

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
03/09/16

The Highway Safety Committee met on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 beginning at 9:00 AM at the Goffstown Police Department.

Members present: Public Works Director Adam Jacobs , Selectman Allen Brown, Police Department Representative Captain Kerry Steckowych, Town Planner Jonathan O'Rourke, and Citizen Representative Ruth Gage.

Citizen Present: Brian Templeton

Meeting opened: 09:02 AM

Meeting adjourned: 10:00 AM

1) Approval of Minutes:

Tabled until next meeting

2) Shawna Vaccaro
10 Robin Dr

Request for a street light on Robin Drive.

The Committee reviewed the surveying officer's report and photographs submitted. There was a discussion of the area. It was discussed that there has not been any criminal activity reported in this particular area. The Committee discussed that Eversource has a program where the homeowner can request a personal street light.

Selectman Brown made a motion to deny the request for a street light and suggest to the homeowner to look into the program at Eversource for a personal light.

Captain Steckowych second.

Motion passes 5-0.

- 3) Christine Templeton
176 Kennedy Hill Rd

Request for speed bump on Kennedy Hill Rd.

Brian Templeton was in attendance. Mr. Templeton advised the Committee that his property is split by Kennedy Hill Road. His house is on one side and the barn is on the other side of the road. He uses his tractor 10 to 20 times per day. He has taught his children not to be near the street but feels that some sort of signage should be installed to deter speeding. He said maybe a tractor crossing sign or children at play sign. Director Jacobs advised that children at play signs are usually not recommended.

Mr. Templeton added that part of the Long Brook Development there were signs that were proposed but he is not sure what happened with that. Adam Jacobs said he would check into the final subdivision plan to see what happened.

Captain Steckowych added that speed bumps are ineffective and won't address the speed problem because usually cars will slow down to go over the bump, then accelerate to the next speed bump. Captain Steckowych added that directed patrols by the police department would be effective and asked that Mr. and Mrs. Templeton keep a log of times of day and days of week that are most prevalent. Mr. Templeton was also encouraged to call the police department when it is happening. It was stated that with the warm weather coming there will be increased traffic due to 4-wheelers in the area.

Selectman Brown made a motion to table this request indefinitely and bring it back up if and when Mr. Templeton calls again.

Ruth Gage second.

Motion passes 5-0.

- 4) Congregational Church of Goffstown
8 Main St.

Request for a cross walk in front of Stark Hall to the parking lot behind the Church.

The Committee reviewed the surveying officer's report. It was noted by the officer that there is a crosswalk at the corner of Church St and Main Street and there is also a crosswalk that leads into Citizens Bank and the Post Office.

Ruth Gage advised she understands the problem. She inquired if they could use an exit to the front of the building and use the crosswalk at Main and Church St.

The committee agreed that you don't dump a crosswalk into a parking lot. Adam Jacobs advised that Church St is on the short list of repair. He can take a look at possible solutions then.

Attorney Steckowych made a motion to deny the request for a crosswalk on Church St by Stark Hall.

Selectman Brown second.

Motion passes 5-0.

- 5) Southern NH Planning Commission letter to identify unsignalized intersections with high traffic volumes, crash experience, high pedestrian volumes, school crossings, or dangerous configurations where signals may be needed.

Adam Jacobs stated he can't think of any unsignalized intersection that needs it.

Adam Jacobs motioned to have Town Administrator Sue Desruisseaux send them a letter advising we don't have any intersections that meet this criteria.

Ruth Gage second.

Motion passes 5-0.

6) Old Business:

Labrie Property on East Dunbarton Rd.

Adam Jacobs advised that the homeowner did mow the side of the road at the end of the season. DPW does have Board of Selectmen approval to mow if necessary this summer, but after the road project this may not be necessary. The Black Brook Road realignments with East Dunbarton Road and the issue with drainage will be addressed.

Adam Jacobs motioned to table this indefinitely.

Selectman Brown second.

Motion passes 4-0 with Captain Steckowych abstaining as he was not present for last year's discussion.

127 Montelona Rd

Director Jacobs advised that this curve does not warrant additional signage. It doesn't meet the criteria for chevrons. It needs to be pedestrian awareness.

Selectman Brown made a motion to deny the request for additional signage by 127 Montelona Rd.

Ruth Gage second.

Motion passes 5-0.

Status of stop sign list for the Board of Selectmen to approve.

Director Jacobs advised that he has a 5 page list of stop signs that came off of his computer. The committee discussed having someone drive around the town to verify the location of stop signs. It was mentioned that some sub-divisions erected stop signs that may not have been approved by the Board of Selectmen. Director Jacobs advised he will have his interns do that and come back to the next meeting with the list.

7) New Business: - none

Selectman Brown made a motion to adjourn at 10:00 AM.

Captain Steckowych second.

Motion passes 5-0.

These minutes are subject to approval at the next meeting.

Next meeting is June 15, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Roberge
Executive Secretary