

**Town of Chester
Highway Safety Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 27, 2023
Town Hall Meeting Room
Approved Minutes**

I Preliminaries

9:00am Call the Meeting to Order

Roll Call

Chairman's Additions or Deletions

Approval of Minutes – 6/28/2023

Speed Limit on Town Roads (Hemlock Ln.) - **Tabled**

Trimming of Trees (Piper)

Any Other Old Business

Accident Reports – 6/1/2023-8/31/2023

Reports from Departments

Any Other New Business

Date of Next Meeting & Adjournment

1.1 Call to Order

Chairman Berube called this meeting of the Town of Chester Highway Safety Committee (HSC) to order at 9:02am.

1.2 Roll Call

Present:

Aaron Berube, Police Chief, Committee Chair

Paul Cavanaugh, Maintenance Director

Phil Gladu, Fire Chief

Andrew Hadik, Town Planner

David LaVita, Resident

Manette Pacheco, Resident

Justin Paquette, Police Lieutenant

James Piper, Supervisor of Roads (SOR)

1.3 Chairman's Additions or Deletions

Chairman Berube added radar trailer to **3.3 Any Other New Business**.

II. Old Business

2.1 Approval of Minutes: June 28, 2023

Maintenance Director Cavanaugh moved to accept the Highway Safety Committee meeting minutes of June 28, 2023 as written; Town Planner Hadik seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; motion carried.

2.2 Speed Limit on Town Roads (Hemlock Ln.)

TA Doda was going to obtain pricing information on survey mailers. She is not present at this HSC meeting, therefore this item has been **tabled** to the next HSC meeting.

2.3 *Trimming of Trees (Piper)*

SOR Piper indicated that tree/limb management is and probably always will be an ongoing task. There are a number of known problem areas that must be addressed before injury or damage occurs. Former Road Agent Oleson (not present) had tried many times to obtain funding for proactive management of trees/limbs posing threats in rights-of-way, but his requests were denied. The two full-time Highway employees (plus SOR Piper when available) are regularly working on trees they are able to access; however, tree companies with bucket/crane trucks are required to be hired at times which is very expensive.

Since this is an ongoing issue, Chairman Berube will remove this from the HSC agenda.

2.4 *Any Other Old Business*

None.

III. New Business

3.1 *Accident Reports – June 1, 2023 through August 31, 2023*

All members of the Highway Safety Committee were provided accident status reports for June 1, 2023 through August 31, 2023; please see attached.

3.2 *Reports from Departments*

Ms. Pacheco: She thanked the Committee for their assistance getting the speed limit reduced to 25 MPH on the unpaved portion of Halls Village Rd.; it has been a great help.

SOR Piper: The Fremont Rd. bridge should be wear coursed this week. Guard rails are presently being installed on Lane Rd. at the recent beaver dam washout location. North Pond Rd. guard rails are presently being addressed as well.

Town Planner Hadik: Mr. Dunn with NHDOT (not present) will present two options to rework the 102/121 intersection to the Planning Board on November 8th. SNHPC's 10-year plan still includes the reworking of the center intersection & the Shepard Home Rd. bridge. Last week Mr. Hadik attended a presentation with the Transportation Advisory Committee featuring high-tech traffic study equipment. The developers of the proposed SanChester development met with the Planning Board recently and discussed the four-way intersection that will be created when the new road is added across from the south entrance of Jenkins Farm Rd.

Police Chief Berube: the I-93 Exit 4A project will have a major impact on traffic in Chester; but the NHDOT is trying to stay ahead of it.

The remaining representatives had nothing to report.

3.3 *Any Other New Business*

3.3.1 Radar Trailer

Chairman Berube mentioned that the All Traffic Solutions radar trailer subscription renewal cost was \$1,500. Without this subscription, nothing can be done with the data that the radar trailer collects. The HSC recommends the subscription be renewed for another year and charged to the IT budget line; and to reassess moving forward. The data collected by this equipment will be crucial in developing plans to manage speed limits on Town roads.

IV. Date of Next Meeting & Adjournment

The next meeting of the Highway Safety Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at 9:00am in the Town Hall meeting room.

