

Minutes

Highway Safety Committee Meeting

September 5, 2013

At the Senior Center at 3:30pm

Members present: Paul Brogna, Jeff Lewis, Fred Von Barga, Dick Brennan, Peter Buttkus, Officer Brown, Officer Wigmore, Chris West

Guests: Jeff Marx (Halls Corner), Gary Chaisson & Stephanie Middleton (Careswell St), Renee Reed (Town Manager)

Previous Meeting Minutes – Aug meeting notes accepted as is.

OLD BUSINESS:

School Traffic Update – No issues

Pembroke Truck Exclusion High St Update – The Selectmen endorsed the truck exclusion proposal as recommended by the committee.

Winter St/Rt 53 Round-a-bout – No news.

Powder Point Bridge Update – The current project is about 65% complete.

Bailey' Corner Discussion – The information provided by the police department was provided to the Town Manger.

Hall's Corner Safety Issues – There was discussion about taking land next to the convenience store to enable the Town to put up a stop sign for traffic exiting Chestnut St. There was also discussion of placing a rotary ahead sign on Standish St and placing a 20 mph speed limit sign under it as well as under the existing rotary sign on Chestnut St. The Committee will look at ways to get Chestnut St traffic to stop before entering Hall's Corner. The police will get accident data at Hall's Corner.

NEW BUSINESS:

Duxbury Housing Authority – Continued from last meeting. 59 Chestnut St. location. Committee to look at for next meeting. (A no parking sign request has been requested. The Town does not plow it so it is presumed it is private property and we have no authority on private property. Paul will follow up with them and relay this info to them).

Traffic Concerns on Careswell ST – Residents expressed concerns of increased truck traffic (delivery & tractor trailer trucks) using it as a cut through to 3A. They felt it is not intended for that use and the frequent truck use makes it dangerous. There is also a future development planned that they felt will further contribute to increased traffic. The Committee will evaluate and discuss at the next meeting.

Pool Parking Lot Drop Offs – Town Hall received a letter from Ms. Green of Duxbury and Ms. Guidoboni of Kingston. Both attend classes at the pool that either end or begin around 8:00 am. This coincides with the time many parents dropping their kids off for school use the pool parking area as a cut through and drop off area. The ladies complained that this use makes it difficult for them to safely park and attend the pool classes. The Committee recommended having the school send a letter to families and to put up signs (wording to be determined by staff) excluding this area as a drop off area. (Note, information obtained after the meeting delayed the action discussed at the meeting and the issue will be discussed further).

37 Upland–Resident at the west end is concerned about traffic on Upland Rd. She wanted a "Slow Children" sign. The Committee thinks the amount of traffic may not warrant a permanent sign. It was mentioned that temporary signs that are put out and taken in by the owner may be more effective. Paul is to speak with the lady.

Keene/North St (another accident) – Police have records of 5 accidents at this location over the entire time they have kept records. The Committee will look at this area and discuss at the next meeting.

Library – DPW to paint lane line & arrow & put up yield sign in front of the library.

Next meeting: Next meeting scheduled for Oct 3, 2013 at the Senior Center.

Submitted by: 