

# **DURHAM PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting, September 4, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM. In attendance were Frank DeFelice, Jim Rossi, John Szewczyk, Dan Murphy, Mal Pierce and Bill Smith. The meeting initially took place at the intersection of Saw Mill Road and Tuttle Road. The committee walked the intersections in the area, specifically Parmalee Hill Road/Saw Mill /Tuttle Roads, Parmalee Hill/David Road and Parmalee Hill/Ernest Drive. The committee discussed options for traffic control and adjourned briefly to re-convene at the library.

The meeting was called to order at the library at 7:02 PM. In attendance were Bill Smith, Jim Rossi, John Szewczyk, Mal Pierce and Dan Murphy. Also present was State Police Sgt. Robert Brennan. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was waived. Sgt. Brennan informed the committee that the State Police were setting up a DWI checkpoint in town September 22.

Options for speed control on Pent Road was discussed. Suggested options were 1) Installing new, larger, more visible speed limit signs in both directions and 2) Installing a "School Bus Stop Ahead" sign on Pent Road, heading north approaching the residential area, south of Route 68. The committee encourages residents of the area to provide the committee with input and suggestions for this area before any implementation of corrective action takes place.

The committee discussed a letter from a resident of Arrowhead Court concerning traffic sight lines at the intersection of Arrowhead Court and Indian Lane. The committee was not clear concerning the content of the complaint. Several committee members have visited the area and are unclear with the problems mentioned. The committee requests additional data from the citizen.

The committee agreed to table a discussion concerning complaints about speeding on Old Farms Road until the next meeting.

The committee discussed options for the Parmalee Hill Road area. Options discussed were 1) Install a "Blind Intersection Ahead" or "X Crossing ahead" sign heading east (down hill) on Parmalee Hill Road. 2) Install a "Stop" sign heading east on Parmalee Hill Road at the David Road intersection. 3) Extend the stop bar and move stop sign on Saw Mill Road out to allow better sight line looking west (up hill), combined with aggressive trimming of brush on the west approach. 4) Trim the pine tree east of Saw Mill Road to allow for better sight lines of traffic heading west up Parmalee Hill road. The committee will review all options and requests options and suggestions from area residents.

The S.O.P. review will be on the agenda for the next meeting. The next meeting will be October 2, 2007 at 6:30. There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted, James M. Rossi