Maintenance Director Cavanaugh moved to adjourn the meeting; Town Planner Hadik seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Caroline R. Wilson, Recording Secretary



Accident Status Report

Page: 1

From: 06/01/2023 Thru: 08/31/2023

09/18/2023

Location: (ALL)
 Street(s): (ALL)
 Zones: (ALL)
 Weekday(s): (ALL)

Accident ID	Officer	State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time	Location / Street Names
23CHE-35-AC	3147 Operator> [REDACTED] Operator> [REDACTED]	Yes 06/06/2023 1255	868 RAYMOND RD @ 15 HANSON RD Veh# 1 Veh# 2
23CHE-36-AC	4031 Operator> [REDACTED] Operator> [REDACTED]	Yes 06/11/2023 0845	868 RAYMOND RD @ 15 HANSON RD Veh# 2 Veh# 1
23CHE-37-AC	9749 Operator> [REDACTED] Passenger> [REDACTED]	Yes 06/14/2023 2018	CHESTER GENERAL STORE / 2 HAVERHILL RD Veh# 1 Veh# 1
23CHE-38-AC	9749 Operator> [REDACTED]	No 06/19/2023 1557	446 HAVERHILL RD Veh# 1
23CHE-39-AC	4079 Operator> [REDACTED] Operator> [REDACTED] Passenger> [REDACTED]	Yes 06/22/2023 2034	157 SMITH RD Veh# 2 Veh# 1 Veh# 1
23CHE-40-AC 1 CHESTER ST	3194 Operator> [REDACTED] Operator> [REDACTED]	Yes 06/28/2023 1656	INTERSECTION OF ROUTE 121 & ROUTE 102 / 9 DER Veh# 1 Veh# 2 Injured
23CHE-41-AC	3147 Operator> [REDACTED] Operator> [REDACTED] Passenger> [REDACTED] Passenger> [REDACTED] Passenger> [REDACTED] Witness> [REDACTED]	Yes 06/30/2023 1545	1 CHESTER ST @ 19 RAYMOND RD Veh# 1 Veh# 2 Veh# 1 Veh# 1 Veh# 2 Veh# 2 Veh# 0
23CHE-42-AC	3147 Operator> [REDACTED]	Yes 07/18/2023 0933	331 NORTH POND RD Veh# 1
23CHE-43-AC	3194 Operator> [REDACTED] Operator> [REDACTED] Passenger> [REDACTED] Witness> [REDACTED]	Yes 08/08/2023 1447	1 CHESTER ST @ 9 DERRY RD Veh# 1 Injured Veh# 2 Injured Veh# 2 Veh#
23CHE-44-AC	4031 Operator> [REDACTED]	Yes 08/13/2023 1457	196 HAVERHILL RD Veh# 1 Injured

Accident Status Report

Page: 2

From: 06/01/2023 Thru: 08/31/2023

09/18/2023

	Operator> [REDACTED]	Veh# 3 Injured
	Operator> [REDACTED]	Veh# 2
	Passenger> [REDACTED]	Veh# 3 Injured
23CHE-45-AC	<u>Officer</u> <u>State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time</u> 0042 Yes 08/22/2023 0059 Operator> [REDACTED]	<u>Location / Street Names</u> DERRY RD Veh# 1
23CHE-46-AC	<u>Officer</u> <u>State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time</u> 3147 Yes 08/23/2023 0900 Operator> [REDACTED]	<u>Location / Street Names</u> CHESTER ST Veh# 1
23CHE-48-AC	<u>Officer</u> <u>State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time</u> 3194 Yes 08/25/2023 1508 Operator> [REDACTED] Operator> [REDACTED] Passenger> [REDACTED]	<u>Location / Street Names</u> 328 DERRY RD Veh# 1 Veh# 2 Veh# 2
23CHE-47-AC	<u>Officer</u> <u>State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time</u> 3001 Yes 08/26/2023 1256 Operator> [REDACTED] Operator> [REDACTED] Passenger> [REDACTED]	<u>Location / Street Names</u> DERRY RD Veh# 1 Veh# 2 Veh# 2
23CHE-49-AC	<u>Officer</u> <u>State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time</u> 3147 Yes 08/30/2023 1130 Operator> [REDACTED] Witness> [REDACTED]	<u>Location / Street Names</u> 361 CHESTER ST Veh# 1 Injured Veh# 1

State Reports Required: 14
 # State Reports Not Required: 1