

**TOWN of AMHERST**  
**Highway Safety Committee Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**June 17, 2020**  
**1:00 pm**

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm with all committee members in attendance:

*Mark O. Reams, Police Chief/Chairman; John D'Angelo, Selectman; Matthew Conley, Fire-Rescue Chief; Adam Steel, Superintendent of Schools; Eric Hahn, Director, Department of Public Works; Also invited and in attendance, Erik Slosek, Assistant Director, Department of Public Works*

**New Business**

**a. Proposed changes to DPW road striping practices**

Director Hahn discussed the possibility of reducing the amount of road striping which the DPW performs in town each year, partly due to a projected increase of roughly \$10,000 this summer to restripe existing roads, and partly due to desires expressed by residents during Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee forums to reduce the overall amount of road striping in town. Director Hahn has compiled a list roads which qualify for consideration based upon traffic counts and applicable MUTCD (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices) guidelines. Director Hahn will be forwarding that list to committee members in the coming days. Director Hahn, Assistant Director Slosek, and Chief Reams will conduct site visits to each location to evaluate any additional factors which need to be taken into consideration, such as line of site issues or engineering concerns, and report back to the committee.

**b. Installation of stop signs in the Hickory Drive/Douglas Drive/Maple Drive neighborhood**

Chief Reams informed the committee of complaints from residents regarding the absence of stop signs in the Douglas/Hickory/Maple Drive neighborhood. Complaints involved cars failing to stop at one or more intersections in the neighborhood and risking collisions with bicyclists, pedestrians, and vehicles. All roads in the neighborhood were recently repaved, and intersections are currently marked with painted stop lines which are to be used in conjunction with stop signs; however, no stop signs exist. Chief Reams noted that intersecting roads in all comparable neighborhoods throughout town are marked with stop lines and corresponding stop signs. Director Hahn also mentioned the need to address the same problem which he had observed along Town Crier Road at the intersection with Cricket Hill Road. Discussion amongst committee members recognized the need to address that intersection as well. Chief Conley made a motion for the committee to recommend to the Board of Selectmen at their next meeting that stop signs be erected at the three intersections of Douglas Drive and Hickory Drive; the intersection of Hickory Drive and Maple Drive; and the intersection of Town Crier Road Cricket Hill Road. The motion was seconded by Eric Hahn, and approved unanimously by the committee. Chief Reams will be forwarding the committee's recommendation to the Board of Selectmen for their upcoming meeting on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.