

Town of Webster Public Safety Committee

10/19/16 Minutes

Attendance:

Kenneth Pizzetti – Webster DPW Director
Timothy Bent – Webster Police Chief
Brian Hickey – Webster Fire Chief
Ted Avlas – Webster Schools
Gordon D. Wentworth, Jr. – Webster Police

Discussion:

1. Meeting called to order at 1515 hrs
2. Mr. Avlas motioned to pass over reading of prior meeting's minutes, seconded by Mr. Pizzetti. All in favor.

Old Business:

Mr. Pizzetti advised committee members that all tasks acted upon during the 07/27/16 meeting, had been approved and completed. These tasks included that additional of signage on Malden Dr., additional no parking signs on Fire Court, Additional No Parking signage on Ray St., and additional stop signs at the intersection of Ray St. and Lincoln St. A separate meeting of the Safety Committee was held on 08/10/16 to address the specific complaint relative to parking on Birch Island Rd.

New Business

1. Secondary Stop Line on Gore Rd. at Rt. 16 (Westerly)
 - Resident Catherine Mongeon requests secondary stop line on Gore Rd. at Rt. 16, facing west. She states that cars routinely block the easterly access road, thereby blocking access to Gore Rd. if turning onto Gore Rd. from Rt. 16 west. Complainant states that a secondary stop line would prevent cars from blocking the intersection.
 - Mr. Pizzetti motioned to place a secondary stop line at the location, seconded by Chief Bent.
 - All in favor.
2. Pinewood Dr. / Cudworth Rd. speeding
 - Resident Jim Morris requests additional speed limit signage on Pinewood Dr. and Cudworth Rd.
 - SafeCom discussed and concluded that Cudworth Rd. was, in fact posted whereas Pinewood Dr. may not be. Further discussion, concluded that speed limits are, in fact set by law and posting is not necessarily required.

- Chief Bent advised SafeCom members that the state Legislature was in the process of changing the process by which speed limits are set by municipalities. Chief Bent advised that said regulation have yet to be formally passed. In the event that said regulations become law, it would be incumbent upon town meeting to accept the regulations.
 - Chief Bent motioned to place posted speed limit signs on Pinewood Dr., seconded by Chief Hickey.
 - All in favor.
3. Wakefield St. parking issue
- Resident Linda Angelo requests that parking on Wakefield St. be limited to residents only. She cites the fact that patients of Page Chiropractic routinely park on the street, making it difficult for resident to find parking. The complainant cites no particular safety concern.
 - Discussion that the issue appears, on the surface, to be outside the scope of the Safety Committee's authority to advise upon.
 - Chief Bent motioned to take no action, seconded by Mr. Pizzetti.

Adjournment:

1. Mr. Avlas makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chief Hickey
 - All in favor
2. The next meeting of the Webster Public Safety Committee has been scheduled for January 18th, 2017 at 1515 hrs at the Town Hall.