



TOWN OF WINDHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

POST OFFICE BOX 120, 3 NORTH LOWELL ROAD, WINDHAM NH 03087-0120

HIGHWAY SAFETY MEETING – FEBRUARY 10, 2004

On February 10, 2004, the Department Heads discussed the following requests for highway safety improvements and made the following recommendations.

Attendance: David Sullivan, Chief Bruce Moeckel, Al Barlow, Chief Don Messier, Al Turner, and Jack McCartney. Police Captain Pat Yatsevich was also present. Meeting began at 1:00 pm.

PLANNING BOARD PLANS:

Bowes Site Plan

The Committee reviewed conceptual plans for a landscaping business at the intersection of Lexington and Ledge Roads.

As proposed the driveway to the new facility is located off of Lexington Road directly across from the exit of the Transfer Station. Mr. Dave Poulson, Transfer Station Manager, was in attendance and spoke of his problems with parking on Lexington Road and users of the Transfer Station parking on Lexington and walking their trash into the station via the exit road. He noted that he has requested an opinion from town counsel to clarify the legal issues involving entering the facility on foot via the exit.

The Committee discussed the proposed location of the new driveway as shown on the plans and how this may create further problems for the Transfer Station in terms of traffic and parking. Two alternatives were discussed to ease these problems: (1) relocate the proposed driveway onto Ledge Road and (2) install “no parking, standing or stopping” signs on Lexington and Ledge Rd.

Mr. Messier moved to recommend that the Selectmen approve “No parking, standing or stopping” signs on both sides of the public portion of Lexington Road as well as on Ledge Road from the Rte 111 intersection to 350’ beyond the intersection with Lexington Road. Mr. Moeckel seconded. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Moeckel moved that the driveway into the new landscaping facility be off of Ledge Road. If the relocation of the driveway is not possible due to site distance issues, than the driveway should be located directly across from the Transfer Station as shown but that “no parking, standing or stopping” signs be installed as previously recommended. Mr. Messier seconded. Passed unanimously.



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Cider House Estates – Searles Road

The Committee reviewed conceptual plans and made the following motion:

Mr. Moeckel moved for the Highway Safety Committee to maintain its standing position that new subdivision roads be 28' wide with curbing and a closed drainage system, as well as an 80' radius on the cul-de-sac, be followed for this plan. This is due to the current proposal being an open space plan with shorter driveways and the closeness of homes. Mr. Barlow seconded. Passed unanimously.

McIntosh Hollow Subdivision

The Committee reviewed the proposed cul-de-sac on this plan. After review, Mr. Messier moved that the Committee continue to support the cul-de-sac layout as approved by the Planning Board due to its ease of traffic flow for buses, moving vans, highway department vehicles and public safety responses. Mr. Barlow seconded. Passed unanimously.

HIGHWAY SAFETY ISSUES:

Jenny's Hill Road – Signage Request

- The following requests were received:
 - o Installation of speed limit signs or "Slow Children" signs

Mr. Turner moved to recommend the installation of 30 MPH speed limit signs. Mr. Moeckel seconded. Passed unanimously. If approved by the Selectmen, the sign locations are to be coordinated between the highway agent and police chief.

West Shore Road

- The following requests were received:
 - o Installation of Street Light on road near #73

Mr. Turner moved to deny the request due to the closeness of the homes and the relatively low traffic volume on road. Mr. Messier seconded. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm

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