

TOWN OF WINDHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE Highway Safety Committee

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## HIGHWAY SAFETY MEETING – DECEMBER 9, 2003

On December 9, 2003, the Department Heads discussed the following request for highway safety improvements and made the following recommendations.

<u>Attendance:</u> David Sullivan, Chief Bruce Moeckel, Al Barlow, Chief Don Messier, Al Turner, and Jack McCartney. Police Captain Pat Yatsevich was also present. Meeting began at 1:00 pm.

# HIGHWAY SAFETY ISSUES:

## Mesiti Development off of Jenney Hill Road – Road Name

- Chris Doyle addressed the Committee and requested that they reconsider their previous recommendation not to have a different road name from the cul-de-sac presently at the end of Jenny's Hill Road to the end of the Mesiti Development cul-de-sac. The proposed name of this section of road is Ironwood Road. The reason for the name change request is due to significant differences between the two sections of road.
- Mr. McCartney moved to reconsider the Committee's vote from August 2003. Mr. Moeckel seconded. Passed unanimously to reconsider.
- Discussion followed on reasons to change, and the changes made to differentiate one road to the other, such as extensive landscaping, sidewalks installed, granite curbing, lighting and other improvements. Possibility of owner maintenance of sidewalks, landscaping, and other areas were discussed.
- Mr. Turner moved to inform Planning Board that the Committee had no objection with name change given the significant changes between the two sections of road, and further that the new road was a different angle off the existing Jenny's Hill Road. Mr. Messier seconded. Passed unanimously.

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# Mockingbird Hill Road – Request to Lower Speed Limit

- The following requests were received:
  - Lower existing speed limit of 30 MPH to 25 MPH
- The Police Department conducted a speed study of the area which showed that the majority of traffic was traveling within the presently allowed speed limit.
- Mr. Moeckel moved to make no changes at the present time. Mr. Turner seconded. Passed unanimously.
- Mr. Turner moved to request the Highway Department to work with the Police Department to install 30 MPH signs as the weather allows. Mr. Moeckel seconded. Passed unanimously.

## Londonderry Road – Safety Measures near #89

- The following requests were received:
  - Speed limit of 25 mph west of Fern Street
- The Police Department conducted a speed study of the area which showed 19% of the traffic going less than the 30 MPH speed limit and 74% traveling less than 35 MPH. the balance of \$25% was traveling over 35 MPH. (total of 538 vehicles).
- Mr. Turner moved to lower the speed limit to 25 MPH between Carr Hill Road and Country Club Road. Motion was withdrawn due to lack of a second.
- Mr. Moeckel moved to amend his deny the request and to maintain present speed limit, but to install additional speed signs, due to the results presented. Mr. Messier seconded. Passed unanimously.

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# Londonderry Road – Street Light near #80

- The following requests were received:
  - Street Light installed near #80 Londonderry Road due to recent accidents and other safety concerns.

Mr. Turner moved to take no action on this matter as it may have an adverse effect by increasing speed in the area, and that recent additional speed signage recommended by the Committee should help in this area to reduce speed and improve safety. Mr. Moeckel seconded. Passed unanimously.

## Copps Hill Road - "Speed Limit" and "Slow Children"

- The following requests were received:
  - Post speed limit signs 30 MPH
  - o Slow Children Sign
- Mr. Turner moved to not support installation of these signs as a Slow Children sign is unenforceable and may give a false sense of security and the installation of the speed signs may have an adverse effect on speed given the short length of the road. Mr. Messier seconded. Passed 5-0-1 (with Mr. Barlow abstaining due to being a resident on the road)

# Range Road - 119 Range Road – move reflector

- The following requests were received:
  - Move reflector post away from mailbox
- Mr. Turner moved to continue this issue after the Committee has the opportunity to review area. Mr. Messier seconded. Passed unanimously.

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#### Range Road - School Bus Issue

- The following requests were received:
  - Install a school bus stop ahead sign in the Westerly direction just after the Cemetery on the Hill
- Mr. Moeckel moved to support recommendation and refer to State of NH for consideration as Range Road is a State Road. Mr. Turner seconded. Passed unanimously.

#### Marblehead Road – Osgood Road Intersection

Mr. Moeckel discussed site distance at Osgood Road as it exits onto Marblehead Road. Mr. Turner discussed the original plan approvals for Osgood Road and moved to table this item until Spring when vegetation growth was present. Mr. Moeckel seconded. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm

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