



TOWN OF WINDHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

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HIGHWAY SAFETY MEETING

- APRIL 17, 2006

On April 17, 2006, the Department Heads discussed the following requests for highway safety improvements and made the following recommendations.

Attendance: David Sullivan, Al Turner, Gerry Lewis, Al Barlow, and Rex Norman were in attendance. Pat Yatsevich, Police Captain was also in attendance. Meeting began at 1:05 am at the Administrative Offices.

HIGHWAY SAFETY ISSUES:

Rte 111 and New High School Driveway Intersection –

The Committee reviewed a copy of a letter sent by the NHDOT to Eric Eby of Greenman-Pedersen, Inc relative to the State's opinion on the School's conceptual intersection / highway modification plan prepared for the proposed Windham High School. The State DOT has opined that a signalized intersection at the intersection of Rte 111 with the proposed entrance road into the High School would not be recommended as they felt only the peak hour traffic satisfied the requirements for a signalized intersection. According to the letter from Richard Radwanski, Access and Utility Engineer, "typically the State does not recommend the installation of traffic signals at intersections when only the peak hour warrant is met, especially where it is only met when school is in session. Two options that should be pursued is the use of uniformed officers as necessary to direct traffic during the peak hours or construct a roundabout." The Committee also reviewed a conceptually plan showing a roundabout at this location.

The Committee expressed its overall support of signalizing the intersection as the best means of providing safety for not only the traveling motorists along Route 111 but also for those entering and exiting the Ledge Road area where the Windham Transfer Station and other commercial / industrial buildings are located as well as the traffic that is expected to and from the High School.

Mr. Lewis moved to support the full signalization of the Rte 111 and High School drive intersection and not to support the consideration of a roundabout in the area for overall safety reasons including but not limited to the following:

1. Route 111 is the major east-west access route from the Nashua Area through to Route 93. The vehicles along this stretch of Route 111 are heavy at many times during the day particularly during the same hour as the morning commute into the High School.
2. Evening traffic using the High School access road will also be a factor as sport events, plays, performances, and cultural events will generate vehicles even outside of normal school hours.



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3. The Town's Transfer Station is located across from the proposed intersection which itself generates periods of heavy traffic.
4. Current and proposed development near the Transfer Station along Ledge Road will add additional traffic to the intersection.

Mr. Barlow seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

PLANNING BOARD PLANS:

Windham Junction – Depot Road

The Committee reviewed proposed plans to expand the Windham Junction parking area. The traffic using the store would access from North Lowell Road via a one way route through the parking area and exit using a new driveway to be constructed onto Depot Road.

Mr. Norman moved to support the plan as shown and to also encourage the Planning Board to work with the applicant and others to reconfigure the existing North Lowell Road and Depot Road intersection into a T-shaped intersection for the purpose of improving the safety in the area. Mr. Lewis seconded. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Barlow moved to adjourn. Mr. Norman seconded. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm

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