

Town of Newington, NH
Safety Lane Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 25th, 2020 Town Hall

Present: Selectman Mike Marconi, Safety Lane Committee Members; Katie Hood, Laura Stone, Derrick Willson, Bruce Johnson, Ted Karabinas, Katie Hood, Ken Ernstoff, Mike Mazeau, Police Chief, Mike Bilodeau, Town Engineer, Eric Weinrieb, Residents, Chris Cross, Edna Mosher and Town Administrator Martha Roy.

The committee discussed the proposed traffic calming items.

T. Karabinas liked the idea of a "table" before the intersection. The table could be on the Town Hall side of the intersection. M. Bilodeau added that the Police would be completing enhanced enforcement.

B. Johnson stated that a flashing light might help. M. Bilodeau added that safety is first but adding too many signs might not be effective. K. Hood added that the school already has flashing lights in the area.

B. Johnson thought a rumble strip on the white line would be an attention getter. E. Weinrieb stated that could be a problem, the rumble strip makes noise and would not be pleasant for residents. D. Willson thought the rumble strip could be where the road narrows. K. Hood pointed out that at Town Meeting residents expressed that they didn't want rumble strips.

M. Mazeau thought that speed read out signs would be a good reminder to people. The committee discussed where the traffic speed unit should be located.

B. Johnson liked the idea of a push button activated flashing light at the crosswalk.

E. Weinrieb reminded the committee that a speed table could not be located on the Adams Homestead side of the intersection. T. Karabinas is in favor of a speed table on each side of the intersection. B. Johnson and D. Willson agreed.

B. Johnson thought that signs about entering the village should be considered.

M. Marconi stated that figures of a parent and child and bicycles should be stenciled at the intersection. Also, a radar speed sign should be located on each side of the intersection.

The committee inquired if reflective paint could be used at the crosswalk at the intersection. E. Weinrieb said that thermal plastic paint could be used but it is slippery. T. Karabinas thought that the colors should be changed every two or three years.

The committee agreed that tables should be located on each side of the intersection. The location will be determined. Speed radar should also be located on each side of the intersection.

E. Weinrieb addressed the preliminary costs of the Altus sitework. Costs would have to be revised before the grant application.

The committee would like a curvy side path from Little Bay Road to the Town Garage.

The committee discussed fencing at the school and will check with school principal Peter Latchaw about the fencing ideas. L. Stone said that Living Well had been discussed or a living hedge. T. Karabinas asked if the committee had funds for plantings. L. Stone will check back with P. Latchaw.

D. Willson moved to recommend the preliminary design of the safety lane. K. Ernststoff seconded the motion with all in favor.

M. Mazeau moved to recommend two speed tables and two flashing lights at the intersection of Nimble Hill Road and Fox Point Road. T. Karabinas seconded the motion with all in favor.

K. Hood nominated D. Willson for the chair position on the Safety Lane Committee. Seconded by K. Ernststoff. All were in favor.

M. Marconi mentioned that he hasn't heard any negative comments about the safety lane but many have questions.

L. Stone thought that it was important for the committee to continue to put out information to the public.

M. Marconi thought that the Safety Lane committee should meet with the HDC and Library to discuss the project.

K. Hood will get the survey out soon.

The committee discussed having Bill Wright as the Vice Chair. This item was tabled until the next meeting when he was present.

Meeting adjourned at 5:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha S. Roy
Town Administrator