

**Town of Hollis**  
**Highway Safety Committee Minutes**  
**January 17, 2023**  
**1:00pm - Community Room**  
**FINAL**

1           **HIGHWAY SAFETY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jim Belanger, Chairperson;  
2                           Joan Cudworth; DPW Director, Joseph Hoebeke, Chief of Police;  
3                           Tom Whalen, Selectmen Representative; Herm Stickney;  
4                           Deb Lussier (alternate), Don Ryder (alternate)  
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6 **ABSENT:** Paul Miller, Vice Chairperson; Rob Boggis, Fire Chief  
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8 **Non-Members in attendance:** Lindsay Jones, Beaver Brook Director & Willie Walker, Milton Place  
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10 **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Belanger called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm and led the members in  
11 the Pledge of Allegiance.  
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13 **APPROVAL OF September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 MINUTES:** D. Ryder made a motion to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> by  
14 J. Cudworth, J. Hoebeke abstained.  
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16 Chairman J. Belanger opened the meeting for discussion on Agenda item 1 under New Business.  
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18 **NEW BUSINESS**  
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20 **1. Request by Kelly Walker from Beaver Brook Association to approve the installation of a**  
21 **“Slow Children” sign on Ridge Rd near Beaver Brook entrance in both directions.**  
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23 Lindsay Jones, Director of Beaver Brook is requesting a couple signs including a  
24 25mph speed limit for Beaver Brook/Maple Hill. She states there’s only 1 speed limit  
25 sign approaching the entrance so she’s asking for one installed coming the other  
26 direction. She noted that since Covid began Beaver Brook has seen an increase in  
27 activity as they offer an array of programs which people have taken advantage of. The  
28 vehicles that travel through the area tend to speed and don’t slow down as they  
29 approach the entrance where people cross from the extended parking area. She stated  
30 they’ve tried various options to slow them down but none seem to be effective. She  
31 added it’s not just cars, it’s FedEx, UPS, propane trucks, etc. Lindsay had picked out a  
32 couple signs she thought might work “SLOW-WATCH FOR PEDESTRIANS” or  
33 “SLOW PED XING”.  
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35 J. Hoebeke suggested the addition of “Children Crossing” signs. The members  
36 discussed scenarios such as using the “sandwich board” the police have and better  
37 advertising alerting people that Beaver Brook is there. It was noted that as much as the  
38 town frowns upon “more signs” it’s safer to install them now then wait for an accident.  
39 T. Whalen suggested Beaver Brook install a rustic type sign on their property along the  
40 idea of “Beaver Brook entrance ahead”.  
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42 The committee requests the addition of another 25mph sign and 2 “PEDESTRIAN  
43 CROSSING” type signs or “SLOW PED XING” type signs be presented to the Select  
44 Board for approval.  
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46 Moved by J. Hoebeke, seconded by D. Ryder. All in favor, none opposed.  
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48 **2. Willie Walker, Milton Place would like to address speeding on Wright Rd and**  
49 **recommends a lower speed limit**

50 Mr. Walker is requesting a couple signs installed on each end of the sharp curve in the vicinity of  
51 48 and 57 Wright Rd. He states there's a lot of people other than himself that walk that road and  
52 there's a lot of traffic with the majority of them speeding and not paying attention. He's hoping  
53 that something alerting the drivers about the sharp curve ahead could be installed.  
54 Discussion amongst the members included trimming the trees, walking on the proper side of the  
55 road, finding other options and places to walk other than on a road.  
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57 It was asked where the signs would be placed and J. Cudworth stated she needs to check the town  
58 ROW as she thinks there might not be much room and the landowners may need to be contacted  
59 for permission.  
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61 The committee requests the addition of 2 "Sharp Curve" signs on either side of the sharp corner  
62 be presented to the Select Board for approval.  
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64 Moved by D. Ryder, seconded by J. Hoebeke. All in favor, none opposed.  
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66 **OLD BUSINESS:**  
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68 **1. Convex mirror at Merrill Lane and Depot Rd.**  
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70 The Select Board had requested the HSC investigate alternative mirrors and bring those  
71 recommendations or solutions back to them for approval.  
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73 Discussion ensued on what alternatives there are for that intersection. Some suggestions were a  
74 bigger mirror, repositioning, replacing it with one that has more of an oval shape or removing it.  
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76 The discussion then moved to options with the fence at that intersection which impedes the sight  
77 distance. The members discussed someone speaking to the residents however it was noted that  
78 it's believed they're renters. There were also questions involving what would be entailed to push  
79 it back again and the right of the town to have it removed. T. Whalen stated he knew the owner  
80 and he would talk to him about the fence.  
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82 Moved by J. Hoebeke to table to the next meeting, seconded by J. Cudworth. All in favor, none  
83 opposed.  
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85 **2. Follow up to the traffic study for Rte. 122.**  
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87 The Select Board requested a traffic study by the NHDOT or NRPC (Nashua Regional Planning  
88 Commission) be conducted for NH Route 122.  
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90 J. Hoebeke stated he called and spoke with Matt at NRPC who stated they were in the process of a  
91 turn over and he'd contact him shortly to set up a traffic study.  
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93 Moved by J. Hoebeke to table to next meeting, seconded by D. Ryder. All in favor, none opposed.  
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95 The Chairman announced the resignation of Ted Chamberlain and the need for a replacement. He  
96 stated the application can be found on the Town of Hollis website and the Hollis Brookline News.  
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98 With no other business to discuss, J. Hoebeke made a motion to adjourn, seconded by  
99 J. Cudworth. All in favor, none opposed.  
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101 The Highway Safety Committee was officially adjourned at 1:45pm  
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103 Respectively submitted by:  
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105 *Beverly Hill*  
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107 Executive Assistant  
108 Town of Hollis - DPW