

Highway Safety Committee meeting

January 8, 2013 15:00 to 15:30 hours
Hampton Falls Safety Complex
3 Drinkwater Road

Members present: Chief Jay M. Lord – HFFD
Chief Robbie Dirsa - HFPD
Robert Regan
Andrew Christie
Laurance Anderson Jr

Members absent: Dick Robinson

New Business

Situation 1: A citizens petitions signed by 30 people that live on Crank Road or Goodwin Road was sent to HSC for review from the Selectmen's office. The petition was requesting a reduction in speed on this section of road from 30 mph to 25 mph, some additional signage and some additional police presence in the area.

We are aware that the vehicle traffic has increased over the years (more people driving, GPS units finding alternative routes trying to avoid the back ups on Rt 1, etc.) and that the trees close to the road help with the perception that vehicles may be going faster than they really are.

Recommendation: Chief Dirsa's experience has been that the vehicles are traveling between 35-40 mph vs. the 45-50 mph as indicated in the petition. Chief Dirsa will advise his officers to be more vigilant on this section of road and will check to see if he can borrow a 'speed trailer' from a neighboring town to post in the area to help educated and make drivers more aware of the posted speed limit. After a discussion about the situation and review of NH RSA 265:63 'Alteration of Limits' it is the opinion of the HSC that the reduction in the posted speed limit may not correct the situation.

Situation 2: A email was passed along to HSC from the HF Conservation Commission to place a sign on Marsh Lane to indicate directions / parking for the Marsh Lane Conservation property.

Recommendation: HSC did not feel that this was a HSC issue but as long as the sign does not block sight lines for the road traffic HSC does not have any issue with placement and defer this item back to the Selectmen for consideration.

Final Minutes submitted by Chairman Lord 1-10-2013