



TOWN OF HUDSON

Highway Department

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HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

October 6, 2021

BOS MEETING ROOM 8:00 AM

Members:

Police Chief – Bill Avery
Fire Chief – Rob Buxton
Public Works Director – Jess Forrence, Chairman
Town Engineer – Elvis Dhima
Planning Board Representative – Brian Groth

Old Business:

New Business:

Solar flashing lights at Nottingham School
Intersection of Chase, Central and Fulton Street-recent accidents
Nottingham West pedestrian traffic crossing concern
No Parking sign request at Sagamore Park Road and DCU mall
Stop sign request intersection of Wentworth and Hampshire Drive

Other Business:

None

Chartier, Cheryl

Oct 6th

From: Forrence, Jess
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2021 8:18 AM
To: Chartier, Cheryl
Subject: Highway Safety

For the Oct 6th meeting
Solar flashing 20mph lights at Nottingham School \$6,000 each

Jess Forrence
Public Works Director
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From: Dionne, Tad <tdionne@hudsonnh.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 1:09 PM
To: Jennifer Burk <jburk@sau81.org>; Avery, William <wavery@hudsonnh.gov>; Dhima, Elvis <edhima@hudsonnh.gov>; Forrence, Jess <jforrence@hudsonnh.gov>
Cc: Lawrence Russell <lrussell@sau81.org>; Malizia, Steve <smalizia@hudsonnh.gov>; Scott Baker <sbaker@sau81.org>; Bianchi, Dave <dbianchi@hudsonnh.gov>
Subject: RE: Nottingham West Parent

Hi Jennifer,

I included the Public Works Director as well on my reply. I agree the grass could be cut back there too so any pedestrian leaving the Burns Hill Apartments onto the crosswalk can be seen more easily.

It may be helpful to place a folding Cross Walk in the middle of the crosswalk at Burns Hill @ Pelham and at Pelham @ Burns Hill crosswalk as well. These work pretty well on Chase St and School Street.

Last, in order to enforce the twenty mile an hour school zone during school hours, I believe the law requires flashing lights. I can look into that as well, but I would suggest flashing lights go with those signs on Pelham Road.

In the meantime, I am directing some patrols there during peak traffic drop off/pick up times.

Captain Dionne.

From: Jennifer Burk <jburk@sau81.org>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 11:23 AM
To: Dionne, Tad <tdionne@hudsonnh.gov>; Avery, William <wavery@hudsonnh.gov>; Dhima, Elvis <edhima@hudsonnh.gov>
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Bianchi, Dave <dbianchi@hudsonnh.gov>

Subject: RE: Nottingham West Parent

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Good morning –

When I was over at Nottingham this morning, I witnessed the traffic and spoke with the crossing guard.

I did notice there is an issue, from my perspective, with the tall grass, sign & pole that interferes with the view if you are trying to cross over from that complex on Burns Hill. While you do have the stop signs for traffic coming off of Burns Hill & Pelham, the traffic coming up from Lowell on Pelham could have difficulty seeing a pedestrian trying to cross from the complex and the pedestrian to see that traffic coming up as well. Maybe if that grass was cut back better/regularly, it would improve the view – I'm not sure if that's town property or the responsibility of the complex to maintain around that pole.

Based on my conversation too – is the school zone speed limit sign on Pelham the only one in town that doesn't have blinking lights to warn the traffic coming off of Lowell? I don't know how much of a difference that would make, but the majority of the traffic was driving well in excess of 20 miles per hour.

Thank you,
Jen

Jennifer Burk
Business Administrator
Hudson School District
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From: Dionne, Tad <tdionne@hudsonnh.gov>

Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 1:16 PM

To: Avery, William <wavery@hudsonnh.gov>; Jennifer Burk <jburk@sau81.org>; Dhima, Elvis <edhima@hudsonnh.gov>

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Hi all,

I have determined the complainant is Robyn Gervais. She walks a Pre-K child from Burns Hill Apartment to school between 11:20- 11:30 and 12:20-12:30. She definitely called yesterday. She also identified herself to Elvis and Jen as Robyn.

