

**TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 1, 2024**

The Traffic Safety Committee meeting of Monday, April 1, 2024, was called to order by Chairman Robert Ramsay at 5:30 p.m. in the Moose Hill Meeting Room at the Londonderry Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Rd, Londonderry NH.

PRESENT: Assistant Town Manager Kelly Caron, Chairman Robert Ramsay, Engineering and Environmental Services Director John Trottier, Police Chief Kim Bernard, Police Deputy Chief Jason Breen, Vice-Chairman Paul Peddle, Public Works Director Wholly, and Town Councilor Chad Franz
ABSENT: Assistant Fire Chief Fred Heinrich and School Superintendent Daniel Black

PUBLIC PRESENT / SIGNED IN

Raymond Blethen – Rossini Road
Ryan Buker – Police Department
Senator Sharon Carson
Tim Cerato – Burbank Road
Dan Charette – Rossini Road
Shawn Faber – Town Councilor
Jonathan French – Burbank Road
Ann James – Wiley Hill Road
Richard James – Wiley Hill Road
Robert MacDonald – Gilcreast Road
Rogel Ramos – Verdi Lane

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Councilor Franz to accept minutes of January 8, 2024, meeting.
Seconded by Director Trottier
5-0-0

OLD BUSINESS

Route 102 @ Old Nashua Road / Parmenter Road / High Range Road – Several residents were in attendance to discuss the Route 102 issues, along with Senator Sharon Carson.

Senator Carson addressed the committee and audience advising Senate bill (SB 471-FN) has been introduced relative to adding a speed limit of 45 miles per hour (mph) on rural highways. SB 471-FN would allow the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) to set the speed limit on Route 102 to 45 mph, currently the speed limit on Route 102, within the area of concern, is posted at 55 mph .

Senator Carson also reported that a meeting was held on February 9, 2024, with Members of the Traffic Safety Committee, William Cass, Commissioner NHDOT and William Lambert, Highway Safety Administrator NHDOT. The meeting included discussion regarding Route 102 safety and three tools that could be used to address safety 1) Road Safety Audit (RSA); 2) speed study and 3) SB 471-FN. The Town of Londonderry will pursue all three options.

Senator Carson indicated that should major improvements be warranted, as a result of the RSA, the State's 10-year Transportation Plan would be an option.

Senator Carson indicated, it is a very slow process to get issues presented and forwarded through the government. Steps need to be taken at certain times of the year regarding budgeting. Senator Carson advised members of the public to write to their legislature regarding their concerns at: www.gov.legislature

A lengthy discussion followed with several residents speaking regarding the traffic issues on Route 102. Town Manager Office's is working on paperwork regarding the RSA.

Residents are also concerned about vehicles passing on the right, traffic on Gilcreast Road, with all the new developments in the south end of Londonderry around Route 102, Pillsbury, Gilcreast, Parmenter, Young and Acropolis Roads. Additional measures may be needed beyond reducing the speed limit.

NEW BUSINESS

Wiley Road - Richard James of Wiley Hill Road addressed the committee regarding speeding on Wiley Hill Road and raised the issue of "no thru trucking" in the area. Director Trottier advised that the feeder roads are posted. Mr. James mentioned school buses speeding along with area delivery trucking companies. It was mentioned that some of these trucks and buses are monitored for speed by GPS. The Police Department will conduct patrols in the area during busy times of 6:00-9:00 AM and 4:30-6:30 PM. Mr. James was asked to track times of day when he observes speeding to assist the Police with enforcement.

Gilcreast Road – Bob MacDonald addressed the committee regarding traffic issues on Gilcreast Road, Rt 102 to Pillsbury Road. He advised the committee that drivers need to pull over to the shoulder in an emergency and Gilcreast presently has limited shoulders. When heading north on Gilcreast, there is poor sight distance in the vicinity of # 74 Gilcreast Road, can't see the emergency vehicles on Gilcreast heading to Route 102. Mr. MacDonald inquired about the possibility of deploying the speed indicator trailer or the installation of a permanent sign.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Ramsay adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Next Meeting: July 15, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m.

Notes by: Suzanne J. Hebert Date: April 1, 2024

Minutes typed by: Suzanne J. Hebert Date: April 5, 2024

Approved: Traffic Safety Committee Date: _____