

# **DURHAM PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of the meeting, November 9, 2005**

**The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. In attendance were Frank DeFelice, Bill Smith, Jim Rossi, John Szewczyk, Dan Murphy and Mal Pierce .The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. John Szewczyk reported the unauthorized dumping of leaves and snow onto public roads is generally dealt with by local ordinance; state law generally refers to the illegal dumping of solid materials, garbage, etc. Bill Smith will research town regulations concerning leave and snow disposal on town roads, The committee will generate a notice for public release regarding leave removal, mentioning the safety concerns with children and possible fire danger .Joe Dellaventura expressed his concerns to the committee concerning speeding on Pine Ledge Road and traffic accidents on the corner of Pine Ledge and Old Blue Hills Road. The committee will ask the town crew foreman his opinion of the installation of a wooden guardrail or large rocks to prevent vehicles from sliding off the road and damaging the trees in the area. Dan Murphy discussed a site visit to Ozick Drive. He observed two vehicles parked on the west side. Given the amount of new construction on the road, the committee will continue to informally monitor the road to insure that access has not been blocked for any possible emergency vehicles.**

**The committee discussed the Cherry Lane/Old Blue Hills Road/Madison Road intersection with Mr. Dellaventura, a resident of the area and viewed photographs of the area. He confirmed some of the committees concerns regarding traffic patterns. Some of the options mentioned as possible solutions were installation of rumble strips immediately exiting Madison Road, closing off access to Cherry Lane from the Old Blue Hills/Madison Road intersection or installing an island in the intersection to channel the traffic flow safely. A site visit to all areas by committee members will be arraigned in the future. The December 2005 meeting was cancelled due too members previous commitments.**

**There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM.**

**Respectfully submitted, James M. Rossi**

