



OLD VALUES – NEW HORIZONS

TOWN OF WINDHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

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HIGHWAY SAFETY MEETING

April 1, 2013

On April 1, 2013 the committee members met at the Windham Fire Department to discuss the following highway safety issues. Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.

Attendance: Gerry Lewis, Tom McPherson, Jack McCartney, Al Barlow, and Bob Coole were present. Elizabeth Wood was excused

HIGHWAY SAFETY ISSUES

125 INDIAN ROCK ROAD CONVENIENT MD –

The committee traveled to 125 Indian Rock Road, Convenient MD. Participants included; Max Pyanic, CEO of Convenient MD, Mr. Karl Dubay, MHF Design, Mr. Jeff Thompson, Mr. Tom Thompson, owners of the property, and Mr. Robert Woodland, Independent Traffic Engineer. The concerns of Convenient MD centered on the potential removal of the traffic signals currently located at the intersection of Route 111 and Route 111-A (Range Road). Mr. Woodland explained in detail their concerns and the safety impacts that it will cause. He walked the committee through both entrances/exits of the facility and explained the line of site issues created by a Historic rock wall that had to remain. Once the committee completed its tour, we returned back to the Fire Department to continue the meeting. Chief Lewis stated that it was the committee's charge to look at the safety impacts of the intersection as it currently exists and not what the impacts would be to surrounding properties. The committee felt at this time that there was no current data available to determine whether or not the traffic lights should/should not be removed and therefore would recommend that committee members attend the Board of Selectmen's meeting on April 8th to participate in a further conversation with NH DOT. Voted in the affirmative.

CANOBIE LAKE PARK –

Chief Lewis and Chief McPherson briefed the committee on a meeting previously conducted with representatives of Canobie Lake Park in Salem a few weeks prior. Because the issue was time sensitive to Park officials going before the Salem Planning Board, parties met to review a proposed traffic management plan. The park has purchased two (2) large parcels of land adjacent to the park which will ultimately be used for overflow parking during peak events. Currently, the park uses Northeastern Blvd in Salem for overflow parking and provides shuttle services back and forth. This plan would allow for approximately 2500 additional vehicles spaces. The main reason for the



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meeting was that included in their traffic management plans, was to address traffic flow and traffic patterns when roughly 6-8 times during the season, traffic is at its peak. The plan calls for Park Security when needed, to deploy 24x24 Orange Diamond Traffic Signs at the intersection of Range Road and North Policy which will state “Heavy Park Traffic Other Traffic Seek Alternate Route”. The intent is to divert motorists from North Policy Street when traffic volume is heavy. Park officials also stated that when this was to occur, the Police Department would be notified as courtesy. At that meeting both Chief’s supported the plan as presented and upon this presentation to the committee, it was voted in the affirmative to support the plan.

NH DOT ROAD WORK PLAN –

The committee reviewed plans submitted by NH DOT stating that beginning April, they will be installing Centerline Rumble strips from Hudson to Hampstead. This work should not impact traffic flow during this time.

PLAN REVIEWS

WESTON ESTATES SUB-DIVISION-

The committee met with Jim Finn and Lisa Ferrisi of the Conservation Commission. Jim Finn explained why they were looking at Sheet Drainage vs. Closed Drainage. Discussions ensued with Jack McCartney who does not support Sheet Drainage and what the long term maintenance issues are that come along with that type of drainage. The committee also spoke of the road widths being proposed throughout the development and it was clarified to the committee that a 24’ road width would be maintained and not the 22’ heard of. The committee felt that the drainage issue should be resolved with the Highway Agent and that the only concern to the Highway Safety Committee would be whether this would impact the road.

38 ROCKINGHAM ROAD –

The committee reviewed plans submitted by Joe Armano who is proposing to convert existing retail and warehouse buildings into five (5) retail/warehouse units. The committee reviewed these and had no concerns.

132 RANGE ROAD –

The committee reviewed plans for a lot line adjustment. The committee had no concerns.



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JOHN ALOSSO –

The committee reviewed a Road Name request for a development he is working on located off London Bridge Road just up from the Windham High School. Mr. Alosso requested “Winslow Lane” be used for this 5-lot sub-division. After speaking with Chief Lewis, E9-1-1 liaison, the Committee saw no issues. Voted in the affirmative.

Motion to adjourn made by Chief Lewis, and seconded by A. Barlow. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM

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