8,580 for Auburn DWI patrols. The special meeting was called because the grant had to be approved and submitted by April 30th. The grant was reviewed by all and is on file at the police station.

Mr. Mike DiPietro made a motion to approve and sign the highway safety grant for DWI patrols for \$8,580. Mr. Dan Carpenter 2nd the motion. All in favor.

Lt Ray Pelton noted that the Rt. 101 Corridor DWI Patrol has been cancelled for this year.

Old Business

The Committee took some time reviewing the Steam Mill Road conversations that were had at the 4/16/2014 meeting with Mr. Richard Eaton. Mr. DiPietro noted that he has received phone calls asking about the status of the recommendations. Lt. Ray Pelton stated that the speed trailer has been fixed and should be placed in the Steam Mill Road area as early as 4/24/2014. Mr. DiPietro will contact Mike Dross, the road agent, to determine if he has any road signs available or if they will need to be ordered. He will also ask about the painting of the stop lines.

Mr. DiPietro stated that he has attempted, to no avail, to find an engineering study for the road. The road was built to meet state and town standards. That is all that is required. Mr. Richard Eaton suggested that a sign posting the speed limit also be put midway on Steam Mill road. A discussion ensued about the studies that Mr. DiPietro reviewed about planting trees or erecting fences along the road side to give the road an appearance of being narrower. The residents of the Steam Mill Road area were under the impression that they could not investigate those options because of the home owner covenants. Mr. Eaton stated that the covenants did not restrict the planting of trees etc. Mr. Carpenter stated that there is an effort in the state to bring back the Elm Tree population. He noted that planting several Elm trees in the community would be a beautiful and effective speed reducing technique. It is anticipated that some of the residents of the Steam Mill Road community will attend the next Highway Safety meeting on May 21, 2014 and this would be a good, long term suggestion to put forth at that time.

Other Business

Mr. Dan Carpenter asked if the old section of Lovers Lane will be worked on. The road agent, Mr. Mike Dross, was not available to attend the meeting, so no definitive answer was given at this time. It was felt that it may be worked on when the lots across from Seavey Road are developed.

Lt Ray Pelton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55. Mr. Dan Carpenter 2nd the motion. All in favor.