

Lyme Highway Safety Committee
Minutes- Meeting June 11, 2009 at 1:00 PM
-Approved September 10, 2009-

Meeting opened at approx. 1:00 PM with the following in attendance for all or portions of the meeting: Committee Members: Wally Ragan (EMD), Pauline Field (Police Chief), Shaun O'Keefe (Patrol Officer) and public member, Stephen Campbell (Library); Dina Cutting (Town Office) was absent from membership.

I. Discussed current Highway Safety Grant initiatives

- a. Speed Enforcement grant already in progress
- b. Sobriety Checkpoints to be finalized and begin this weekend

II. Discussed Highway Safety Issues

- a. Dorchester Road concerns about pedestrian safety and speed-committee to recommend signage (Bus Stop Ahead or Pedestrian Traffic) warnings be installed by State DOT in accordance with MUTCD standards.
- b. High St. and Rt. 10 –dynamics of stop sign were discussed-this issued tabled for time being as some alteration to this intersection has been talked about with DOT already.
- c. High St and Dorchester Rd-tall grass obstructing view toward Lyme Center, Ragan talked to property owner-cutting on bank was completed prior to this meeting.
- d. Committee noted other areas where grass and overhanging brush is affecting view at a number of intersections. Committee recommends that BOS address Highway Department about cutting road sides earlier than usual fall cutting. It was noted that once Spring arrives, the new greens obstruct view and safety would be enhanced with an earlier cutting. (Goose Pond & Baker Hill and Rennie Road & Goose Pond intersections were just two of the many that were mentioned)
- e. Preston Hill road surface-large crack down center of way and sides are falling off, barely enough for a travel lane.
- f. Pico Lane there is a stick marking a sink hole at the edge of the road (area of Thompsons)
- g. Dorchester Road at Tannery Curves on the side there is a rock in the ditch that could be a problem if someone were to try and pull over.
- h. Committee recommends that BOS contact DOT about painting the cross walk lines and also adding the appropriate MUTCD “no parking” markings adjacent to the crosswalk on both sides of the street.

III. Discussed School Safety Issues

- a. Pedestrian Safety- continues to be a problem with a large number of motorists parking along Union St to do a morning drop off and walking across the street in front of traffic, not using the crosswalk, and leaving the car doors open in the travel lane. Police have passed out pamphlets in the past

and will do so again-planning to start the school year in the fall with more active participation.

b. Bicycle Safety-how do we educate motorist and bicyclists about their rights and responsibilities. Committee recommends a newsletter publishing of the common laws effecting both. Suggestion about a promotional regarding lights after dark-could we identify a donor for some small lights to give away along with some safety educational materials?

IV. Meeting Adjourned at 1:30 PM