

TOWN OF PELHAM HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
January 30, 2024

The meeting was held in the Community Room at the Police Department, 14 Village Green, Pelham, NH 03076.

In attendance were the following members of the committee: Police Chief Anne Perriello, Interim Fire Chief Anthony Stowers, Highway Director James Hoffman, Planning Director Jenn Beauregard, and Planning Assistant Kerry Karalekas, taking minutes.

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm.

Triple Crown Homes, LLC – Map 23 Lots 12-98, 12-99-4, 12-99-5

Ms. Beauregard informed that the Planning Board did not see the need for input from the committee, and that this proposed subdivision was only being discussed to decide upon a road name from the choices given by the applicant. The applicant's first choice was 'Shetland Road' which the committee felt was too similar to the existing Shephard Road. Of the other two choices, 'Canterbury Road' was agreed upon by all members. Ms. Beauregard asked for input on the slope of the proposed road. Int. Chief Stowers asked if cisterns were proposed. Ms. Beauregard explained that typically after a plan goes through Planning Board, the developer will get together with the Fire Chief/Department to determine placement of cisterns. Chief Perriello asked about the driveway on Proposed Lot 7 and if there's enough room for a fire truck to turn around (*Note: plan shows driveway roughly 300' long with a slope of roughly 7% going downhill from the road*). Int. Chief Stowers asked about the size (radius) of cul-de-sac. Ms. Beauregard said she believed it complies with the Land Use Regulations but that this plan will get reviewed for compliance by Keach Nordstrom as well. Chief Perriello suggested that the committee conduct a site walk prior to the paving of the driveway on Lot 7. Ms. Beauregard explained that part of the driveway permit process is that the builder is required to "rough in" a driveway and request an inspection from the Highway Department, for compliance, prior to moving forward with constructing the final driveway location & grade.

VOTE: (4-0-0) The vote was in favor of accepting Canterbury Road as the new road name.
(4-0-0) The vote was in favor of conducting a site walk prior to paving the driveway on lot 7.

Intersection of Mammoth Road / Tallant Road / Keyes Hill Road

Chief Perriello told the committee that she recently had a conversation with State Representative Kimberly Abare, who lives in close proximity to the subject intersection. Ms. Abare had recently arrived at an accident right after it happened. She expressed the need for measures to be taken to remedy this dangerous intersection and questioned whether or not a round-about would be a good

solution. Ms. Abare also reached out to the Honorable Stevens, at the Executive Council, to discuss the matter, as well as NH DOT and some other departments.

Chief Perriello said she would not support another round-about. Ms. Beauregard posed the question as to whether or not another round-about would even be permitted with the two (2) planned round-abouts to be constructed [potentially this spring] at the Marsh Road / Mammoth Road and the Mammoth Road / Sherburne Road intersections, roughly 5 miles away.

Chief Perriello provided recent photographs of the area showing how close a replacement utility pole is to the edges of pavement on Tallant Road and Mammoth Road. She said the previous pole had been destroyed by a car accident and when Liberty Utilities replaced it, they put it very close to the roads, resulting in a visual obstruction. She told the committee she wants to write a letter to Liberty Utilities asking them to move the pole farther back from the edges of pavement, said pole being on the northerly side of Tallant Road at the approach to Mammoth Road. She also pointed out how faded the stop lines are on Keyes Hill Road and Tallant Road. She said she wants to send a letter to Town Administrator Roark to have the Selectmen inform the homeowner at 100 Tallant Road, which is a corner lot, to remove the over grown shrub, on the Mammoth Road side of his lot, that limits sight distance for south-bound Mammoth Road traffic. Ms. Beauregard said she wondered if that shrub was actually in the State's ROW, and said she'd see if she could find out what the ROW width is at that portion of Mammoth Road. Mr. Hoffman suggested the type of stop sign with the lights that go all the way around the perimeter of the sign, at the end of Tallant Road. Chief Perriello felt that NH DOT should install more 35 MPH signs as well. Mr. Hoffman said that NH DOT would install signs on side roads where they meet state roads. Mr. Hoffman also informed that the Highway Department had cut that shrub back in previous years, at no expense to the homeowner.

Chief Perriello said what that intersection really needs is a set of lights. After speaking with Honorable Stevens, she understood how extremely concerned she was and wanted to move quickly in finding a solution to remedy this dangerous intersection. She said the state would pay for a traffic study, if need be. Mr. Hoffman said he too would like to see a light, Ms. Beauregard and Interim Chief Stowers agreed. Chief Perriello suggested that if a light was installed, it should have a "No Right Turn on Red" sign on both Keyes Hill Road and Tallant Road. She said she would also ask for "Dangerous Intersection" signs on Mammoth Road, south-bound and north-bound, a reasonable distance from the light, to give ample warning to unexpecting motorists. She also said it might be sufficient to have the red light set to blink after 9pm until some time in the morning.

- VOTE:**
- (4-0-0) The vote was in favor to request the BOS send a letter to the owner of 100 Tallant Road.
 - (4-0-0) The vote was in favor of a letter from the committee to Liberty Utilities regarding moving the pole.
 - (4-0-0) The vote was in favor of; Option 1 being a recommendation to the state for a set of lights, and if that doesn't happen, Option 2 being a recommendation for "Dangerous Intersection" signs, more 35 MPH signs, stop lines painted thicker than usual, possibly with reflective markings.

Chief Perriello also commented that the state needs to cut back trees, regardless, on Mammoth

Road, north-bound.

Intersection of Currier Road / Jericho Road

Chief Perriello informed the committee that she received a complaint from Kimberly Abare about the intersection of Jericho Road and Currier Road, and wants a stop sign at the end of Jericho Road. The chief recalled this issue has come up before, and has been discussed at previous meetings. She recalled that the discussion was that there is a stop sign at Currier Road where it approaches Jericho Road and that the area is not a problem area, as far as crashes. The consensus of the committee, at the August 28, 2023 meeting, where this was last discussed, was that traffic flows well and there is no need for a stop sign on Jericho Road. Mr. Hoffman told the committee that his department will be replacing the current sign with the red zigzag pattern, that sits on Jericho Road at the 90 degree bend. The state is mandating those signs be replaced with yellow opposite arrow signs. He also said there is no stop line at end of Currier Road where it approaches Jericho Road.

VOTE: (4-0-0) The vote was in favor to not install a stop sign on Jericho Road where discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kerry Karalekas