

Hollis Highway Safety Committee

Minutes of August 13, 2018

Present were: Todd Croteau, Paul Armstrong, Mark LeDoux, Rick Towne, Becky Crowther, Jim Belanger, Don Ryder & Joe Hoebeke.

Guests were: Paul Miller, Kyle Gillis, Karen Bridgeo, & Rich & Jane Nichols.

The Minutes of May 7, 2018 were unanimously accepted.

We bumped Kyle Gillis up on the Agenda so he could leave for other commitments. The Police Chief indicated he felt the parking signs on Orchard Drive are adequate. Kyle told us he had had a request for at least one Handicapped Parking sign at the entrance to the playing fields off Orchard Drive. After a discussion, the Committee did NOT support this request by a vote of 1-6.

The intersection of Witches Spring and South Merrimack has been laid out for 3 lanes (one lane turning from South Merrimack onto Witches Spring, one lane turning from Witches Spring north onto South Merrimack, and one lane turning south onto South Merrimack). Placement of the stop sign was discussed. Prior discussion about Eversource's relocation of a pole to the south of the intersection was touched upon. They have removed a dirt pile near the pole, but Todd's observation was that the pole may not be moved, as the line are taut in that area.

Because he's had prior experience with mirrors, Todd will follow up.

There has been some changes in the Planning Board staff, the Clerk has not been able to touch base with Mark Fougere, Planner to see if we have the latest copy of the Transportation Chapter of the Master Plan. Clerk also learned that the author from NRPC is out for 3 months for a medical problem.

The brush at Wheat and South Merrimack will be trimmed back.

After confirming the boundary markers at Deacon and Rocky Pond, the Committee voted to recommend installation of a Stop Sign at that intersection.

It was decided to send a letter to the Selectmen to notify the Sign Office of the DOT to replace illegible sign, especially No Parking signs.

Because of a Warrant Article at Town Meeting, 2018, it is anticipated that Wood Lane will be paved soon. It was voted to recommend Stop Signs be installed now at both ends of that road.

It was brought to our attention that there are few speed limit signs on South Merrimack Road, where speed is a constant problem. It was suggested to Todd that these signs might be installed wherever entrances exist (Farley, Nevins, Buttonwoods, Meadow.) and he said he would take care of it.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 PM following motions by Don & Mark.

Respectfully submitted, Rebecca Crowther, Clerk