



Warner Highway Safety Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, June 13, 2017 UNAPPROVED

Police Chief Bill Chandler opened the meeting at 10:00 am

In attendance: Police Chief – Bill Chandler
Fire Chief – Ed Raymond
Director of Public Works – Tim Allen
Emergency Management Director – Ed Mical
Selectman – Kimberley Edelmann

Others present: David Hartman

1. Meeting Minutes

Motion was made and seconded to approve meeting minutes dated April 5, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Kearsarge Mountain Road

- A. Bill said this is a continuation from April 5. Since then he did some research, collected data by using the radar trailer for about 10 days. The trailer was set up in the area just above Kirkland St. in the area of 87 Kearsarge Mountain Road. Bill passed out the data achieved from those days (file).
- B. Kimberley asked Bill if he reviewed the raw data. Bill said no, there is a software issue with the trailer. Kimberley said so we don't know if the max speeds are accurate? Bill said yes, he wants to look into getting his own trailer, this one is used between several towns and has received some damage.
- C. Bill said based on the information, his opinion has changed for changing the speed to 25 mph, the school was involved as well. He feels these are 2 separate topics based on the data. Bill thinks 35 mph is too fast for the area above the school, he feels 30 mph is more reasonable from 115 Kearsarge Mountain Road southbound and in the same place 35 mph going northbound.
- D. Bill wants the Committee to research the alternatives for in front of the school from the monument to Kirkland St. with a flashing yellow light.
- E. The Committee discussed Bill's recommendations and agreed.

Committee Action

Bill moved to recommend to the Board of Selectmen from Main Street to 115 Kearsarge Mountain Road the speed limit will be recommended for 30 mph with appropriate signage. Kimberley seconded the motion. Bill said from 115 Kearsarge north will be 35 mph, there will be a reduce speed to 30 mph in the area of the Kearsarge Business and the actual speed limit to 30 mph at 115 Kearsarge going south. Motion passed unanimously.

- F. Bill will bring the recommendation to the Selectmen.

2. Nichols Mill Lane

The Highway Safety Committee signed and approved the Nichols Mill Lane 911 numbering. Ed Raymond said Market Basket and Aubuchon will have separate addresses.

Committee Action

Bill moved to approve Nichols Mill Lane with the new numbered addresses contained therein. A second was heard, motion passed unanimously.

3. Lowering the Speed Limit on Main Street – Village Area

- A. Bill spoke with the Department of Transportation and there are requirements that need to be met such as an engineering study and a traffic study. The request will need to be made by the Selectmen.
- B. Bill said the Committee spoke before about doing 25 mph above the Police Department up to Old Main St. Bill's position after reviewing that topic is he thinks it's too much. Kimberley thinks it would be useful to use the speed limit trailer. Bill said he has data but it's not current data, the data is from the flats and down by the church. Kimberley asked if there is data since the roundabout because she feels that has changed the dynamics. Bill doesn't feel that type of data will be overwhelming. Bill's position on reducing the speed is he doesn't feel it is necessary. Tim said he has yet to drive through Main St. at 30 mph, even at 6:00 am. Tim is also against reducing the speed limit to 25 mph from the PD to Old Main St. make no sense to him at all. Kimberley agrees it's hard to maintain 30 mph through town. Ed Mical agrees it's hard to maintain 30 mph as well.
- C. Bill said the crosswalk signs are also a great deterrent. Tim said he has ordered new ones, they should be in next week.

Committee Action

Bill made a motion, Main Street speed limit will remain at 30 mph at this point. Ed Mical seconded the motion. Kimberley added and no further investigation. Motion passed unanimously.

- D. David Hartman asked who brought Main St. forward. The Committee thought it was either Tim Blagden or Faith Minton. David also noted that the data did not provide how many vehicles went over the speed limit. Bill explained that there is a software issue with the trailer. Bill talked about getting a new one and Ed Mical said there may be grant money available through Emergency Management, Ed said he will check into it.
- E. Kimberley said her concern is the amount of traffic that comes off of Exit 8 to go through town to the Exit 9 area when they could have exited off of Exit 9. She suggests to ask the state to put a sign that says services at Exit 9 at Exit 8. Ed Raymond said it may have been done years ago so travelers will go through the village area. Kimberley said we don't need the 18 wheelers going through the village looking for fuel. Bill said he will make a call.

4. Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 10:55 am

Recorder of the minutes: Mary Whalen