

Highway Safety Committee | 2010

Minutes - March 18, 2010 at 10:45 AM
Town Office Conference Room
-Approved 04/01/10-

Committee members present: Pauline Field, Shaun O'Keefe, Dina Cutting, Charles Ragan and Wallace Ragan. Public: Tony Ryan. Minutes recorded by Dina Cutting.

A. Chief Field reported on the following items:

1. Speed enforcement Grant- the State pay 100% on this grant (\$3447.00)
2. Radar Grant- this is a 50%-50% grant. The 50% for the Town will come from the CRF along with the new cruiser. (\$1500.00)
3. In car video- this is a 50%-50% grant. The 50% for the Town will come from the CRF along with the new cruiser. (\$2500.00)
4. A community member requested all tar roads in Lyme be lined for visibility: Field consulted Lyme Highway Agent who reported that it was costly to line the pavement and checked into State's requirements and found a minimum threshold is 4,000 cars traveling on the road per day. The Committee members do not believe there are any town maintained roads that fit this standard. Field will write a letter to this community member explaining the issues.

B. Dorchester Road: The triangle at the Dorchester and Grafton Turnpike intersection was discussed. The State has put up No Parking signs at the triangle. The Selectmen have sent this issue to the Highway Safety Committee for review and recommendation back to the Selectmen. The Committee reviewed various options and concerns.

- Leave it the way it is
- Make improvements to the side of the road to create a small parking area.
- Section off the triangle so 3 cars can park safely and make a small parking area running up Dorchester Road
- Tar the whole triangle area and the first section of Dorchester, this will allow for a designated end to the travel way, this can be lined. Cars can park off the traveled way.
- The issues of Tax payer money being used to make parking areas for hikers of the Appalachian Trail.

Tony Ryan addressed the committee and talked about the law and it being written for roads like Route 10, some parts of the law is going to be interrupted differently for different roads. Tony passed out a packet of information for review of this Committee and the Selectmen.

Wallace Ragan moved to table this issue to review the information that Mr. Ryan passed out and to gather information. Between now and the next meeting find out the cost of tarring the discussed area and proper signage. Come back to the next

meeting with the information to report on. Seconded by Field. Voted unanimously in favor.

All committee members should think of various options that may be a compromise for this situation. Next meeting June 10th, 2010 @ 10:45AM Conference Room.

C. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM