

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 21, 2017

Attendance

Russell Timmons, Police Captain & Chairman of Traffic Safety Committee; Jeni Mosca, Superintendent of Schools; Robert Belmore, City Manager; Dave Witham, City Council Representative; Paul Robidas, Director of EMS; Shanna Saunders, Director of Planning & Community Development; Jenne Holmes, Member at Large; Harold Guptill, Member at Large; Keith Hoyle, Fire Chief; Mike Bobinsky, Public Works Director.

Absent

Jennifer Soldati, Mayor Representative;

Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm.

I. Minutes

Jeni Mosca motioned to accept minutes from March 22nd meeting seconded by Keith Hoyle, Paul Robidas abstained. All in favor, minutes accepted.

II. New Business

- 1. Discussion relating to Blackwater Road at Old Rochester Road.** Russ Timmons talks about the 3 vehicle crash that resulted in a fatality. He explained that over the past 10 years there have been 28 wrecks, all at random times of the day. A phone call was made to Brian Schutt District 6 Engineer NH Dept of Transportation. Brian said he would reach out to the Highway Improvement Safety Officer to make the stand that there needs to be changes at that intersection, but implied that it could take a while to be heard, they are very busy. Mike Bobinsky thinks either a 4-way stop, and illuminating stop sign or flashing stop sign would be better. Paul Robidas wanted to know if we knew what the background was of this latest fatality. Russ stated that the vehicle never slowed down and was struck simultaneously by two trucks. Bob Belmore said he travels that road every day, if you are on Blackwater going towards Rochester the sight line is very bad. Russ stated that we may need to cut back some trees/brush. Shanna Saunders stated that this accident was not a sight issue.
- 2. Speed Platforms on Rocky Hill Road.** Russ stated that this was not on the Agenda but said that Councilor Dave Witham will bring this item up at the next meeting. Paul Robidas does not like them feels cars will just go airborne. Bob Belmore asked if platforms make it difficult to snowplow? Mike B stated no, truck just needs to go slow. Jeni Mosca does not like them. Shanna Saunders feels that platforms are only good in an area with a low speed limit, not suitable for Rocky Hill Road. Russ stated we will talk more at the next meeting because this will be on the Agenda.

Miscellaneous Discussion

Jeni Mosca brought up that the bush/tree at the intersection of Memorial Drive and High Street needs trimming. This tree interferes with viewing southbound traffic on High Street. Mike Bobinsky said he will have his crew take care of the trimming.

Paul Robidas motioned to adjourn, seconded by Keith Hoyle. Meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 16th at 2:00 p.m.