Sgt. Riley responded to the area, upon my request, after I briefed him of safety concerns at 8:15 and reported no issues while he was there at the beginning of the day.

He again responded at before 11:20 and waited till after 11:30. No one crossed today at the crosswalks. He had an officer do the same at 12:20 – 12:30. No one crossed as well today.

The time she is referring to is somewhere between 11:20 and 12:30.

Is it better we meet at 11:15?

Captain Tad Dionne

From: Avery, William <wavery@hudsonnh.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 1:31 PM
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Jennifer,

I would recommend we have a meeting early next week to discuss the concerns brought forward before we have a tragedy.

Chief Avery

From: Jennifer Burk <jburk@sau81.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 1:26 PM
To: Dhima, Elvis <edhima@hudsonnh.gov>
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I think it would be prudent to have a conversation around options to improve the safety of pedestrians traveling in the area of that school based on the concerns raised by this parent.

Thank you,
Jen

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Oct 6th

Chartier, Cheryl

From: Forrence, Jess
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 12:57 PM
To: Chartier, Cheryl
Subject: FW: Traffic accidents

Could you put this on the Highway safety meeting's agenda

Jess Forrence
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From: Dhima, Elvis <edhima@hudsonnh.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 8:33 AM
To: Jackee Markunas <justjack7871@yahoo.com>
Cc: Forrence, Jess <jforrence@hudsonnh.gov>
Subject: Re: Traffic accidents

It sure is

I have ccd the chairman of the Commette

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Elvis Dhima P.E.
Town Engineer
12 School Street
Hudson, NH 03051
Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 21, 2021, at 7:48 AM, Jackee Markunas <justjack7871@yahoo.com> wrote:

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Elvis, Is the next highway safety meeting open to the public. I would like to attend. Thanks
Jackie Markunas

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

On Tue, Sep 14, 2021 at 4:30 PM, Dhima, Elvis
<edhima@hudsonnh.gov> wrote:

Jackee

I know that there was a recent accident there not too long ago

I'll pass this along to the Chairman of Highway Safety Committee (DPW Director), for discussion next time the group gets together

We will discuss it and find out if there is anything we can do, depending if there is any funding available

Thank you for reaching out

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Elvis Dhima, P.E.

Town Engineer

12 School Street

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Phone: (603) 886-6008

Mobile: (603) 318-8286

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Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 4:13 PM

To: Dhima, Elvis <edhima@hudsonnh.gov>

Subject: Traffic accidents

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Elvis, I'm sorry I missed your call. I would like to discuss the amount of accidents that occur at the intersection of Chase st, Central St, and Fulton Street. The police station told me there is no public record of how many accidents have occurred here but from living here it is quite a lot. I would like the highway safety committee to consider ways to mitigate accidents.

Thank you for your time.

Jackie Markunas

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Chartier, Cheryl

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From: Forrence, Jess
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Please add to the Highway Safety meeting for Oct 6th

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Thank you Jennifer

What we can do is put this on the Highway Safety Committee and take it from there

We could meet or discuss this after the HSC recommendation, up to you

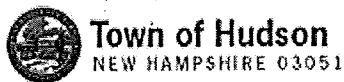
As it was stated , my main concern is funding

Thank you

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Chartier, Cheryl

From: Forrence, Jess
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 8:47 AM
To: Chartier, Cheryl
Subject: Highway Safety

Could you add this to the for October 6th Highway Safety Meeting,, No Parking Signs at the end of Sagamore Park Rd at the new DCU mall.

Jess Forrence
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Town of Hudson
NEW HAMPSHIRE 03051

Oct 6



August 19, 2021

To whom it may concern,

I am contacting you in regard to the lack of stop signs at the intersections of Wentworth and Hampshire Dr. We recently had a USPS Carrier who was taking a left hand turn from Hampshire Dr onto Wentworth Dr and a POV coming from Wentworth Dr onto Hampshire Dr and the POV struck our Postal truck with the front end of his vehicle hitting the Postal truck causing damage. The driver of the POV fled the scene. It was reported to the local police and though we are extremely grateful that our carrier walked away unscathed we believe more can be done to prevent this kind of accident if not worse from happening in the future.

