

**Town of Chester
Highway Safety Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 18, 2019
Municipal Complex Meeting Room
Approved Minutes**

I Preliminaries

- 9:00am Call the Meeting to Order
- Roll Call
- Chairman’s Additions or Deletions
- Approval of Minutes
- Parking Issue & Property Concerns at Chester General Store
- Town Fair Parking
- 714 / 724 Fremont Road Signage
- Accident Reports
- Reports from Departments
- Establish Committee Members / Vote
- 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 9:05am.

1.2 Roll Call

Present:

- Aaron Berube, Police Chief, Committee Chair
- Greg Bolduc, Fire Chief
- Myrick Bunker, Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Officer
- Paul Cavanaugh, Maintenance Supervisor (arrived 9:34am)
- Andrew Hadik, Planning Coordinator
- Darrell Lockwood, Chester Academy Superintendent
- Jean Methot, Resident
- Corinna Reishus, Recreation Director

Others Present at Various Times:

- Matt Higgins, Police Department
- Sam Nasr, Chester General Store Owner

1.3 Chairman’s Additions or Deletions

None.

II. Old Business

2.1 Approval of Minutes: June 19, 2019 and September 18, 2019

Planning Coordinator Hadik moved to accept the Highway Safety Committee meeting minutes of June 19, 2019 and September 18, 2019 as written; Building Inspector Bunker

52 **seconded the motion. The vote was six in favor with Messrs. Lockwood and Methot**
54 **abstaining due to absence; motion carried.**

54 **2.2 Parking Issue & Property Concerns at Chester General Store**

56 Mr. Nasr stated that there have been fewer problems with parking since the former adjacent
58 business closed. There are ongoing issues with vehicles entering and exiting the wrong way.
60 Mr. Nasr explained that General Store staff park out back. By next month, a survey of the lot
will be complete as a financial services office is planning to move into the former nail salon.

62 This item will be removed from the agenda.

64 **2.3 Town Fair Parking**

66 This issue was brought up at the last HSC meeting by Fire Lieutenant Newnan (not present) as
68 there were a number of parking issues observed at Town Fair. Recreation Director Reishus
noted that parking is always an issue at Town Fair and that vendors account for a large portion
70 of the vehicles. A single booth may have upwards of ten volunteers, each with their own car.
Ms. Reishus estimates that there can be 50-100 vendor cars at Town Fair.

72 At the last HSC meeting, Selectman D’Angelo (not present) suggested moving Town Fair to
Wason Pond and / or Spring Hill Farm. Ms. Reishus explained that the town fields are the only
74 viable location for Town Fair as there is both parking and electricity on site. Chairman Berube
suggested having parking at Wason Pond and offering shuttle services; Ms. Reishus felt this
76 would be costly and she would not want to be putting pedestrians on this dangerous portion of
Route 102. Chairman Berube suggested reaching out to the property owners of 12 Chester
78 Street to see if they may allow use of their field for parking.

80 Ms. Reishus asked if FD parking could be offered to vendors; Fire Chief Bolduc demurred, it
should be open to FD staff only. Superintendent Lockwood suggested charging for parking as a
82 fundraiser and utilizing parking attendants. Chairman Berube wondered if the hopscotch area at
the School could be opened up for parking. Fire Chief Bolduc felt that opening this area would
84 be an invitation for people to do whatever they want. Mr. Nasr suggested that each vendor be
given two parking passes and encouraged to carpool or park offsite.

86 **Fire Chief Bolduc moved to remove Town Fair parking from the Highway Safety**
88 **Committee agenda; Building Inspector Bunker seconded the motion. The vote was**
unanimous in the affirmative; motion carried.

90 This item will be removed from the agenda.

92 **2.4 714 / 724 Fremont Road Signage**

94 It was noted that chevron signs have been placed in the vicinity of 714 / 724 Fremont Road.

96 This item will remain on the agenda for follow up with Road Agent Oleson.

98 **III. New Business**

100 **3.1 Accident Reports**

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Please see the 9/01/2019 through 12/10/2019 accident status report attached.

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3.2 Reports from Departments

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Planning:

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- Planning Coordinator Hadik has yet to hear from NHDOT regarding the status of the plan of action for the 102/121 intersection.

