



TOWN OF WINDHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

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HIGHWAY SAFETY MEETING

- MAY 27, 2005

On May 27, 2005, the Department Heads discussed the following requests for highway safety improvements and made the following recommendations.

Attendance: David Sullivan, Al Turner, Don Messier, Gerry Lewis, Al Barlow, Jack McCartney, Rex Norman. Pat Yatsevich and Intern Kevin Forgett were also in attendance. Meeting began at 11:00 am.

PLANNING BOARD PLANS:

M.H.B – Subdivide Two Approved Lots into Three.

The Committee reviewed conceptual plans to subdivide two approved lots into three lots: The two current lots are on Cristy Road and Settlers Ridge Road.

Mr. Lewis moved to have the Committee support the proposed plans as submitted however, to also recommend to the Planning Board that they consider connecting Settlers Ridge Road to Glen Denim road in the future to ease traffic flow, and to allow more than one access to each development for safety and emergency needs. Mr. Turner seconded. Passed unanimously.

Lakeview Farms

The Committee reviewed conceptual plans to construct a “hammer head” turnaround within the proposed elderly housing subdivision. A previous proposal was to provide a secondary access road onto Armstrong Road however, this proposal required permission of the Board of Selectmen to “layout” a road across town owned property, permission which was not supported by the Board. In addition, many residents petitioned against the secondary access proposal; arguing that it would create too much traffic on an otherwise quiet road.

Mr. Messier moved to recommend that the Highway Safety Committee continue to support a second access to Armstrong Road, rather than a turn around. The reasoning for this recommendation include: (1) it provides for better emergency access to the development, and area homes, and (2) it would increase the safety for the expected elderly population on Harvest Road from the traffic coming from Walkey Road. Mr. Lewis seconded. Passed unanimously.

Petersen Subdivision.

The Committee reviewed conceptual plans of the proposal subdivision which includes a continuation of Ryan Farm Road to Field Road. The Committee discussed their support of the connection of these two roads, but raised questions as to the line of sight on Field Road, and the potential effects on



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Castlehill Road Bridge, currently "red" listed by the State as a substandard bridge, that could be caused by the additional traffic coming from the connection.

Mr. Lewis moved to support the proposal as shown with the connection from Farm Road to Field Road however, to note that the Committee has concerns with the line of site on Field Road as well as the impact directing the additional traffic onto or towards the Castlehill Road bridge will have on the existing bridge. He further suggested that the developer work with the Towns of Windham and Pelham to address these issues. Mr. Messier seconded. Passed unanimously.

McKenna overall plan.

The Committee reviewed a proposed overview plan from McKenna which detailed road connections between the McKenna proposed subdivision as well as the Ryan and Smith subdivisions in the London Bridge Road and Bear Hill road area.

Mr. Messier moved to support the connections as shown however, to suggest that the Planning Board consider (1) construction of a gravel road from the end of Bennington Road to lot 20-D-1800 (Gage Land) for emergency access with a small parking area for public use, (2) to make improvements to London Bridge Road from Timberlane Road to the new development at lot 20-D-2304. Mr. Turner seconded. Passed unanimously.

Sheffield Road Extension

The Committee reviewed proposed plans to extend Sheffield Road beyond Pine Hill road, and loop back to Pine Hill Road for a new proposed subdivision.

Mr. Messier moved to not recommend the plan as presented due to excessive length of Sheffield Road without a second access to the new homes. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Passed unanimously.

Clarke Farm Subdivision - Faith Road.

The Committee reviewed conceptual plans to construct a subdivision off of Faith Road. Discussion included length of roads within subdivision, access to Route 111, and access for emergency services.

Mr. Lewis moved to not recommend plan as presented due to lack of connection to Route 111 which adds concern to the effectiveness of providing emergency responses to homes proposed. Mr. Turner seconded. Passed unanimously.



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HIGHWAY SAFETY ISSUES:

Middle Schools-School Department.

- The following request was received
 - Installation of stop signs at Golden Brook School and Center Middle School drives.

The Committee suggested that given the school driveways are not town roads that Mr. Sullivan write a letter to School Department indicating that the school driveways are not regulated by the Town and thus, the School Department can install the Stop signs without any further town permission.

Armstrong Road.

- The following requests were received.
 - Reduce speed limits and install new signs indicating the new speed limit.
 - Install Slow Children signs
 - Possibly install speed bumps

Mr. Lewis recommended conducting a speed study by the Police Department and review these requests after the results are determined. The Committee agreed.

Easy Street

- The following requests were received.
 - Concern for speeds on Easy Street by residents.
 - Concerns for drivers passing school buses
 - Concerns for drivers veering across center lane.

Mr. Lewis recommended conducting a speed study by the Police Department and review these requests after the results are determined. The Committee agreed.

Oriole and Cardinal Road – Intersection Improvements

The Committee will meet June 1, 2005 at 11:00 AM to review the proposed redesign plans of the intersection and to also conduct a field review of same.

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