The main concern is that at this particular intersection our carriers have had many close calls and we believe the placement of a stop sign or two in that intersection would prevent further accidents from occurring. We hope you take this into consideration and thank you for the opportunity to address this matter with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cassandra Hickey". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Cassandra Hickey, Supervisor Customer Service
United States Postal Service
(603) 881-4201
35 Executive Dr.
Hudson NH 03051

SECTION IV - CRASH TIME AND LOCATION (Use Section VII if additional space is needed)

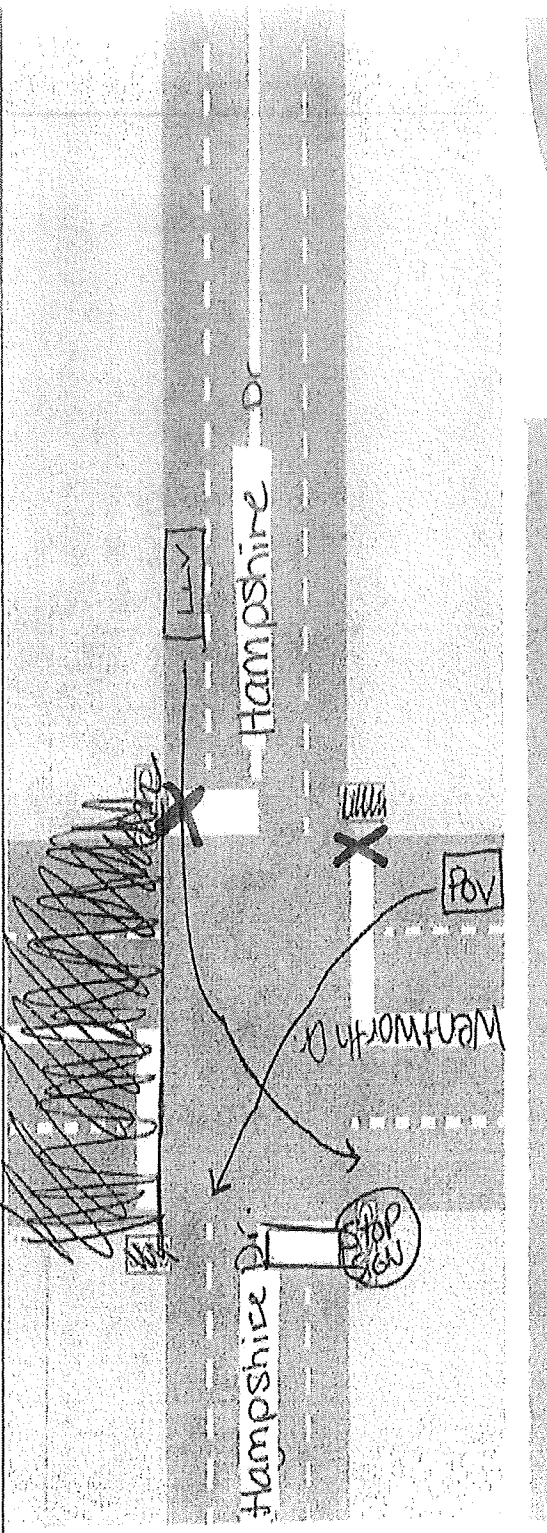
49. PLACE OF CRASH (Street address, city, state, ZIP Code; nearest landmark; Distance nearest intersection; Kind of locality; Industrial, Suburban, Residential, open country, etc.); Road description.

