

New Boston Highway Safety Committee Meeting Agenda –

Tuesday 11/21/23 5:30 PM

1. Call to Order with Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - Bill made a motion to accept the minutes from the 10/23/23 meeting ; Bruce McKim Seconded
3. New Business Items
 1. Bedford Road Culvert Replacement – Detour – Kevin Leonard to discuss options with the group
 - Kevin Leonard met with the group to discuss detour options. The first option being the use of Meetinghouse, Joe English, and McCurdy, and the 2nd option being River Road, Byam, and Wilson Hill. All had concerns that Kevin's estimated time of road closure is 8-10 weeks. This needs to happen when school is out for the summer.
 - Concerns over Emergency Response discussed.
 - All were in favor of holding a public hearing on the matter as this closure will affect the busiest road the town has. Public must be informed so that they can plan accordingly.
 - 2 weeks prior to bid, the town should get this information out using the town web site, the Beacon, and Social Media.
 2. Intersection of Old Coach and Mont Vernon Road – Resident concern over safety. What can be done? Further discussion. – Noted that there is a Route 13 sign along with an old tree trunk that is in the line of site? Can they be removed / relocated?
 - State DOT should be advised of our concerns to see if they have any input on the matter. Bill to send an e-mail to State DOT rep. once contact e-mail is provided.
 3. Triangle – Corner of Meetinghouse / Mont Vernon Road. Can we remove the bush / hedge (not next to the sign, but closest to bridge). Major sight issues. – After discussion with GSJ, there is a lot more involved than just digging the old bushes out and replacing. Root issues, etc.. Also, they protect the monument from road damage. Strong recommendation would be to trim down the existing hedges by 1 foot to allow for better driver visibility.
 - Bill will reach out to Patrick / Allatt land management to see if they can trim down the bushes by 12" to at least cover the safety issue immediately. If the bushes die over the winter, we can address in the spring, but they have been trimmed down before.
 4. Line striping... Limited until next spring? Bedford road still has striping on it. Can it wait? Meetinghouse could use it. Should we expend money now or wait until spring?

- Line Striping should hold off until spring. It is too cold now, and even if we did, it would need to happen again in the spring due to the wear by the snowplowing.
- 5. The Conservation Commission map shows parking on West Lull Road. How did this get approved? Citizen said there was an instance in the past where there were cars parked on both sides restricting even the smallest car to get thru. Citizen says the Conservation commission plans to cut trees to allow parking. Is this approved? I don't believe parking should be allowed on a one lane dead end dirt road! There is sufficient parking at the end of Wright Drive which is opposite West Lull Road.
 - It will be relayed to the concerned citizen that if the issue occurs again, to contact the NBPD to address.
- 4. Next Meeting date:
 - Most likely, the next meeting date will happen in January due to the holiday season approaching.
- 5. Adjournment