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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
275 Douglas Street
UXBRIDGE, MA 01569

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: November 20, 2014
 MEETING LOCATION: Uxbridge Police Department

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:40 A.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeffrey Lourie	Uxbridge Police Department
Bill Kessler	Uxbridge Fire Department
Peter Emerick	Uxbridge Police Department
Benn Sherman	Uxbridge Department of Public Works
David Genereux	Uxbridge Town Manager

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeanne Daley	Recording secretary PSC
Judi Lanoue	U.H.S.

Meeting called to order at 9:38

OLD BUSINESS:

#1. TOWN LOOP

Due to the road work being done on the E. Hartford Avenue Bridge there is an alternate route this year. The alternate route for the runners and walkers will take them up Granite to E. Hartford to Tri River where they will take the Tow Path to the parking lot behind Stanley Mill to Mendon St. to Oak St back to Taft School. Judi did say she had conversation with David Halacy and he thought the backup getting out of the parking lot would be worse going left than going right but her main concern is safety. Peter Emerick suggests it is easier for traffic control point if everyone were to head down Granite because of the field of visual on vehicles. It would also give the runners/walkers an opportunity to spread out. He will place a couple of cones in the road to slow people down and also at the cross over points.

Chief Kessler asked that cones be put in the area of the fire lanes so people will not park there. They will also have cones in the areas where they do not want people to park inside the school area and place some cones on Granite St. to help make the area wider. The trailer will be brought to the school by Sunday for them to get the cones out and set up.

NEW BUSINESS:

#1. Complaints on E. Hartford Ave.

Jeffrey Lourie said there are many complaints coming in about traffic and the committee needs to come up with a traffic plan. He also expressed that there are two upcoming issues that need to be addressed.

#1 1st Holiday Night they shut all that area down and traffic on First night could be an issue. Last year there were 5000 to 7000 people that attended the event. Jeffrey Lourie said there will be five Officers on overtime and 2 detail Officers for 1st Holiday Night.

#2 Angel of Hope; last year there were between 250 -300 people. The Angel of Hope Ceremony, people begin to arrive around 6:30 for a 7:00 o'clock ceremony. Last year for the Angel of Hope it was coned off but they usually park on Crown and Eagle Way. Whitin St. and P-Club parking lot.

Benn said that they hope that the water will be in and done. They have been saw cutting the concrete and pulling it out by pieces and the focus is on the water.

Peter Emerick said Oak St will be a detour. South Bound North Main will go over Brookside and Linwood will need to have 2 people.

Bill Kessler said the detour sign on corner of Linwood and Whitin St. needs to be removed because it is confusing people. Bill Kessler asked if the contractor could get one lane open. Benn said if the contractor can get the water squared away and then he get a binder course down it could be a possibility. Benn will regroup with the contractor tomorrow to see what they can get done with a potential of opening one lane over the bridge. He will also discuss with them that there needs to be a detail Officer on Route 122 at Linwood St. for rush hour traffic. Rush hour traffic is between 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm and if the times need to be tweaked so be it.

#2. Speed Limit Signs, Dead End and No Entrance sign

David Genereux said at the Historical Commission meeting some members brought up concern about drivers traveling at a high rate of speed on Mendon St in the area of Capron St and Depot St. When driver come to the corner of Capron St they hit their brakes and end up all over the place because they are traveling too fast. They also have concern with all the propane trucks travelling in that area and worry there could be an accident involving a propane explosion. Members also say regular traffic is going too fast and not making the corner by Depot Street. Vehicles end up going down Depot St turning around and coming back up to Mendon St. Benn said there are chevron signs, speed limit signs and a dangerous curve sign in that area already.

#3 Fire Lanes

Bill Kessler asked if fire lanes could be enforced because people are just ignoring them at the schools and it is becoming an issue. Bill Kessler said that the High School Fire Lane is not marked and people are parking there so he will contact them about marking it.

Whitin School, one person parks there and everyone follows. Peter Emerick said the handicap zone in front of Town Hall has turned into a delivery zone. Jeffrey Lourie said he will have Officer Kevin MacDonald start enforcing fire lanes.

******* Motion by Jeff Lourie seconded by Bill Kessler to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 am. Motion carried 5-0-0**

UXBRIDGE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES ACCEPTED

March 12, 2015

MEMBERS:

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