

**Town of Auburn
Highway Safety Committee
November 18, 2020**

Committee Members Present: Mike DiPietro, Chairman, Selectman Todd Bedard, Sergeant Kevin Cashman, Dan Carpenter

Call to Order: Mr. DiPietro called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Old Business

Approval of Minutes – October 21, 2020

Mr. Carpenter motioned to accept the minutes of October 21, 2020. Sergeant Cashman seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed 4-0-0.

Police Report

Sergeant Cashman reported 295 motor vehicles stops, two arrests, 16 motor vehicle accidents, and 16 summonses.

Jeffrey Alberts, 617 Hooksett Road – Traffic Sign Request

Mr. Alberts appeared before the Committee at its last meeting to discuss the bus stop in front of his house at 617 Hooksett Road. Road Agent Dross has ordered signs.

Road Agent Report – Tabled

Mr. DiPietro noted Road Agent Dross has the tree vendor scheduled to come out and questioned the blue and black checkered ribbons on some trees -- if that indicates they are marked for removal. Mr. Carpenter noted it would be a good preventative measure to cut saplings before they grow up to the middle of the road.

The Committee noted everyone is ready for the snow season to begin.

LED Lighting

Selectman Bedard indicated the mapping is done and installation of the LED street lights should begin anytime now. There is a new project manager, and it should take two to three days of field work to install.

New Business

Tower Hill

Mr. Carpenter raised the issue of parking along Tower Hill Road which is limiting the passage of vehicles to one lane. The Committee discussed possible solutions such as asking Manchester

Water Works to put in a parking lot, partnering with Candia and having the Board of Selectmen send a letter, having one-way in Auburn only or placing no parking signs which would require users to park and walk from Old Candia Road.

Bus Stop – Pinkerton Student

Sergeant Cashman noted there is a Pinkerton student having to walk down the hill quite a ways because they have refused a bus stop. There are no sidewalks, and the area is especially dangerous when there are snow banks. A couple of adults have been hit in the area.

Old Rockingham Rail Trail

The Committee discussed a safe crossing for the rail trail users. Mr. Carpenter noted as set up now a 50' crossing is 85' and takes longer to get across than people realize. There are bikers, snowmobilers and pedestrians crossing. Mr. Carpenter noted there should be a 90-degree angle to cross.

Adjourn

Mr. Bedard motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Hoijer,
Recording Secretary