

Town of Sunapee, NH
Highway Safety Committee Meeting Notes

6-3-2020

Location – Town Hall Meeting Room

Attendance – Scott Hazelton, Mike Martell, Fred Gallup, Bill Roth, Chief John Galloway, Chief David Cahill

Meeting time – 6:30am to 7:45am

1. Elected Committee Members
 - a. Scott is OK with remaining the Chair, Fred made the motion and Bill second the motion
 - b. Vice-Chair – Scott nominated Chief Cahill and Fred Second the motion.
 - c. Secretary – the committee is OK not appointing one.
2. Bradford Road Recommendation to post as “No Through Trucking” – was paved in 2015 and the town can’t keep large trucks off Bradford road from Newport. Newport posted their side at 10-ton weight limit. This year we put up 4x4 signs posted at 6 ton. The shoulders are narrow and the road is residential towards Newport. Scott would like to coordinate with Newport so both ends of road match. Our shoulders are soft in spring. Fred said GPS doesn’t take signs into consideration. We can’t stop public service trucks like trash and oil trucks. Fred doesn’t have a problem with it. Scott will talk to the Board about a resolution.
3. Paradise Road Recommendation to post as “No Through Trucking” – Since the road was paved, trucks are driving fast and there have been resident complaints. The road is narrow for trucks going through. Scott would like to discuss with Newport. Fred asked about researching with the state about signage on state road. Bill said Newport takes Bradford Road. Scott will research further.
4. Lake Avenue Loop Pedestrian/Bicycle Signage – People have been walking on both sides of the road and not on the sidewalk. Chief Cahill had talked to Scott about putting up more signage. Fred asked about the signs already up and there is only one pedestrian sign up the hill. Scott wants smaller signs stating to walk on sidewalk, not on road. He likes what Chief Cahill has done with the signs that flashlights to get attention. The DOT would only approve a flashing sign for the crosswalk at Dunkin Donuts. There are also a group of kids crossing Lower Main where there is no crosswalk. If there start to be more walkers, this is a point Scott will talk about in the next meeting. Chief Cahill wants four signs on the pedestrian loop. One at each end and two in the middle.
5. Winn Hill Road & Youngs Hill Road update –
 - a. Winn Hill Road project is 95% complete. GMI Asphalt still needs to mulch, loam and seed. The project is coming in under budget and there is room for other roads. Scott is looking at paving Chase St, River Rd and Fieldstone with remaining funds from the Winn Hill Road budget.
 - b. Youngs Hill Road was grinded in May. Highway Department regraded, picked stones and applied calcium chloride. Water has been applied 4-5 times. Scott and Mike will finish the road layout in the next two days. Letters will be mailed to residents about cutting trees. Fred said a lot of our roads are 2 rod, not 3 rod and sometimes we don’t

- own the ditch. Scott wants to get landowner permission. The excavator was dropped off Monday to start work on Youngs Hill Road doing drainage and adding gravel to road.
- c. An abutter meeting was held in February and 40-45 people attended. It was discussed the road will sit for a year like Nutting Road. Fred said it's great to go through a frost cycle to see how it settles.
 - d. Scott finally got ahold of a decision-making employee at Comcast. There is a 300-foot stretch of road where no cable company maintains the line and a cable is running in the ditch. Comcast will dig up and bury the line in conduit.
 - e. Scott stopped approving utility pole applications due to how many poles are set. Scott counted 57 utility poles not taken care of. Fred can see that outside the gymnasium. There have been resident complaints on Lake Ave because of the number of poles. It's a drawn-out process but 20 poles have been taken down so far.
6. Jobs Creek Road Bridge Over Jobs Creek project update – The project is going forward after the 4th of July and take approximately 8 weeks. Scott wants to open the road before school starts. The project is currently being designed and built by Hansen Bridge. The bridge will be laminated wood deck bridge. Mike Hansen and Chief Cahill are giving signs for the closure. There will be news and announcements sent out. Public notification is critical.
 7. Harbor Boat Launch project update & schedule – The contract is approved and shop drawings are reviewed for concrete logs. The project will start after Columbus Day and should take 3 weeks for the bulk of the project. The company has to drive sheet piles and dewater between the sheet piles and curtain. Scott got the permits and is waiting on the Army Corps permit. The Army Corps was waiting on the Historical permit. Scott received the Historical permit and should see the Army Corps permit soon.
 - a. Fred asked if there are plans to adjust for the increased use to Georges Mills boat launch or to leave Cooper Street open later. Will a parking ban be put in? Scott said the Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Plan was to pave the Highway and Transfer Station parking lots, but he is holding off due to running Water and Sewer to the Highway building. He is looking at doing an overlay to the George's Mills Boat Launch and would keep parking the same. The Burkehaven parking and launch has been rehabbed for people to use but people don't know about it. Scott will send out notices when the launch is closed and include the other two are open. Fred said to promote the George's Mills Launch and keep Burkehaven a hidden secret. Scott will start the media blast in August. He already had a preliminary discussion with Fenton's and they know it's happening. Will hold another meeting in late summer.
 8. Emergency Lane Maintenance – Scott is allowed to maintain the surface of the road for police and fire but not maintain for trees or discharges. There are a few trees and rocks Scott would like to remove because it's tight when plowing. Residents along the pond are in favor. The road is already safe but graded the road for years. Trees are dead and could be considered nuisance trees. Scott will discuss with the Board shortly if we could make it easier to maintain. Landowners asked 4 trees and some rocks to be removed.
 9. Comments
 - a. Chief Cahill brought up considering that the Town postponed the 4th of July events and this will impact projects like Jobs Creek Bridge. The Yacht Club fireworks are

rescheduled to Labor Day. Scott said Hansen Bridge will build a prefab bridge and set in place.

- b. Chief Cahill asked about River Road completion. Scott said removing the curb creates sink holes and he is planning on using geotextile fabric. The curb doesn't take long and planning 2-3 days putting gravel back. Scott plans to do a section each morning and then get out of there.
- c. Scott asked if anyone sees anything, bring it to Chief Cahill or Scott's attention. We can put up new signs immediately if it's a safety issue.
- d. Chief Cahill has a flashing sign on Route 11 collecting data. It's turned off for 7 days collecting data and then turned on to flash for 7 days and collecting data. This should give an accurate speed and see if it actually works.
 - i. Scott asked if school starts up and there are more walkers and kids crossing Lower Main, can we put the sign there? We kept the crosswalks at the Post Office and Sunapee Cove. Chief Cahill wants electric speed signs at roads with the most complaints. He would like 5 signs permanently around town.