

Minutes – August 26, 2010, 10:00 AM  
Town Office Conference Room

Committee members present: Pauline Field, Shaun O’Keefe, Russell Stearns and Charles Ragan. Absent: Dina Cutting (vacation) Minutes recorded by Shaun O’Keefe.

1. Review of Minutes of 06/30/10- approved

2. Review of Sign Requests:

Request for speed limit signs on Breck Hill Road and lowering of speed. Sgt. O’Keefe reported about current conditions: one sign is posted at south end of road (near North Thetford Road intersection). Posted speed is 30 MPH, that speed is lower then the “prima facie” speed of 35 MPH and is consistent with road conditions and low number of travelers. The HS committee recommended installing 2 new signs on the road, posting the speed at 30 MPH as designated.

3. Discuss Highway Safety Issues:

a. Sgt. O’Keefe reported about the subcommittee on Bicycles/Motorists. At this time he is still recruiting members. It was suggested that he include the new patrol officer in this committee.

b. Status of Radar Trailer: police department had hoped to use a demo trailer that had been delivered last month, however, it did not work and after sitting at the PD for a week, the vendor picked it up and has not indicated when a loaner might be available.

4. Discuss other business:

a. Meetings will be held monthly on Thursdays, following the BOS meetings

b. Bike Path committee requests that we send letter to DOT requesting that they decrease the lane size on Orford Road during their repaving project to allow additional space for bicyclists along the edge. Committee agreed to send letter.

c. Russell Stearns reported that the Pedestrian signs for Baker Hill Road had come in and that the Highway Department would be taking down the unaccepted signs and installing the Pedestrian signs in the near future.

5. Follow-up:
  - A. Charles Ragan advised that town workers have been cutting edges of roads at intersections to increase safe sight distances. Stearns advised that the Highway Department is on a waiting list to get the road-side mowers.
  - B. Stearns advised that Police should be aware that new paving on Goose Pond Road and River Road may increase the number of speeders.
6. Meeting Adjourned at 10:30 AM, next meeting scheduled for 09/23/10 at 10AM