

New Boston Highway Safety Committee Meeting Minutes–

Tuesday 2/20/24 5:00 PM

1. Members in Attendance:

- **Jim Brace, Bill McFadden , Benji Knapp, Bruce McKim, Frank Fraitzl, Sally Moss**

2. Call to Order with Pledge of Allegiance

- **Meeting called to order at 5:05 PM**

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 1/16/24

- **Meeting minutes motion to approve – Bill M, Seconded by Jim Brace**

4. Old Business Items:

- Kevin Leonard update on Bedford Road Project – Continued Discussion – School Closure – June 14th – Labor Day ; Traffic Detour thru Goffstown vs. Byam / Wilson Hill
- Line Striping Concern from Resident – Jim has addressed with resident.
- Speed issues on 2nd NH Turnpike
- Updates on the Weare Road speed limit concern. MAX speed limit of 45 the entire stretch, BOTH ways, except where it is 30 and 40 close to town and NO PASSING the entire length of roadway to the Weare line, again, both ways Bruce

5. New Business

- Assign or volunteer someone who can take minutes, prepare the agenda, secretary duties, etc. for this committee.
- **Bill will continue to do until a replacement is available to take on this task**
- Continued Discussion of the Bedford Road Culvert Replacement
- **Pre bid meeting took place with Kevin and Benji, No additional discussion at this time. Will need to wait until after the vote.**
- Roadway Realignment for the new fire station

- **Frank provided a presentation of the roadway realignment inside the property at the new Fire Station. – There were no objections**

- Intersection of Mont Vernon Road and Hooper Hill:

When I had Mont Vernon closed at Hooper Hill because of the explosive truck roll over I saw a couple vehicles go to the LEFT of the stop sign on Hooper Hill. Cars going north on Mont Vernon that take the short cut to Hooper Hill then to Bedford could possibly cause an accident because of cars going to the left of the STOP sign. One of three things should be done to prevent a possible accident.

ONE: paint a solid line in the middle of the road on Hooper Hill leading up to the stop sign,

TWO: put a KEEP RIGHT sign under the STOP sign. Same for cars going south on Mont Vernon

THREE: put a symbol sign showing an arrow going to the right of an island. Same for cars going south on Mont Vernon.

- **All agreed that there is an issue here ; Different solutions discussed. Benji will reach out to the state to see if removing the island is feasible.**

- Data Collection on Weare Road:

Any update on data collection on Weare road to present to DOT to try to get the speed limit lowered and no passing the entire length. Right now passing is allowed heading north on Weare BEFORE the road straightens out. The double solid line needs to be AFTER Lull, heading north! A couple of people have told me that 50 is TOO FAST! Rt 114 going to Bedford at the 114A split in Goffstown, the entire distance to the 101 intersection, is 45 MPH MAX and no passing and that roadway is twice the width as Weare

- **Chief Brace to bring in accident data along with notal map to the next meeting for further review. Most committee members feel the speed should be dropped to 45 MPH on Weare Road.**

- Other Items for discussion

- **N/A – No additional discussions**

6. Next Meeting Date: March 19th at 5 PM

7. Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM