



OLD VALUES – NEW HORIZONS

TOWN OF WINDHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

HIGHWAY SAFETY MEETING

July 19, 2011

On July 19, 2011 committee members met at the Windham Fire Department to discuss the following highway safety issues. Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.

Attendance: Gerry Lewis, Tom McPherson, Al Barlow, Elizabeth Wood, and Bob Coole were present. Jack McCartney was absent

PLANNING BOARD PLANS

WALKER'S WOODS-

Follow up with Elizabeth on Walker's Woods. Elizabeth stated that all comments made previous by the Highway Safety Committee were presented during the hearing of this subdivision with the Planning Board.

68 ROCKINGHAM RD –

Committee reviewed Minor Site Plan for 68 Rockingham Road. Owner looking to reconfigure the parking area on the site to include 33 parking spaces for cars for sale, 7 employee parking spaces, 3 customer parking spaces, and 1 handicapped parking space. Proposal also includes plan to convert the 2-way driveway into a 1-way driveway. After review and discussion of the plan, the committee had no issues.

33 ROCKINGHAM ROAD –

Committee reviewed Minor Site Plan for 33 Rockingham Road. Owner looking to increase the amount of employee parking spaces in the rear of the property from 2 spaces to 6 spaces and to increase the number of cars for sale in the front of the property by 3 cars. This increases the number of cars parked on property from 49 to 56. Owner also looking to change the configuration of the cars parked in the rear of the property. After review and discussion of the plan, the committee had no issues.

117 INDIAN ROCK ROAD –

Committee reviewed Major Site Plan for 117 Indian Rock Road. Owner is looking to raze existing house and construct new home that is sized 3,400 sq. ft. After review and discussion of the plan, the committee had no issues.



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37 & 39 FLAT ROCK ROAD –

Committee reviewed request by owner Wayne Paris for lot line adjustment between existing lots for the purpose of creating street frontage. After review and discussion of the plan, the committee had no issues.

HIGHWAY SAFETY ISSUES

HERITAGE HILL ROAD -

The committee followed up with the issues of parking along Heritage Hill Road. The committee heard from Police Captain Carl Wagner who has been working with officials of the School District in addressing the parking issues at all of the schools. The committee had discussions of proposed changes in traffic flow prior to and at the end of school with bus traffic and vehicular traffic. After much discussion, a meeting has been scheduled between Public Safety Officials and School Officials on Tuesday July 26, 2011 at the Windham Police Department beginning at 10 am.

RAIL TRAIL ALLIANCE –

Follow up discussion with Chief Lewis. He indicated that he has been in contact with members of the Rail Trail Alliance since our last meeting. He indicated that speed trailer was in that area and that Highway Agent Jack McCartney was looking into costs for a speed plateau. The Police Department will continue to monitor the area.

SAWTELLE ROAD –

Follow up on the issues of Sawtelle Road and parking. The Police Department has not fielded any concerns since our last meeting. Contact was made to the originator of the complaint and was provided some suggestions.

ROULSTON ROAD –

Chief Lewis stated that the parking issues along Roulston Road at the Rail Trail continue to be an issue especially now that the CET building adjacent to it is now occupied with business. The Town has yet to complete the proposed parking area off Route 28 at the site that was once Rogers Service Station. Chief Lewis has been looking into possible solutions and will bring them to the committee formally at a later date.



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#4 & #6 VIAU ROAD –

Town Assessor Rex Norman spoke with the committee regarding a proposed address change to the residents of #4 and #6 Viau to reflect #42 and #46 Ministerial Road. The purpose of the proposed changes would be to better reflect their driveway access and location. The properties now are nowhere near Viau Road. After review and discussions of the proposal, the committee voted unanimously to support the changes.

JORDAN ROAD –

The committee reviewed an email submitted by Assistant Fire Chief Edward Morgan on behalf of Marty Boermeester, 34 Jordan Road. Mr. Boermeester came to the Fire Department concerned about his road. Recently Mr. Boermeester's sister required medical services and that due to the lack of signage for street numbers, the fire engine turned in the wrong direction. Mr. Boermeester understood that Jordan Road is a private road but feels that for Public Safety reasons, the town should place a sign at the intersection of Rock Pond Road and Jordan Road advising that low numbers are to the right and higher numbers to the left.

Both Chief Lewis and Fire Chief McPherson feel that because this is a private road, that the town has no jurisdiction in the matter. Both Chief's felt that Mr. Boermeester should contact the Rock Pond Association members and as residents, come up with a sign and placement location to avoid any further delay in Public Safety response. Both Chief's also agreed that there are a number of other private roads in the community that have the same issue as Jordan Road and hope that others would follow the same suggestions. After review and discussion of the issue, the committee unanimously voted to decline moving this issue forward. Chief McPherson will contact Mr. Boermeester.

Motion to adjourn made by B. Coole, seconded by A. Barlow. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 am

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