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TOWN OF WINDHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE
PO BOX 120, 3 NORTH LOWELL ROAD
WINDHAM, NH. 03087-0120

HIGHWAY SAFETY MEETING

September 15, 2009

On September 15, 2009, the department heads discussed the following highway safety improvements and made the following recommendations.

Attendance: Tom McPherson, Bob Leuci, Al Barlow, Bob Coole Gerald Lewis were present. Jack McCartney and Laura Scott were absent. Meeting called began at 0900 hrs at Windham Fire Department.

MINUTES

No Minutes were reviewed.

PLANNING BOARD PLANS

The committee reviewed several plans submitted by the TRC Committee:

Griffin Park Ballfield Lights-

Plan was withdrawn.

No. Lowell Rd & Rte.111 Site Plan for Village District -

Chief Lewis briefed the committee of his concerns which he has addressed already. They are:

1. Will the road leading into the 2-Story Condo Building be Private or Public?
2. Police would like to see some type of Traffic Plateaus for speed control consideration
3. Questions regarding installation of sidewalks and crosswalks and the various areas such as:
 - a. Crosswalk @ Bartley House
 - b. Sidewalk on the Town Hall side of the building as well as to the Cable Studio and Planning
4. Crosswalk @ Planning Department
5. Driveway and designated parking area for Town Maintenance Department
6. Pedestrian walk-ways and lighting of the areas

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Al Barlow questioned what would happen to the public well that currently exists and the leach field system?

committee discussed the 4-way intersection and the proposed re-alignment of Church St. The concern was relative to the line of sight issues from the north

65 Ledge Rd -

proposed 3 Commercial/Office Buildings. Chief Lewis spoke of DOT Review and approvals.

Committee saw no immediate issues but agreed to monitor project, review plans as updated and review any traffic study.

5 Industrial Dr. -

Committee reviewed proposed 3 Story Commercial Building/Office and Warehouse.

Chief Lewis stated that through his reviewed he had recommended that the driveway be relocated approximately 20 feet to the East to increase line of sight concerns. Either that or relocate the driveway to the middle of the project near the drainage easement. The committee saw no issues with the plan as presented.

HIGHWAY SAFETY ISSUES

Reduction of Salt on State Roads –

Tom McPherson briefed committee on a request from the Board of Selectmen to review the comments made by the Department of Transportation on the reduction of Road Salt. The Board received a letter stating that the DOT was planning on reducing the amount of salt used during winter operations. The plan is a reduction from 300 pounds of salt per linear mile down to 250 pounds. The committee questioned what would be the liability to the town should they sign onto this?

After much discussion and understanding the environmental impacts with the use of salt, the economy of today and traffic safety, the committee opted to

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wait until they heard from the DOT with the legal question before making a decision. The committee also questioned what the town's current practices were with to the percentage of salt used on town road's.

Range Rd./Lowell Rd Alignment -

Chief Lewis briefed the committee on the DOT's re-alignment of Range Rd by Lowell Rd and some of the challenges it has caused. After looking at some aerial pictures presented by Chief Lewis as well as hearing some potential E-9-1-1 issues as they relate to change of address, The committee strongly recommends returning the intersection back to its original design.

Chief Lewis made motion to direct Chairman to request from the Board of Selectmen they ask the DOT to return the intersection back to the original design. Bob Coole seconded. Passed unanimously

Searles Chapel/Chapel Rd -

Al Barlow spoke of on-going issues relating to traffic using Chapel Rd as a cut through to avoid the traffic lights at Range and Lamson Rd. He stated that there has been a few close calls during times in which the Chapel is being used and is heavily populated with pedestrain traffic. Al also stated that as vehicles use Chapel Rd and attempt to turn west onto Range Rd they have the opportunity to being going west in the east bound lane.

After discussion, the recommendation was to place either; Do Not Enter, Emergency Vehicles Only; Not An Exit; Do Not Enter. Chief Lewis and Chief McPherson will visit the site this afternoon for further follow up.

After the visit and finding that Chapel Rd is a town road and the Chapel itself is a private driveway, it was the Chief's opinion that the Searles Chapel Board of Director's erect signs on their property indicating the verbiage recommended.

Next Meeting -

Next meeting scheduled for October 14, 2009 beginning at 0900 at the Fire Department

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 hrs.