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Town of Plaistow - Highway Safety Committee
145 Main Street, Plaistow, NH 03865

PLAISTOW HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

MEETING DATE – Friday, January 31, 2014

PRESENT - Chief Stephen Savage, *Chairman*; Sean Fitzgerald, *Town Manager*; Michael Dorman, *Building Inspector*; Dan Garlington, *Highway Department Supervisor*; Leigh Komornick, *Town Planner*; Dan Poliquin, *Selectman Representative*; Lisa Withee, *Citizen's Representative*; Ernie Sheltry, *Citizen's Representative*; and Richard Latham, *Citizen's Representative*

EXCUSED – None

ABSENT - Chief John McArdle, *Vice-Chairman*

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER - 9:30 a.m.

MINUTES – Approve or discuss any changes to unapproved minutes from 11/15/13 - POSTPONED.

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

NEW BUSINESS – Review and discuss the statistics from the radar units located on Main Street

S. Fitzgerald and Chief Savage spoke about the radar units located at two points along Main Street.

S. Fitzgerald distributed a timeline for the Safe Routes to Schools Grant that was recently awarded to the Town.

L. Komornick noted that the non-infrastructure portion of the funds requires that a purchasing plan be prepared and that it does not have to be exactly what was put forth in the original application. Therefore, this committee should review what the needs are and agree upon the items proposed in the purchasing plan.

OLD BUSINESS – Review sign samples provided by L. Withee for the “Drive Like Your Child Lives Here” campaign.

Chief Savage reviewed the list he had received from L. Withee with various slogans she had proposed. It was noted that perhaps as a part of the SRTS non-infrastructure portion of the grant, signs that indicate a road is a “Safe Route to School” could be developed and distributed to various neighborhoods and or streets. These signs would be the size of a typical campaign type sign that is placed in the ground with metal stakes.

It was agreed that prior to the next meeting, Chief Savage, D. Garlington and L. Withee would meet to review a list of proposed signs.

OLD BUSINESS – Follow-up with Chief Savage regarding PTO and/or SAU meetings attended to discuss pedestrian safety and the Safe Routes to School Grant.

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Chief Savage reported to the Committee that he had recently attended a Pollard School PTA meeting and spoke to an audience of about 15 people regarding traffic and enforcement issues. He would like to speak with the Middle and High Schools as well.

L. Withee recommended having the SRO work with the High School on a presentation of some kind of program regarding driving habits.

L. Komornick noted that the Pollard School Principal, Michelle Gaydos, would be asked to attend the February Highway Safety Committee meeting and likely all future meetings as well due to the SRTS grant.

COMMENTS – Other Business.

D. Poliquin spoke about the truck traffic on not only Main Street but the streets that feed into Main Street, some of them being Town roads.

He asked if the SRTS grant could include any activities related to reducing truck traffic on side streets. L. Komornick said that it did not.

Therefore, D. Poliquin proposed that the committee pursue efforts to prohibit trucks on certain streets. The committee members all agreed it would be a good thing to work on.

Members also discussed pursuing efforts to work with City of Haverhill Officials on feeder streets such as North Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT- Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE – TBD

Respectfully submitted,
Leigh Komornick
Town Planner