

**TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 17, 2023**

The Traffic Safety Committee meeting of Monday, July 17, 2023, was called to order at 5:31 p.m. in the Moose Hill Meeting Room at the Londonderry Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Rd, Londonderry NH.

PRESENT: Chairman Robert Ramsay, Town Manager Michael Malaguti, Engineering and Environmental Services Director John Trottier, Police Chief Kim Bernard, Police Deputy Chief Jason Breen, Chief Darren O'Brien, Member-At-Large Paul Peddle, and Town Councilor Chairman John Farrell for Town Councilor Chad Franz, and Public Works Director David Wholly.

ABSENT: School Superintendent Daniel Black

PUBLIC COMMENT

Raymond Breslin – Gary Drive
Mike Campo – LAFA Fields
Ann Champo – Wedgewood Drive
Anne Fenn – Partridge Lane
Deb Paul – Hardy Road
John Wilson – Tranquil Drive
Mammoth Road – Numerous Residents

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Director Trottier to accept minutes of April 3, 2023, meeting.
Seconded by Town Manager Malaguti
7-0-0

OLD BUSINESS

Belgian Way - Intersection of Route 102 @ Old Nashua Road – Director Trottier advised the committee that he has been working with the State on this matter.

Motion made by Director Trottier to table this matter for the October meeting.
Seconded by Town Manager Malaguti
7-0-0

Mammoth Road (Village) – Director Trottier presented to the committee and the number of residents in attendance the potential traffic calming measures along Mammoth Road from the NH Route 28 (Rockingham Road) intersection to the Page Road / Grenier Field Road intersection. The measures presented were:

- Striping double yellow centerline, 11-foot fog lines and installation of driver speed signs
- Striping, driver speed signs with potential all-way stop at intersections
- Striping, driver speed signs with speed tables and median island
- Closing southerly end of Mammoth Road at NH Route 28
- Striping, driver speed signs with gate at northly end of Mammoth / Page / Grenier Field Roads
- Converting Mammoth Road to one-way, north, or south
- 4-way stop at Mammoth / Page / Grenier Field Roads
- Intersection control beacon
- Curb extensions / choker

Director Trottier presented pro's and con's relative to the expense and complications associated with each measure. Closure of Mammoth Road will redirect truck traffic to Sanborn Road, which will require improvements due to truck turning movements and also require approval and coordination with New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) due to the access change. Any closure of Mammoth Road will impact the Sanborn Road and Mammoth Road intersections with NH Route 28, which are Town driveways onto a State road.

Mention was made that Mammoth Road / Grenier Field / Page Road had at one time been a 4-way stop intersection which was discontinued in 2002. The all-way stop was eliminated to alleviate traffic in the area. Southern New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (SNHRPC) indicates average daily traffic counts just east of the Mammoth / Grenier Field / Page Road intersection to be 3,100 vehicles per day (VPD) and 3700 VPD in 2012 and 2016, respectively.

In 2010 the intersection of Page and NH Route 28 was improved. The goal of the improvements was to improve the poor traffic operations at the intersection and increase intersection capacity thereby encouraging continued economic growth in north Londonderry.

Director Trottier recommended striping double yellow centerline, 11-foot fog lines, installation of driver speed signs and clearing of vegetation along the southeast side of Page Road east of Mammoth / Grenier Field / Page Road intersection.

Many residents were in attendance. A discussion pursued with everyone allowed to speak regarding their concerns to the speeding and passing vehicles, trucks traveling and turning around, young children in the area and accidents at the Mammoth / Grenier Field / Page Road intersection.

Residents were allowed to speak regarding their opinions, some were against the gate others thought it would be a good idea. Speed tables were an option along with the striping. There were concerns regarding all the stop signs, however some felt that this could be a deterrent to all the traffic with motorists taking Route 28 to Page Road. Concerns regarding the traffic on the rail trail of bicyclists, young children, runners, all crossing Mammoth Road.

Town Council Chairman Farrell advised the residents that this issue will need to be taken up by the Town Council. He advised the residents to prepare a petition asking for the gate to be put up, he emphasized to them that the wording of this document must be clear to all the residents of this area, including those living on side streets coming onto Mammoth Road (Coin, Foxglove, Buckthorne, Loan and Weymouth).

Town Council Chairman Farrell made a motion that the body recommend to the Town Council by the residents to close Mammoth Road and Grenier Field Road, based on additional petition including other residents to be presented to the Town Council.
Seconded by Town Manager Malaguti.

Discussion - Director Trottier felt installation of a gate at the north end of Mammoth Road (closure) will not stop the issue regarding speeding on Mammoth Road or accidents at the Mammoth / Grenier Field / Page Road intersection, accidents will continue and result in vehicles hitting the stationary gate. Closure will not allow for the construction of a turn-around, require improvements to other intersections, and coordination with NHDOT. Speeding and accidents are a result of driver behavior and inattentiveness on the driver's part.

6-1-0 (Director Trottier against)

(2) Petitions were presented to the Traffic Safety Committee Meeting at the April 2023 meeting. (1) Petition was for speed tables to reduce the speeding vehicles, (1) Petition was for putting up a gate at the intersection of Mammoth and Page Roads (north section). (Petitions were given to Town Manager Malaguti).

NEW BUSINESS

Pillsbury Road –Mr. Karvielis was not present at the meeting. Chief Bernard advised the committee that the police have increased their presence in the area. Mr. Karvielis has installed rocks and “kids at play” signs to get the vehicles to slow down, he is requesting guardrails due to cars leaving the road at the bend. Chairman Ramsey to contact Mr. Karvielis and request his presence at October meeting to discuss his concerns.

Lafa Fields – Mike Campo spoke to the committee regarding the speeding vehicles on Sargent / Nelson Roads. Several events are taking place at the same time, and we are looking for ways to slow down the traffic. Speed bumps, labeled cross walk, reducing speed limit were some of the suggestions. A walk through was made with the Police Chief, Town Manager and Members of Lafa.

Chief Bernard made a motion to drop the speed limit to 15 mph, until the Town Staff have had a chance to sit down and discuss this issue.

Seconded by Chief O’Brien

7-0-0

House / Mailbox Numbers – Chairman Ramsay presented the issue of house and mailbox numbering for emergency responders. Chief Bernard suggested Public Safety Announcement be made on social media, cable, newspapers, asking and reminding residents of the safety issues of marking their residences.

Vice-Chairman of the Traffic Safety Committee – Chairman Ramsay nominated Paul Peddle as Vice-Chairman of the Committee, approved by all. Congratulations Paul!

Traffic Hazard – Mr. Wilson brought to the attention of the Committee the 250 foot line of sight requirement throughout the town. He mentioned delivery trucks (Amazon, FedEx.) landscaping vehicles when parked along the roadways tend to block the sight distance. Additionally, it is difficult for pedestrians to share the road with vehicles throughout the Town due to no pedestrian accommodations.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Ramsay adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 2, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.

Notes by: Suzanne J. Hebert Date: July 21, 2023

Minutes typed by: Suzanne J. Hebert Date: July 21, 2023

Approved: Traffic Safety Committee Date: October 2, 2023