

OLD VALUES – NEW HORIZONS
TOWN OF WINDHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE
PO BOX 120, 3 NORTH LOWELL ROAD
WINDHAM, NH. 03087-0120

HIGHWAY SAFETY MEETING

August 4, 2009

On August 4, 2009, the department heads discussed the following highway safety improvements and made the following recommendations.

Attendance: Laura Scott, Tom McPherson, Bob Leuci, Al Barlow, Bob Coole Gerald Lewis and Jack McCartney were present. Meeting called began at 0930 hrs at Windham Fire Department.

MINUTES

Members reviewed minutes of June 9, 2009. Motion to approve made by Gerald Lewis. Al Barlow seconded and passed unanimously;

PLANNING BOARD PLANS

NONE REVIEWED

HIGHWAY SAFETY ISSUES

Windham Depot Road Project –

Tom McPherson presented plans given to him by Town Administrator David Sullivan regarding the Depot Road Project. Mr. Sullivan stated that the Historical District has reviewed them as well and have indicated their desire to have the driveway to the proposed parking area be to the east of Frost Road. Mr. Sullivan wanted the input from the Highway Safety Committee as well.

The committee looked at the plans presented. Gerald Lewis commented that after looking at the plans, he would like to look at the 85 percentile of traffic through the area to get a better sense of the posted speed limit that currently exists in the area. He will be placing the traffic counter in the area. He also commented on the driveway alignment and stated that he would like to see the entrance to the parking area align with Frost Road. He stated that Derry is in the process of paving their trail and believes that this will on increase the amount of traffic in and through the area.

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After further discussion, Gerald Lewis motioned to support the plan that will align the entrance to the parking area directly across from Frost Rd. for the following reasons; maintains a safe site line distance, better traffic management, be less of an encroachment to pedestrian traffic and crosswalk and maintain a true intersection. Motion seconded by Bob Coole and Passed unanimously. Tom McPherson will provide Mr. Sullivan with a letter.

HORSESHOE ROAD –

Tom McPherson followed up with committee as to the status of signage request by Sue Chapman, 26 Horseshoe Rd., concerning the over parking of vehicles on both sides of road when griffin Park parking over flows. Due to existing narrow width, resident is concerned that Fire/EMS vehicles will not be able to pass. Tom McPherson will be forwarding a letter to BOS requesting “No Parking” be installed on both sides of the road from the intersection of Horseshoe Rd. and Range Rd for approximately 150 feet. Committee agreed to move forward.

MINISTERIAL ROAD –

Tom McPherson reviewed a letter given to him from Dave Sullivan on an earlier request he had received from the resident of #61 Ministerial Rd. requesting “No Outlet” sign be placed along the beginning of the road as they have witnessed at times large trucks which come down the road and have great difficulty turning around. After discussion, the committee felt that due to the lack of complaints that have been received, these are isolated incidents and at this time choose to take no action. The committee will defer the issue to the Police Department.

FISH RD –

Committee asked Laura Scott as to the status of the Fish Rd. fence placement issue. Laura briefed the committee on an on-going neighbor dispute at 21 Fish Rd. which dates back to 2003 and at this time, she has heard nothing further.

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ROULSTON RD –

The committee was forwarded an email from Mr. Masterson concerning the on-going parking issue that occurs when people are using the Rail Trail. Gerald Lewis stated that he has spoken to the property owner of the building adjacent to the trail and the reason parking is prohibited from the lot is due to deliveries being hampered when the large trucks pull in and have no room to travel. This forces the cars to park along the road which causes a safety concern as the road crests at that area leaving motorists with a poor line of site.

After much discussion, the committee felt that there was no immediate solution and should be forwarded to the Board of Selectmen to address it further. Gerald Lewis stated that he will increase directed patrols to the area for parking and speed enforcement.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 hrs.

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