Highway safety minutes 4-29-2024 @ 6 PM

57 Main Street, Henniker Community Center

Present- See sign in list

Committee Members, BOS Neal Martin, Bob Pagano, Tom French, Police Chief Matthew French, Cindy Marsland, Fire Chief Jim Morse, Rocky Bostrom, Rescue Chief Gregg Aucoin

No old business. Chief French stated it had been a long time since we had a meeting last due to Covid and no agenda from the BOS. Received a call from Trudy Racine Ramsdell Rd supporting the other residents and the ideas they are putting forth today. Letter sent by Warren Mattiello.

Sue Adams Ramsdell Rd- Increase traffic, speeding vehicles, concern for walkers, residents during commute times, Pats Peak Ski traffic, transfer station hours. People are at high risk that walk/live there. Can't leave her driveway. Speed signs are not properly posted, only one sign on the Rt 114 side. Suggested solutions solar powered speed signs, redirect traffic one way, submitted/explained diagram.

Alison Mrohs Henniker B&B- Can't leave the driveway due to traffic volume and speed. Suggested sidewalks install, no thru trucks on Old Concord Rd from Ayer/Goss, yellow line painted on road, flexible traffic signage, crosswalk signs Crescent Street, NEC admin building. White Birch taking over Quilt shop, sidewalk from there and new crosswalks needed.

J-Lo Super Scoops supports Sue Adams suggestions, Main Street speed limit to 25mph, digital signage, advocating for one way/sidewalks/crosswalks. Speed signage/sidewalk on the south side of the roadway. Isis Haney 23 B Ramsdell can't back out of her driveway, winter the snowbanks are an issue for visibility, can hear vehicles hit the gas on the road.

Chief Aucoin-Traffic directed to Ramsdell due to GPS, speed lesser of an issue he runs the road frequently sees volume of traffic more of an issue.

Cindy Marsland- Can the town make it a no thru traffic like Tanglewood Drive?

Chief French- Submitted data from November 2023 to March of 2024. 25 directed patrols were conducted 467 vehicles were counted during the patrols. See chart. Avg speed 26-30. 1 summons for speed issued.

Chris Gannon Main street- Suggested Police Data "skewed" due to being in a police car and people slowed down when they see the car.

Tom French- Clarification regarding current signage locations and suggestions. Against One Way with issues regarding left turn only. Supports sidewalks and signage update. Concerns of truck exhaust from stopping and starting from stop signs, could bring in new issues.

Alison Mrohs- One supports businesses by giving the trucks and cars the ability to reverse direction back along Main Street, realigning the intersection.

Cindy Marsland- That area is a Memorial Park. Suggested reconfiguring the roadway for easier access.

Rocky Bostrom- any issues with Historic district impacting changes? TA Diane Kendall stated only applies to buildings.

J-Lo- Change Speed limit on Main Street to 25?

Tom French Motion to recommend Main Street 25mph seconded by Chief Morse. Vote-Unanimous

Tom French suggested town have an engineering firm conduct a study, discussion regarding cost and results. TA Diane Kendall suggested CNRPC to take on this as part of the Main Street evaluation they are currently working on. Motion made by Chief Aucoin to recommend Ramsdell Road be added to the CNRPC. Second by Cindy Marsland - Vote unanimous.

BOS Neal Martin suggesting Police Chief seek grant funding for digital speed signs. Chief French explained the Highway Safety grants come with enforcement requirements and we don't have the staffing for those currently.

Bob Pagano- Suggested other ways of funding vs grants.

Chief Morse- asked if ARPA funds could be used. Or town/citizens funding

Bob Pagano- thinks this committee should meet with CNRPC to discuss the issues and ideas

Rocky Bostrom- More visible crosswalk design, vibrant, unsure of code

Ray Mrohs Henniker B&B. Speeds are higher since road re surfaced.

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