WENTWORTH DR & HAMPSHIRE DR. intersection

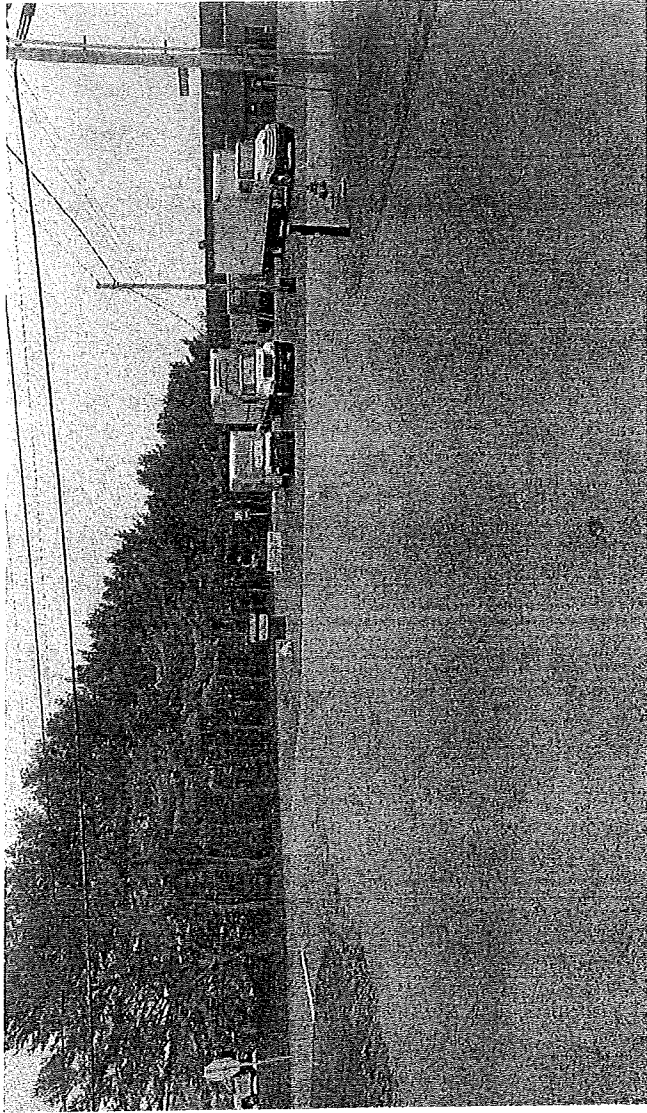
48. DATE OF CRASH
08/09/2021

50. TIME OF CRASH
12:55 AM PM

51. INDICATE ON THE DIAGRAMS BELOW WHAT HAPPENED



X - location we wish to see
stop signs placed



THE DETAILS:

Who: Rural Carrier

What: Rural Carrier taking left onto Wentworth Dr and POV taking left onto Hampshire Dr. POV struck LLY and then fled the scene.

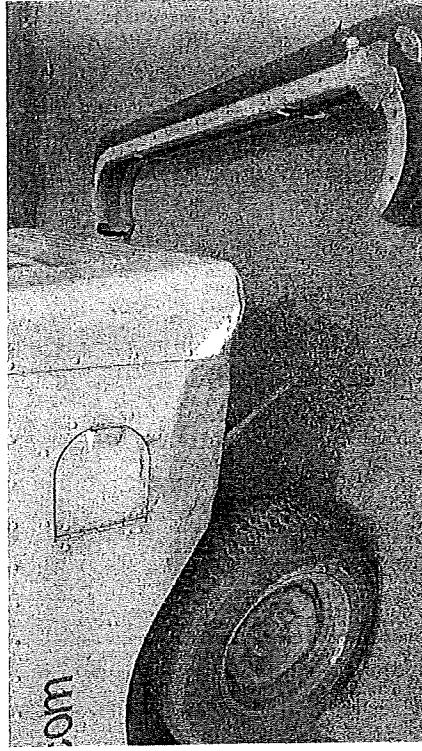
When: Saturday August 7, 2021 at approx. 12:55PM

Where: Wentworth Dr and Hampshire Dr. intersection

Why: Haste and inattentiveness to surroundings

POINT OF CONTACT

Behind LLV's left rear tire well



Strike removed bumper and dented the rear of the left wheel well.

