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MINUTES
TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday March 12, 2020
9:00 AM
Sudbury Police Department
Training Room
75 Hudson Road

Minutes:

Meeting commenced at 9:02 AM

Members Present:

Chief Scott Nix
Chief John Whalen
Director Dan Nason
Director Adam Duchesneau

1. Request for the addition of a stop sign on Winsor Road at Singletary Lane as conveyed by Justin Finnicum on behalf of several neighbors.
 - a. *Signed was approved by the Select Board and installed by the DPW.*
2. Concerns expressed regarding the timing of the traffic light on RTE 117 (North Road) as expressed by Charles Morton.
 - a. *Light was monitored several days by patrol and timing reviewed by contractor. Appears to be in working order and functioning as designed. Chief Nix email Mr. Morton regarding findings while expressing what he experienced was possibly an anomaly.*
3. Safety concerns expressed regarding traffic on Hemlock Road surrounding Sudbury Swim and Tennis traffic conveyed by Natalie Schlegal.
 - a. *A traffic study was conducted and speed calming signed deployed. Chief corresponded with SS&T staff who indicated they continually put out reminders to members to respect the neighborhood. When deploying the speed calming sign, Officer Karol was approached by a resident who indicated that the issue at hand is not speed but those who do not stop for the stop sign. Traffic study found there is a decent volume of traffic but speed appears to be perceived as greater than what is occurring. 85th percentile was 23 M.P.H.*
4. Request for enhancement and/or enforcement at the crosswalk on Landham Road at Jason Drive. Request had been sent to the Police Department and the Department of Public Works by Doug Kohen.
 - a. *Chief Nix spoke via phone with regarding the various concerns. Had the opportunity to talk about his various suggestions with us both concluding the*

sight line when crossing from east to west when looking north is not the best. DPW to look into opportunity to trim/remove trees/shrubbery that may be an impediment to the sight line.

5. Concerns expressed over vehicular traffic speed and/or volume on Powers Road forwarded to the Traffic Safety Committee by Director of Operations for the DPW on behalf of Bob May.
 - a. *Chief Nix related to the committee in speaking with Mr. May he was concerned about a further increase in traffic beyond what has already been a substantial increase due to the possibility of another development. Mr. May thought maybe the roadway could be widened to accommodate vehicles passing in opposite directions, particularly larger vehicles such as a school bus. Chief Nix explained this could result in increased speeds which Mr. May understood that may not be the best choice. Traffic study was conducted determining speed did not appear to be a significant issue but the roadway is well travelled. Periodic enforcement to be conducted.*
6. Request for painting of stop lines on Water Row at Lincoln Road and on Old Lancaster (west) at Concord Road conveyed by Noah Green.
 - a. *Line and/or crosswalk painting had been delayed due to the weather. Areas noted have since been painted. DPW Director had responded back shortly after the email was received.*
7. Concerns expressed for speeding and/or volume of traffic on Water Row sent by Steve Hollan.
 - a. *Committee acknowledges increased volumes can occur in the area but unfortunately is an ever-increasing phenomenon throughout town. Sporadic enforcement to be conducted in the area.*
8. Request for addition of stop signs and shrubbery trimming in the Pine Rest neighborhood as conveyed by Jackie Joseph via the Planning Office and Police Department.
 - a. *Chief Nix had the opportunity to speak with Ms. Joseph regarding her concerns. Explained the stop signs at Hudson Road would not be appropriate given there are no plus factors that may lend to the need for signage. Also indicated the area would be checked out and for her or others to call with specific delivery vehicles at issue so they can be addressed directly. Both Chief Nix and DPW checked the area in addressing concerns noted. In speaking with the Committee regarding finding, it was felt additional stops sign were not warranted but the DPW will check the area regarding overgrown vegetation as the Spring approaches.*
9. Concerns regarding the crosswalk on Concord Road at Pennymeadow Road conveyed by Katherine Unruh.
 - a. *Director Nason addressed concerns via email. Did not hear back from resident.*
10. Concerns regarding safety at the intersection of Old Garrison Road at Dutton Road expressed by several officers on the police department.
 - a. *Given concerns expressed as well as knowledge of some Committee Members, Committee determined DPW should look into viable options that may be possible to improve safety. Director Nason to assign staff to do so.*
11. Request for a “No Thru Way – Do not Enter Sign” from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM on Rice Road at Old Sudbury Road as requested by Linda Lyons.

- a. *Committee acknowledges Rice Road is very narrow and is utilized as a method to avoid a portion of traffic backup on Old Sudbury Road. Committee is amenable to forwarding a request to the Select Board for an MUTCD approved sign but with revised hours from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Chief Nix to contact Ms. Lyons requesting she advise neighbors eliciting their opinion/feedback while explaining restriction would apply to all, including neighborhood residents.*
12. Concerns regarding Goodman's Hill Road and Greenhill Road as conveyed by Mike and Terry Arney.
 - a. *Chief Nix replied via email and spoke with phone with Mr. Arney regarding concerns. Explained process for establishing a speed limit while outlining the current speed limit on Green Hill Road. Traffic Study to be conducted in the area with sporadic enforcement to be assigned. Director Nason to review current signs and what, if any, replacement signs would be appropriate.*
13. Request for reconfiguration of stop line on Goodman's Hill Road at Concord Road requested by Taylor Jacobs.
 - a. *There are numerous locations in Town that have been or are in the process of having this configuration remedied. Director Nason to have this specific area reviewed for status.*
14. Concerns expressed for parking on Town Property on Goodman's Hill Road at Concord Road as expressed by several neighbors in the area.
 - a. *Committee was apprised of a number of neighbor complaints regarding parking in this specific area. Explained, although this area is unique compared to most, residents park in such a manner all over Town. It was noted this actually may not be Town Property but their property with a right of access for the Town. Chief Nix had the opportunity to speak with the resident regarding neighbors' concerns. Will address any safety concerns as they arise.*
15. Concerns regarding sight line on Plympton Road at Concord Road as conveyed by Tara Sellazzo.
 - a. *Chief Nix had the opportunity to speak with Ms. Sellazzo regarding concerns. Explained it is the Committee's feeling signs sometimes can create a false sense of security and often become white noise after the initial installation. Indicated DPW was willing to trim the bushes back given safety concerns of resident doing so. Explained concerns to Ms. Sellazzo trimming would need to be extensive to be effective. Authorized trimming of same. In following up did not realize how extensive but understood.*
16. Follow up on open items from previous meeting (7-11-19)
17. Administrative Report/New Business
 - a. *Added a missing item sent by Greg Freed requesting the addition of a "Slow Down Hidden Driveway" sign in the area of 424 Concord Road. Committee acknowledged this can be a difficult area for residents to enter the roadway but given the topography there are limited measures to take. Director Nason related the DPW would install an MUTCD approved sign in the area as requested.*

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 AM