



TOWN OF PELHAM  
HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

May 10, 2019

Location: Police Department Community Room

Time: 11:00 AM

Attendance: Jeff Gowan, Chief Joseph Roark, Chief James Midgley, Frank Ferreira, Celia Lingley taking meeting minutes.

Jeff opened the meeting at 11:10 am.

**Letter from D.O.T.**

First discussion was in regard to a letter received from the DOT regarding the cross walks still there from the St. Patrick's School location. Frank advised he has been calling and leaving messages everyday regarding the topic with no call backs received as of yet. Frank advised they are not ADA compliant. General agreement after discussion was to leave the cross walks where they are as the center of Town is being built up and that maybe just an e-mail to DOT that we will just keep them as is. Jeff will e-mail them.

Next item on the agenda is the complaints received by the citizens of Fields Drive and the speeding issues and there is a request to have a posted speed limit sign put up.

Discussion also regarding the bridge problem. Frank advised that the bridge is fine, the problem is the culvert pipe problem. The culvert pipe problem happens to be in Windham and Windham has not acted on the issue. We are waiting for them. Discussion also regarding Castle Hill Bridge, complaint with traffic turning around in a private driveway. It's the first house on the road. There is no signage, so trucks are turning around in her driveway. Her mailbox is 10 feet into her driveway.

Discussion: Notify Windham of signage request and also get a timeline for fixing the culvert. Also, there is a 5-ton weight limit. Jeff will send correspondence.

Third item to discuss: Cars on Spaulding Hill are careening down towards Sherburne.

Discussion. There already is a sign there stating slow down for children. There is no evidence of increased traffic from Fire and Police. Jeff will send response.

Jeff gave Chief Roark a flyer for the Pelham Housing Workshop. This is related to a Community and Consequences presentation which was 10 years ago, a documentary. Jeff talked to the subject. It will be a 2-hour presentation on the 21<sup>st</sup>. at the Hobbs center. Workforce housing opportunities for Pelham, not low-income housing but for the middle class was discussed. Chief Midgley and Chief Roark will be attending the presentation at 1:00 pm. Creating an environment in Pelham which is conducive to the problems was discussed. Planning Board and the zoning allowances and the land. There are pocket neighborhoods showing up. Discussion regarding conservation land, elderly housing and the density issues. Cost issues, homes are not affordable for blue collar workers. People can't afford to live in Pelham like the Police Officers, the Fire Fighters and the Transfer station workers.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

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