

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH
323 ROUTE 81
KILLINGWORTH, CONNECTICUT 06419

Minutes
Regular Monthly Meeting
September 26, 2012
7:00 P.M. – Resident Trooper's Office

Robert Ellis called the Regular August 29, 2012 meeting of the Traffic Safety Committee to order at 7:05PM. Members Present: Robert Ellis, Walter Adametz, George Roelofsen, and Carol Sturges. Absent: Ex-Officio member, Matt Ward, Resident State Trooper. Members absent: None

Visitors – none

Correspondence – (1) Anonymous letter regarding old event signs, stop sign visibility, and school zone warnings for KES, (2) Mr. Hancock's letter regarding intersection on Cow Hill Rd./ Chittenden Rd. and (3) Mr. Link's letter regarding passing zone on Rt. 80 in front of house numbers 501, 499, and 497.

Minutes –August 29, 2012 - Roelofsen moved and Adametz seconded motion to approve minutes of August 29, 2012. Adametz, Ellis, Roelofsen and Sturges voted in favor, Opposed: None, Abstentions: None.

Old Business

- Committee Membership status for 2012 – down 1 member
- D.O.T. status of Route 148 – Ellis will notify Roger Usakiewicz of clean-up at Stonehill Drive and Rt. 148 per D.O.T. request.
- Discussion of emails from Peter Richards, Parker Hill Rd. – no further communication from Mr. Richards.

New Business

- Speed Spy deployment. The Speed Spies will be placed at two different locations on Green Hill Rd. in about a week. This is a "recheck" of results from 2010.
- There were four issues addressed in the anonymous letter to Cathy Iino. The first was the proliferation of roadside signs, political or otherwise, remaining after their "expiration date". This should be handled by P&Z, or publicity from the BOS (e.g. Killingworth Today) and certainly should not result in another Town Ordinance.

The second issue was the location of Stop Signs on Town Roads and the suggestion that "Stop Ahead" Signs be erected. In particular, Lover's Lane was mentioned. All agreed that we need to avoid sign pollution, and if speed limits

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are generally observed, then the location of Stop Signs should not be a problem.

The third item was the entrance to KES and the need for additional signs announcing that the entrance to the school was ahead. The School Zones for both KES and HKMS are clearly visible and are sufficient. Again speed is a factor in anticipating school entrances of Rte 81.

Route 81 and speeding on that road is an issue that all concern recognize, and which receives more enforcement activity than most other roads in Killingworth. We plan to revisit actual speeds on Rte 81 in the Fall.

- Adametz addressed issue of Cow Hill Rd/Chittenden Rd. intersection and suggested the Town Crew clear brush in the area in response to Mr. Hancock's letter which should improve the sightlines. There is one extremely large tree that would be costly to remove, however, the Town could remove smaller trees if necessary. Mr. Hancock has suggested the Town purchase a convex mirror for the intersection. With the radius of the curve in question, it was felt that a mirror would not provide a sufficient field of vision for oncoming vehicles in daylight hours.
- The First Selectwoman has addressed the issue of the passing zone referred to in Mr. Link's letter with the State DOT. The DOT Response was less than satisfactory. Rep Jim Crawford has also been contacted by Cathy lino for assistance in this matter.
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Comments from Committee Members

- Town Infrastructure Items of Interest – none discussed
- Enforcement Items of Interest –none. Trooper Ward was not available.

Chair's Comments – Reminder to committee members that appointments to various Boards, etc. will be coming.

Agenda items for October 24, 2012 Regular Meeting –review of Speed Spy data if available.

Adametz moved, Roelofsen seconded to close the meeting at 8:05PM. Voting in favor: Adametz, Ellis, Roelofsen, and Sturges. Opposed: None Abstentions: None

Respectfully submitted,

Carol K. Sturges, Secretary