TOWN OF HUDSON Citizen's Traffic Advisory Committee Minutes - Draft



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November 15, 2021 – 7 P.M.

Covid-19 Precautions - In-person participation

Call to Order:

J Battis called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Roll Call:

J Battis (Chair), G Kennedy (Vice Chair), T Wyatt (Secretary), B Groth (Town Planner)

Public Input:

Hudson resident Angelique Guzas of 10 Gloria Avenue appeared before the committee to present two items of concern. The first item was for increased traffic on Lowell Road caused by the new apartments being built between Executive Drive and Fox Hollow Drive at the old friary property. The second item was for safety caused by a large pot hole at the exit of the Walmart store onto Lowell Road.

Town Planner Groth responded by saying that access for the new apartments is controlled by limiting traffic to a right turn only to and from Lowell Road at that intersection. A left turn can only be made by turning before or at Executive Drive to enter and exit at the back of the property. It was noted that it would be necessary to find a place to turn around, if the left turn at or before Executive Drive wasn't taken. Additional traffic controls such as a physical median can be added at the Lowell Road intersection, if the need should arise.

The Town has been attempting to contact a Walmart representative to resolve the pot hole issue, which is located on their property and not the immediate responsibility of the Town.

Appreciation was expressed by the committee with recognition for the first public input to the Committee and an invitation was extended to all eligible residents to attend meetings and consider becoming a member.

I. Approval of minutes:

There was a **motion** by G Kennedy to approve the September 20, 2021 minutes that was seconded and **passed** unanimously.

II. Old Business:

None

III. New Business: (in reverse order to the agenda)

A. Appropriate correspondence:

The committee has received anonymous e-mail correspondence. The committee is unable to accept anonymous e-mail correspondence that must have the name, address and contact information of the sender in order to be accepted by the committee.

B. Future activity:

Following a discussion to recap past activities, it was decided that there would be reviews of the charter and first report to the Board of Selectmen at the next committee meeting. The charter and report reviews will be done to develop a list of questions for the Board of Selectmen to provide further direction for the committee. Following those reviews, a request will be sent to the Board of Selectmen to add an agenda item for an appearance by the committee to discuss future activities.

IV. Other Business:

None

V. Correspondence:

None

VI. Commissioner's Comments:

G Kennedy: Had thought there would be more for the committee to do and agree with the plan to request direction from the BOS. It is unfortunate that the HLN is no longer available to contact the public and social media seems to be the popular way to voice concerns.

T Wyatt: Until the next meeting, Happy Holidays and thank you for public input. Please drive carefully and take your time on the road. The number of accidents in town is not acceptable and although traffic is a regional issue, we hope to be able to do what we can to address the problems locally.

B Groth: The safety issue in Hudson is that people drive too fast. Road design to slow traffic will cause congestion that is a trade-off to be decided by the town.

J Battis: Membership of the BOS has changed since the committee was formed, which may change the direction of the committee. The next meeting to review the charter and bylaws will be in January.

VII. Adjournment:

There was a **motion** by T Wyatt to adjourn that was seconded and **passed** unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Tím Wyatt Secretary

12/12/2021