

Nelson Share the Roads Committee
10/24/2017

Meeting called to order by chair at 7:05

Minutes of previous meeting—9/26/2017—approved
Guest: Mari Brunner from SWRP to advise on ideas and regional connections

Police Chief Richard Pratt presented information on speed monitor with trailer that his department will request that selectmen include in warrant. State will give matching grant for more flexible model.

Chair Mary Cornog reported that SWRP, through Henry Underwood, has agreed to schedule traffic monitoring device in town of Nelson and in front of Nelson School. Chief Pratt reported that his recent conversation with Principal Ron Upton says speed or amount of traffic past school are not a problem. After discussion, placement of device along Stretch of road along Granite Lake would be more useful.

Discussion of possible traffic calming measures, from reflective decals in road to fog lines creating narrower lanes to pedestrian signs—Mari Brunner will make connection to state DOT for more information. Y She recommends we consult Geometric Design for Very Low Volume Roads, pub. AASHTO

Discussion of importance of public education component of our efforts—M Brunner agrees this is key. Question: How to approach runners on the road who endanger themselves by wearing dark—non-visible clothing—and/or run in middle of road. No easy way to do this 'on the spot' without alarming the runner; though walkers/runners/bicycle or horseback riders should work in their own defense—and motorists should be alert for them

Discussion of speed issue along Granite Lake Rd, and along Est Shore and Eaton Rds—need to connect with Stoddard to talk about sharing responsibility for and management of this situation, since traffic comes into Nelson from Stoddard.

Discussion of need to revise Nelson's Master Plan so that we have methods in place to predict and manage changes coming our way—another way SWRP could help

Meeting adjourned 8:36

Next mtg 11/28/2017