

DURHAM PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting, November 7, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. In attendance were committee members Frank DeFelice, Jim Rossi, John Szewczyk, Dan Murphy, Mal Pierce and Bill Smith. Also in attendance were State Police Sgt. Robert Brennan and Resident State Trooper Pete DiGioia. The minutes of the previous months meeting were read and accepted. The price of the proposed "Welcome to Durham " sign was discussed. The estimate given was \$4100. Bill Smith will contact the Boy Scouts to see if they will do it as a project, with the Public Safety Committee providing materials. The proposed location(s) will be on major access roads into town. Dan Murphy will continue to work on the standard operating procedure for traffic/motor vehicle issues. Future committee actions for the coming year were discussed. Some of the ideas were increasing safety/traffic awareness with increased education, contacting small businesses in town ,in co-operation with the resident trooper , for them to be aware of what to do/what to expect during an attempted robbery, compiling a database of accidents in town referenced with location and time of year based on State Police data and a home security presentation from the State Police for Blockwatch participants and any other interested resident.

Barbara Spallone presented the committee with her concerns concerning speeding on Higganum Road. She illustrated her talk with several photographs detailing her concerns and suggestions, such as installing a "curve ahead "sign, speed limit signs and school bus stop signs .The committee informed her that in January 2006,on a similar complaint, the committee recommended to the Board of Selectmen that speed limit signs be installed in both directions, visibility for the curved area of the road be increased via reflective devices to be installed on the guard rail and reflective paint be used to paint the centerline of the road. The only action taken was the road centerline being re-painted with normal traffic paint. The committee will continue to investigate the area and keep her informed. There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted, James M. Rossi