

Minutes – June 30, 2010 at 10:45 AM
Town Office Conference Room

Committee members present: Pauline Field, Shaun O’Keefe, Dina Cutting. Members not in attendance: Russel Stearns and Charles Ragan. Minutes recorded by Pauline Field.

1. Reviewed the approved Highway Safety Committee charge. (attached)
2. Reviewed and approved the “Request for Road Sign Guide and Form” to be submitted to BOS at their next meeting, July 1, 2010. (attached)
3. Reviewed the request for a road sign, “children at play” to be placed on Baker Hill Road using the guide and form. The results of same shall be forwarded to the BOS for their review. The committee concluded that the request for “children at play” signs on Baker Hill Road should be denied as they do not conform to the standards required in the MUTCD. The committee acknowledged the significant amount of pedestrians using this area of Baker Hill Road and there recommends the placement of acceptable pedestrian signs. One sign to be placed along the west side of Baker Hill Road at the end of the pavement to alert southbound traffic and one sign to be placed along the east side of Baker Hill Road in the area of the intersection of Pico Lane to alert northbound traffic of the pedestrians. (attached)
4. A letter was sent June 14, 2010 to the NH DOT relative to issues discussed at last meeting:
 - a. Update pedestrian signage on Orford Road by Loch Lyme Lodge
 - b. Request clearing of tree limbs & brush on state roads
5. O’Keefe updated members about the subcommittee that he is chairing regarding Bicycles/Motorists along River Road.
6. Field updated members about the possibility of obtaining a “radar trailer” as a demo. Piermont police recently purchased a unit but it had a malfunction and they received a loaner while their’s is out of service. The company advised that Lyme could demo the unit when Piermont’s unit was returned as long as it was not needed somewhere else.
7. Members discussed a recent request by Prouty Organizers to sign off on a “Competitive Bicycle/Moped Race Permit Application” that is a requirement under RSA 265:78. Field expressed concern about such a permit. The RSA states that “no person shall conduct or participate in any competitive bicycle ...on the state-maintained part of any class II highway, unless such race is

sponsored by a recognized bicycle or moped organization and the sponsor of such race has obtained, prior to such race, the written approval of the commissioner and of the police department of each city, town or place in which such race is to be held....The commissioner....may require insurance, police coverage or other regulations to insure the safety and protection of the public, and the permit may exempt competitors from such requirements of this chapter relative to rules of the road as are not inconsistent with public safety.”

Field’s concerns stem from the fact that the Prouty is not a “recognized bicycle or moped organization” so it is likely, that they are not authorized to apply for said permit and Field would not want riders to be exempt from any of the rules of the road.

8. Members discussed the need to meet more regularly to ensure that issues were dealt with in a timely fashion. The members decided that a monthly meeting would probably manage. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 27, 2010 at 1:00 PM. Future meetings will be planned at that time.
9. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.