

DENNIS ROAD SAFETY TASK FORCE  
Minutes of Meeting of July 18, 2019  
120 Theophilus Smith Road  
South Dennis MA 02660

2019 SEP -5 PM 3:11  
DENNIS TOWN HALL

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Members Present – Hank Bowen Chair, Thom Huettner, Paul Stankus, Robert Surette and Phil McCarthy  
Staff Liaison Present – Sgt. Ken Gelnett and Officer Chris Hennigan, Dennis Police Traffic Division  
Select Board Liaison Present – Sheryl McMahon

Mr. Bowen opened the meeting at 4:30 and there being no members of the public present dispensed with the OML Recording Statement.

Committee Concerns – Mr. Stankus again questioned the signal functions at the Main St. bicycle crossing, a recurring problem. Mr. Bowen and Mr. Huettner stated that the town is awaiting results of the new system at South Gages Way crossing and if they work well the Mains St signals will be retrofitted. He also brought a large pot hole at Johnny Kelly parking lot, Old Bass entrance in need of attention. At same location he noted a new telephone support pole in need of a reflector. Mr. McCarthy referenced two accidents with serious injuries, a woman struck by a backing truck and a rte. 28 motorcycle accident. Sgt. Gelnett and Officer Hennigan both said that these were both human error and didn't give rise to needed safety improvements. Mr. Bowen again said he believed hedges at Signal Hill Rd and Rte. 6A need to be cut back.

Mr. Bowen said he'd like to see two alternates added to the committee. He felt it would add more depth to the discussions and provide backup if any quorum issues. Ms. McMahon suggested a motion to that effect. After a brief discussion **ON MOTION OF MR. SURRETTE SECONDED BY MR. HUETTNER IT WAS VOTED (5-0) THAT THE SELECT BOARD BE REQUESTED TO AMEND THE RSTF CHARGE TO INCLUDE TWO ALTERNATES IN IT'S MAKEUP.**

Liaison Reports – Sgt. Gelnett reported that the DPD received a \$5500.00 equipment grant worked on by Officer Hennigan which will fund a new hand held radar gun and a Traffic Data Recording Device aka a Spybox. It will in a low profile

manner record speeds and percentiles for passing traffic. He also reported they're looking for two new academy trained patrolmen.

Old Business> School/South St. - placement of rocks to prevent parking being considered

- > Oak St. cross walk – awaiting summer traffic counts
- > Dennis Village Solar Sign – nothing new yet on when Maritime Landing will release funding or procure the devices
- > Mr. Bowen said that Mike Caggiano of Plymouth Sign sent a crew to relocate Beach/New Boston ladder sign but they ran into water table issues and it was not relocated. Mr. Bowen will follow up
- > Streetlight requests – Select Board approved the two new requested lights subject to funding
- > Ezra Baker School/Rte. 28 parking – waiting for state to post it NO PARKING

New Business

>Officer Hennigan brought up Miller Road which runs from Searsville to Great Western after receiving several complaints of traffic cutting through. Town can't post as it's a private way. One resident said he might put in speed bumps. Sgt. Gelnett suggested collecting data to gauge seriousness of problem and explore what signage if any might work.

>Sidewalk master plan discussion tabled until Town Engineer present

>Parking problems at Woolfies Bakery, 297 Lower County brought up by Mr. Bowen at request of Chief DiMatteo and discussed by Officer Hennigan who has had a sign posted, keeps an eye on it and asked through roll call that all officers be on lookout for problems

**Minutes – ON MOTION OF MR HUETTNER SECONDED BY MR SURRETTE IT WAS VOTED (5-0) THAT THE MINUTES OF June 20, 2019 BE APPROVED**

Next Meeting – August 15, 2019 and may be focused on Sidewalk Master Plan.

**ON MOTION OF MR. HUETTNER SECONDED BY Mr. SURRETTE IT WAS AT 5:25pm VOTED TO ADJOURN**