

**Town of Auburn
Highway Safety Committee
October 16, 2019**

Committee Members Present: Mike DiPietro, Chairman; Selectman Rick Eaton, Road Agent Mike Dross, Sgt. Kevin Cashman, and Dan Carpenter

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

Police Report

Sergeant Cashman noted the radar trailer was put out at Wethersfield subdivision in the same area and at the same time, and it recorded speeds dropped five mph since the stop sign was installed. There have been no further complaints relating to speed.

Sergeant Cashman noted the School Superintendent did not approve the proposed bus stop at Juniper Circle. The Highway Safety Committee were unanimous in agreement to send a letter, in cooperation with the Auburn Police Department and hopefully the Board of Selectmen, asking the School Superintendent to reconsider his position on the stop sign at Juniper Circle.

It is their understanding the Superintendent put a stop to the idea of a bus stop at Juniper Circle in favor of having the kids walking down to Seavey Drive, which is busy during school hours and has a knoll that decreases visibility. The Police Department has concerns that could be an unsafe walk for the kids given the motor vehicle traffic and speeds at that hour. The Superintendent's decision may be due to Juniper Circle not being a Town road yet, but the Committee did not know why he decided against it. Sgt. Cashman noted the bus does not have to drive down Juniper Circle, it just has to stop at the intersection of Lovers Lane and Juniper Circle. The route was worked out so the bus would be able to stop there and not be running late.

Mr. Eaton suggesting having Mr. Herman forward a proposed letter to the Board of Selectmen to be on the Board's agenda for October 21st.

Sergeant Cashman reviewed 10 years of accidents as part of his research for the NHDOT Road Safety Program as presented by the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (SNHPC). Gardner Road, Lover's Lane and Bunker Hill Road won't comply with the required standards, but Wilson Crossing & Chester Road and Wilson Crossing and By-Pass 28 will comply. By-Pass 28 and Spofford Road are worse and could be added as a third application. Although there have been a lot of accidents and injuries at the other intersections, the criteria for the Road Safety Program is incidents with death and debilitation resulting.

Road Agent Dross noted Priscilla Lane across from Gold Ledge has issues with visibility when passing by Castlerock Self-Storage. Mr. Carpenter noted speeds there are often more than 60 mph. Road Agent Dross discussed another accident on Depot Road with a white van turning and had nowhere to go.

Sergeant Cashman reported four crashes, 49 summons, 299 motor vehicle stops with one arrest for the last reporting period.

Road Agent's Report

Road Agent Dross reported Lakeview Way is done and he is now working on the intersection of Coleman Road, Dearborn Road and Chester Turnpike. He indicated it would be a day or day and a half before paving. Boulders have been dug out. Mr. Carpenter asked about boulders on Coleman Road.

Stops signs have been replaced that are faded and will be repurposed with decals. Culverts were opened to plan for the big rainstorm. Shim and overlay will be done at the intersections and turnaround at Dartmouth Drive.

New Business

Mr. Carpenter noted Jason Ientile at Manchester Water Works reported issues with gate on Spruce Lane and Birch Road and four-wheelers, with barriers being moved.

The Board discussed whether a stop line would improve vehicles not stopping for the stop sign in front of the Longmeadow Church. The Board agreed to wait and see what the NHDOT Road Safety Program says.

Review June 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Eaton motioned to approve the June 19, 2019 minutes. Mr. Dross seconded the motion. Sergeant Cashman and Mr. Carpenter abstained. Approved 3-0-2.

Review September 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Carpenter motioned to approve the September 18, 2019 minutes. Mr. Eaton seconded the motion, with all in favor, so moved.

Adjourn

Next Meeting: November 20, 2019

Mr. DiPietro motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 PM. Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion, with all in favor, so moved.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Hoijer,
Recording Secretary