

Nelson Safe Road Use Committee

Minutes: Meeting of 9/26/2017

Present: Mary Cornog, Chair; Gary Robinson, Selectman; Richard Pratt, Chief of Police; Mike Tarr, Road Agent; H Lee Colson, Nubanusit Rd; Richard Anderson, Apple Hill Dir. Of Bldgs/Grnds;;Karen Tolman, Tolman Pond Rd; Dennis DellaGreca, Dir. of Emergency Management; Mare-Anne Jarvela, Granite Lake Rd

Minutes of Safe Road Use Committee mtg of 9/12 approved, with typo corrected

Meeting began with discussion of access to/use of radar to measure speed/volume on Nelson roads, on Nelson Rd through town and Granite Lake Rd by school to start with

Trailer would be movable, so useful 1) to measure speed/volume of traffic at various locations and 2) to keep drivers alert and aware of their speed

Upshot: Richie will check prices of various models—state will pay half/town half—for recommendation to select board

Discussion of use of removable speed bumps brought agreement that these probably would not be a good idea

Mike Tarr said that Hancock tried them, ran into liability issues, removed bumps (chickens, turkeys, sheep, geese, horses in road suggested as alternate obstacles to slow motorists down—no animals were or will be harmed in the course of this piece of imagination)

Stop sign suggested for left-turning lane at intersection of Brickyard Rd/Tolman Pd Rd-- Nelson's tradition of trees in triangles conflicts with state's preference for T-intersections with stop signs, dislike of 'slipped lanes'

Survey suggested to find out what issues town residents might want to see addressed/what measures they would like to see instituted—run survey on line to avoid expense of/non-response to mailing—we need to decide on approach and design questions—discussion to be continued

Karen, Mare-Anne, Lee will draft a letter informing tenants about things to do and suggesting how and where to move about in Nelson—to be distributed through cabin proprietors, Granite Lake Assn, Nubanusit Lake Assn recommendation that pedestrians wear bright color noticeable to drivers—perhaps packet could include bandoliers or some such items for visitors to wear when walking—Gary will get prices on bandoliers packet also to include map of Nelson roads—Mary to ask Dave Birchenough for map to put in info packet and to use at our own meetings

Committee members agreed that change in methods used to alert drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, and others using the roads would be essential to success—effect of any method dwindles as road users get used to it

Discussion of use of leashes when walking dogs arose—it turns out there is no leash law in Nelson, rather need for dog to be 'under control of person' (there are only two ordinances in Nelson: 1) no feeding of waterfowl, and 2) no parking along roads 11/15-4/15, to facilitate plowing)

Attempts to contact SWRP and NH State DOT not successful in time for this meeting—Mary will pursue messages found in email upon return home

Meeting adjourned 8:36pm

Respectfully submitted—

Mary W. Cornog, Chair