

Town of Hollis
Highway Safety Committee Minutes
April 20, 2021
1:00pm
Community Room
FINAL

HIGHWAY SAFETY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Belanger, Chairperson;
Paul Miller, Vice Chairperson; Ted Chamberlin, Joan Cudworth, DPW Director;
Brendan LaFlamme for Police Chief Hoebeke; Deb Lussier (alternate), Herm Stickney;
Rick Towne, Fire Chief

ABSENT: Joe Hoebeke and Don Ryder

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Belanger called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 19TH, 2021 MINUTES: P. Miller made a motion to accept, 2nd by T. Chamberlin. All in favor, none opposed.

P. Miller inquired to the status of old business items of the stop sign at Fletcher and the purchase of speed indicators. Both items will be discussed during the meeting.

1) ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Paper ballots were distributed to all voting members.

Results for Chairman:

6 – James Belanger

2 – Herm Stickney

Results for Vice Chairman:

4 – Paul Miller

3 – Herm Stickney

1 – Ted Chamberlin

2) INSTALLATION OF A STOP SIGN, YIELD SIGN OR SPEED HUMP ON ROCKY POND ROAD requested by Mr. Groll, Apple Lane

P. Miller stated it's a tough intersection, hard to pull out of Wood Lane and noted traffic needs to slow down. The members discussed the amount of traffic using Rocky Pond Rd is coming from Brookline. It was noted that installing a stop or yield sign or speed hump wouldn't be feasible for a through road. There was brief discussion about installing a "Dangerous Intersection Ahead" sign further up Rocky Pond which didn't receive a positive response.

J. Belanger made a motion to not take any action, 2nd by T. Chamberlin. All in favor, none opposed.

3) RESTRUCTURE WRIGHT ROAD AND BROAD STREET INTERSECTION requested by Mr. Weiner, Wright Road

This isn't the first request regarding the safety at this intersection.

J. Belanger read a 2011 letter from a Milton Road resident regarding it as a dangerous intersection. The members discussed the need to improve or restructure this area. R. Towne noted that he can't recall any accidents but feels it needs improvement. J. Cudworth stated she wasn't sure why it wasn't changed when the drainage was fixed years ago. The discussion focused on changing the "Y" layout to a "T" adding it may slow down people turning from Broad St onto Wright Rd. D. Lussier mentioned the possibility of moving the 45mph sign further South on Broad St to slow down the vehicles before taking the turn onto Wright Rd. J. Cudworth stated she spoke with W. Lambert from the State of NH DOT and he told her he'd support it.

J. Belanger made a motion to refer the restructure of this intersection to the Select Board, 2nd by T. Chamberlin. All in favor, none opposed.

4) INSTALL STOP SIGN AT AMES ROAD AND WITCHES SPRING ROAD requested by Hollis Transportation

A bus driver for the company states vehicles coming out of Ames Road aren't stopping or slowing down before exiting onto Witches Spring Road and worries of an accident.

The members spoke of any sight distance issues and found none. Discussion focused on drivers looking both ways while a painted "stop box" was also suggested. While some members felt too many signs were more distracting than helpful, some members thought a stop sign would be beneficial.

P. Miller made a motion to recommend a stop sign at the intersection of Ames Road and Witches Spring Road to the Select Board, 2nd by H. Stickney.

4 members voted YES,

3 members voted NO.

This recommendation will move forward to the Select Board.

1) OLD BUSINESS:

The "CAUTION" signs for South Merrimack Road have been ordered. The DPW Director, Police Chief and Fire Chief decided on 2 signs which read: **CAUTION – SLIPPERY WHEN WET OR ICY**. These signs will replace 2 that are currently there.

P. Miller inquired about the Speed Indicators which were discussed at the last meeting. Since Chief Hoebeke wasn't at this meeting and he was the one researching it, the discussion was deferred to next meeting.

D. Lussier stated she received an email from J. Garruba inquiring why the Highway Safety Committee meets during the day and added he doesn't feel there's enough prior notice. She suggested he check the website periodically.

Chairman Belanger stated the next HSC will meet Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 1:00 pm unless called to meet sooner.

R. Towne made a non-debatable motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 pm, P Miller 2nd. All in favor, none opposed.

Respectively submitted by:

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