

# Highway Safety Committee meeting

October 14, 2014 15:00 to 15:50 hours  
Hampton Falls Safety Complex  
3 Drinkwater Road

**Members present:** Chief Jay M. Lord - HFFD  
Chief Robbie Dirsa - HFPD  
Robert Regan  
Laurance Anderson Jr  
Andrew Christie  
Dick Robinson

**Guest present:** Lori Ruest – Town Administrator

## New Business

**Situation 1:** The NH Housing Finance Authority has contracted with Avesta Housing to develop an affordable senior housing project that will include 72 one-bedroom units (approximately 144 new residents) within three buildings on a kidney shaped road with one entrance onto Brown Road. The project was reviewed and discussed at length.

Identified issues with Brown Road: For a number of years it has become a ‘cut through’ to Hampton partially due to increased population as well as increased traffic on Rt 1, thus traffic has increased. The road is not up to current width standards of 24’ wide pavement with 50’ of total right of way (including shoulders).

Questions that arose:

- \* Is the 24’ road on the map just pavement or does that include shoulders?
- \* Will this be a ‘private road’ or a town road?
- \* Will services (trash, plowing, etc.) be the responsibility of the town or private contractor?

Chief Lord will take these questions to the preliminary meeting that is being held with the Planning Board on October 28<sup>th</sup> and report back to the HSC at its next meeting.

### **Recommendation:**

The HSC are forwarding the following recommendations to the Selectmen for review:

- Have Brown Road brought up to current width standards to handle the increased traffic.
- Request a deceleration lane into the project while traveling toward Marston Road.
- Request a back road (unpaved, gated) into the project off of Swain Drive for emergency access to the property if the main entrance becomes blocked.

**Situation 2:** The property owner at 9 Towle Farm Road (the last house before crossing the bridge into Hampton) is having issues with friends, contractors and service people finding the house. Part of the issue is the lack of signage on the road or bridge that distinguishes between Hampton Falls and Hampton. The Town Administrator has been in contact with the Town Manager of Hampton and neither town is interested in hiring a survey company to determine perambulation and set markers in the middle of the bridge.

**Recommendation:** Develop two signs, approximately the size of a speed limit sign, and install them on the appropriate side of the road prior to the bridge. The signs could say: 'Entering Hampton Falls', 'Leaving Hampton Falls'.

The HSC feels that these signs would be 'informational' only and not have to be surveyed as they are not the states green preamble boundary markers. The signs could be installed by the Road Agent and the cost of the signs could be covered by the home owner who is requesting this designation / distinction.

**Situation 3:** The chevron signs at the bottom of Goodwin Road at Kensington Rd (Rt 84) still have not been installed by NH DOT Division 6 after numerous requests of the HSC to have this accomplished

**Recommendation:** Have the Selectmen resend a letter to NH DOT Division 6 and request that the signs be installed.

Final Minutes submitted by Chairman Lord 10-15-14