

DURHAM PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting, September 9 2008

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM. In attendance were committee members Frank DeFelice, Jim Rossi, Mal Pierce, Bill Smith, Dan Murphy and Resident State Trooper Pete DiGioia. Wendy Manemeit was absent. Reading of the previous months meetings minutes was waived.

The Freedom of Information class that the town held was discussed. Frank informed the committee that Attorney Corona was dropped his Freedom of Information complaint against the committee.

The committee discussed the rules for running the committees meetings. The committee voted unanimously to select "Roberts Rules of Parliamentary Procedure", with the provision that public comment be allowed at any time. The committee also discussed the minimum number of members for a quorum. The committee voted unanimously that a number greater than 50 % of the members must be present to constitute a meeting.

The committee discussed the policing options report. The committee made several editorial changes. Jim and Wendy will continue to work on the report. Research and editing will continue next month. Resident Lew Backus asked the committee about the status of a second trooper. Richard Parmalee addressed the committee concerning the impact of a large industrial development on the region, not just the town or city it is located in. He also informed the committee of his discussion with State Representative Ray Kalinowski, concerning his opinion that the State Police should take over truck inspections from the DMV .In his opinion, this would give the state a larger pool of troopers to be available for emergencies.

Trooper DiGioia was unaware of the present location of the Smart machine. Due to his schedule, he has been unable to place it on Coe Road as was discussed in last months meeting. The committee will send a letter to the First Selectman requesting that the town Department of Public Works place the SMART machine on Coe Road. The committee discussed other locations where the machine could be used. Bill Smith discussed with the committee the new SMART radar machine. It can be mounted on existing speed limit signs or mounted on a tree. It weighs 43 pounds and has a 4-day battery. The cost is approximately \$4000. The committee will ask the town finance director to investigate grants for the purchase price. Bill Smith will get a copy of Killingworth's grant request to assist the process.

The committee discussed traffic calming methods in town. Jim presented an article on 3D holographic speed bumps used in Philadelphia. Jim will continue to investigate them. He mentioned two reports on the problem available on the Internet:

<http://sixeighnterprises.com/3DRoadMarkingReportEnglish.pdf>

(66 pages)

<http://www.dunlapandassociatesinc.com/HeedTheSpeedLo.pdf>

(NHTSA pilot program to reduce speed in residential neighborhoods-231 pages)

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.
The next meeting is scheduled for October 14,2008 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, James M. Rossi

REC'D Sept. 10, 2008 at 3:14 pm
Alicia C. Fonash-Willett Assist. Town Clerk