**Town of Auburn**

**Highway Safety Committee**

**November 15, 2023**

**Safety Complex**

**Approved Minutes**

**7:00 PM**

**Committee Members Present:** Chair Michael DiPietro, Selectman Tom Carroll, Dan Carpenter, and Sergeant Kevin Cashman.

**Call to Order:** Chair DiPietro called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

**Police Report**

Sergeant Cashman reported 162 motor vehicle stops, 20 summonses, five arrests – two from motor vehicles and 11 accidents.

**Road Agent Report – Tabled**

**New Business**

NH RT 121/Trail Crosswalk

Joe Rossino reported that he has been working with NH DOT and Manchester Water Works for approximately a year and a half to get a crosswalk at the intersection of NH Route 121. He noted Michael O’Donnell from DOT told him he needs to do a road study first to see if that part of Route 121 qualifies and he said it does. He noted it is highly trafficked and in need. He indicated a grant in the $25-$50,000 range could be obtained. The project requires an engineer study and he recommended Mike Moser on the Fire Department who is a DOT civil engineer. He notes signs are needed. Mr. Rossino felt that it was not a matter of if someone would be hit and killed but when. He felt usage was in the range of 1,000 people. He noted four accidents in the last ten days.

Mr. Carpenter asked why the state expected the Town to pay for it. Mr. DiPietro indicated if they show a need for it they need to pay for it.

Mr. Rossino stated that he did not want to see the project kicked down the road because of who has to pay for it.

Mr. DiPietro asked who owned the trail. Mr. Carpenter indicated he believed the trail was owned by a different entity of the state. Mr. Carroll noted the Rockingham Recreation Trail ends at Mammoth Road and is 28 miles linked to NH State Parks, Natural State Parks. He recommended talking to Goffstown to see how they got their lights.

Sgt. Cashman will check records of incidents there.

Mr. DiPietro indicated he would bring the proposal before the Board of Selectmen to document the need for it. He advised Mr. Rossino that these projects can take years to be approved and completed. He recommended having official traffic, pedestrian and cyclist counts.

**Old Business**

i. Approval of Minutes – October 18, 2023

***Sgt. Cashman motioned to approve the October 18, 2023 meeting minutes. Mr. DiPietro seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.***

ii. Depot Road

Chair DiPietro noted that work on Depot Road is a couple of years away. The land swaps are still being signed off on.

**Adjourn**

***Mr. DiPietro motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 PM. Sergeant Cashman seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Hoijer, Recording Secretary