

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

HIGHWAY SAFETY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Belanger, Chairperson;
Paul Miller, Vice Chairperson; Rob Boggis, Fire Chief; Ted Chamberlin,
Joan Cudworth, DPW Director; Joseph Hoebeke, Chief of Police; Deb Lussier (alternate),
Don Ryder (alternate); Herm Stickney;

ABSENT: Peter Band

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 1:07 pm and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF April 20th, 2021 MINUTES: J. Belanger made a motion to accept, 2nd by J. Hoebeke. All in favor, none opposed.

P. Miller opened the meeting for discussion on Agenda item 1 under New Business.

1) CLEARER STOP SIGNAGE AT THE INTERSECTION OF RTE 122 AND SOUTH MERRIMACK ROAD requested by David Wojcik, Long Hill Rd.

Discussion ensued on what actions can be taken to make sure drivers stop at this intersection. Painting a white stop line, trimming the brush back and bending the solid yellow line towards the right were a few suggestions. It was noted by J. Belanger the state had revamped that intersection in the past.

J. Hoebeke and R. Boggis stated the accident data from the past 10 years was minimal and doesn't warrant any further follow-up.

The DPW will send out the roadside mower to clean up the area at this intersection.

J. Belanger made a motion to not take action on this, 2nd by J. Hoebeke. All in favor, none opposed.

DISCUSSIONS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

J. Belanger noted the intersection of Witches Spring and Rte 122 has tons of stones and feels it's dangerous. J. Cudworth stated the DPW sweeps that area constantly and it continues to be an issue because of the vehicles cutting the corner too sharp while turning onto Witches Spring Road.

D. Ryder stated he feels the convex mirror at the end of Merrill Lane at Depot Road is more of a safety issue having it there. It was noted by R. Boggis there had been 2 accidents there in the past couple of months. D. Lussier stated the large trees are hanging over the fence which is already a sight issue pulling out of Merrill.

There was brief discussion as to the history of the fence, question as to how it was approved and that it had been moved back a few feet in the past. Since the new residents may not be aware of the sight distance issue with their fence, it was suggested D. Lussier would try to talk with the residents while she was out walking.

48 **OLD BUSINESS:**

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50 **1) FOLLOW UP - RESTRUCTURE WRIGHT ROAD AND BROAD STREET INTERSECTION:**

51 J. Cudworth stated she has to wait for 2022 to put this into the paving budget. She noted that
52 the DPW will be completing the work by taking out the "Y", revamping the intersection and
53 moving 2 sumps down the road a bit. She added that there isn't any money in the budget to do
54 it this year. J. Cudworth noted the state is aware and she'll take care of the permits through
55 them.

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57 **2) FOLLOW UP - DIGITAL SPEED SIGNS**

58 J. Hoebeke stated that the speed signs cost approximately \$2500/each and even though it has
59 the capability to program messages on it, he's not sure if it's worth spending the money as the
60 deterrent effect decreases the longer the speed signs are out.

61 He added the accidents on that stretch of South Merrimack Road where these would be placed
62 (Mr. Roach's property) occurs mostly in the winter. He did note they work great in the school
63 zones.

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65 P. Miller noted the next HSC will meet Tuesday, October 19th, 2021 at 1:00 pm.

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67 **J. Hoebek made a non-debatable motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:25 pm, J. Cudworth**
68 **2nd. All in favor, none opposed.**

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70 Respectively submitted by:

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73 Beverly Hill
74 Administrative Assistant
75 Town of Hollis - DPW