

DURHAM PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting, August 7, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 6:30. Frank DeFelice, Bill Smith, Jim Rossi, Dan Murphy and John Szewczyk were present. Minutes of the July meeting were read and accepted. A letter was read from Joe Dattilo to the Board of Selectmen requesting additional signs on Pent Road to alert drivers of school buses picking up/dropping off children. An additional letter from the Pietrzyk family on Pent Road with the same concerns was also read to the committee. The committee discussed options concerning traffic and speeding on Pent Road. The committee determined the options to be investigated for now include 1) posting signs indicating frequent school bus stops ahead, 2) Installing newer, larger 30 mph speed limit signs, 3) repaint solid center line with reflective paint. 4) painting a warning on the surface of Pent Road visible from the drivers seat of a vehicle. The committee will investigate possible wording and the opinion of the Public Works foreman.

Trooper DiGioia informed the committee that the SMART machine is not keeping its batteries charged, limiting its operational use. He is investigating repair options in cooperation with the other towns that share the machine.

Jackie Bellaccico gave a presentation to the committee on the Saw Mill Road/Tuttle Road intersection. The committee decided to set up a site visit to the area immediately prior to the next meeting. Options discussed were installing a stop sign at the David Road/Parmalee Hill Road intersection to control traffic traveling east on Parmalee Hill Road and installing signs noting a 4-way intersection ahead. The committee decided to combine this area site visit with another one on Indian Lane to address a complaint from Karen Johnson concerning sight line issues.

A letter from Stuart Keating expressing his concern about speeding on Old Farms Road was read. Trooper DiGioia will drive thru the area and investigate. The Carriage Drive request for a "Slow-Children" sign was re-read. The committee will re-submit the request to the Board Of Selectmen .

The proposed "Welcome To Durham" signs were discussed .The committee discussed location, wording and type of sign to be installed. Dan Murphy will continue to research it. The next meeting of the Town of Durham Public Safety Committee will be September 4, 2007 at 5:30 PM at the intersection of Saw Mill Road and Tuttle Road for a site visit, followed by a regular meeting at 6:30 at the Durham Library. There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted, James M. Rossi