

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

HIGHWAY SAFETY MEETING

November 22, 2023

Attendance: Tom McPherson, Mike Caron, Bob Coole, and Jack Cartland. Dennis Senibaldi, Tommy Sharpe, and Mike Geha were absent. Meeting began at 9:40 am at the Windham Fire Department.

PLANNING BOARD PLANS

NONE RECIEVED

HIGHWAY SAFETY ISSUES

CHANGE OF ADDRESS REQUEST – 2 DOW ROAD

Chief Caron reported a change of address request from 2 Dow Road to 7 Shadow Lake Village. The only access to this property is via Shadow Lake Rd using a privately owned driveway shared by 3 other properties that are in the town of Salam. The Salem Board of Selectmen have agreed to accept this driveway, convert it to a road and name it Shadow Lake Village.

Chief McPherson indicated that the change would improve emergency response times as emergency vehicles would likely waste valuable time going down Dow Road only to find that they would not be able to access the property from Dow Road. He also indicated that the Derry Fire Department would need to be notified of the change.

Chief McPherson made a motion to support the requested change of address. Chief Caron seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

SAFETY ISSUE – MIDDLE SCHOOL ACCESS VIA HERITAGE HILL ROAD

Chief McPherson reported on a recent meeting during which the Windham School District requested mitigation of a safety issue regarding access to the Windham Middle School emergency access road at Heritage Hill Road. The School District reported that the emergency access road was routinely blocked by cars parked on Heritage Hill Road during school dropoff and pickup times as well as being used as a parking area during special events thus potentially preventing emergency vehicle access to the school in an emergency.

Resident Jonathan Hall (6 Heritage Hill Road) reported that placing rocks in the town's right-of-way along the road was effective at preventing cars from using his lawn to turn

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around and was seeking permission to continue to do so. Chief McPherson indicated that this would require Board of Selectmen approval.

Chief Caron discussed the efficacy of placing No Parking signs on both sides of the road, indicating that this should be coordinated with all the affected residents on Heritage Hill Road. Captain Bryan Smith suggested that he task the School Resource Officer to determine the extent of the issue and make recommendations on how best to mitigate.

Chief Caron made a motion to allow Captain Smith to investigate. Chief McPherson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

No other information came before the committee. The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 am.

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