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- He is also awaiting a response from NHDOT regarding the requested Road Safety Audit of the stretch of Route 102 between Lane Road and Rod and Gun Club Road. It was noted that removal of the passing lane in front of Wason Pond could greatly reduce speed-related incidents.

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- It has been confirmed that the Town *does* own the area in front of 4 Haverhill Road (with the cannons); the deed was recorded at the Registry last week.

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Fire:

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- Since the last HSC meeting there have been three minor accidents (side mirror damage done to a vehicle, rescue vehicle slid off the road, and delineator post knocked over; respectively).

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- The FD emergency access road is done; signs just need to be installed.

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Mr. Nasr: Nothing to report.

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Mr. Methot:

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- He just wanted to make sure that the annual scarecrow display is as safe as it can be. Chairman Berube and others felt that it was; all possible precautions seem to be taken. Mr. Nasr noted that he advises patrons not to cross 102/121. It was suggested that those putting up scarecrows keep them a safe distance from the right of way.

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School:

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- Superintendent Lockwood noted that he is dealing with the usual winter issues of late buses and school closures due to inclement weather.

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- It was suggested that the entry lane at Murphy Drive and Route 102 be plowed wider in upcoming storms.

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Building: Nothing to report.

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Recreation: Nothing to report.

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Maintenance:

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- Transfer Station Supervisor Czarnec (not present) expressed concern with the current procedure of removing snow from the trailers by accessing them by ladder. It was noted that this is a recurrent issue and should be brought up at the next Joint Loss Management Committee meeting. Investing in a trailer scraper was felt to be an ideal way to resolve this issue.

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Police:

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- There are many weather-related accidents as usual for this time of year.

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- Chairman Berube asked the Committee their thoughts on changing the flashing pattern of the beacon atop the stop sign at the 102/121 intersection. The committee strongly agreed that changing it quarterly, for example, would improve its visibility.

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154 **3.5 Establish Committee Members / Vote**

156 Chairman Berube explained that every two years, the HSC must evaluate and vote on
158 membership. Chairman Berube suggested this be postponed to the next meeting when more
members are present; the committee agreed.

160 **IV. Date of Next Meeting & Adjournment**

162 The next meeting of the Highway Safety Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25,
2019 at 1:00pm in the Municipal Complex Meeting Room.

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166 **Fire Chief Bolduc moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Methot seconded the motion. The
vote was unanimous in the affirmative; motion carried.**

168 The meeting was adjourned at 9:59am.

170 Respectfully Submitted,
Caroline R. Wilson, Recording Secretary

		Accident Status Report	Page: 1
		From: 09/01/2019 Thru: 12/10/2019	12/10/2019
		Location: (ALL) Street(s): (ALL) Zones: (ALL) Weekday(s): (ALL)	
19-45-AC	Officer 869 Operator> [REDACTED] Operator> [REDACTED] Witness> [REDACTED]	State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time Yes 09/03/2019 1549	Location / Street Names 9 DERRY RD # 1 CHESTER ST Veh# 2 Veh# 1 Veh#
19-46-AC	Officer 127 Operator> [REDACTED] Operator> [REDACTED]	State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time Yes 09/06/2019 1723	Location / Street Names 9 DERRY RD # 1 CHESTER ST Veh# 1 Veh# 2
19-47-AC	Officer 638 Operator> [REDACTED] Passenger> [REDACTED]	State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time Yes 09/19/2019 0023	Location / Street Names 119 RAYMOND RD @ 5 LEDGE RD Veh# 1 Veh# 1
19-48-AC	Officer 723 Operator> [REDACTED]	State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time No 09/29/2019 1033	Location / Street Names RAYMOND RD Veh# 1
19-49-AC	Officer 620 Operator> [REDACTED] Operator> [REDACTED]	State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time Yes 09/30/2019 0805	Location / Street Names AREA OF HOUSE NUMBER 291 / CHESTER ST Veh# 1 Veh# 2
19-50-AC	Officer 204 Operator> [REDACTED] Passenger> [REDACTED]	State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time No 10/02/2019 1306	Location / Street Names WEBSTER LN AT DERRY RD / 1 WEBSTER LN @ 199 D Veh# 1 Veh# 1
19-52-AC	Officer 620 Operator> [REDACTED] Witness> [REDACTED]	State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time Yes 10/04/2019 1818	Location / Street Names RAYMOND RD Veh# 1 Veh# 1
19-51-AC	Officer 638 Operator> [REDACTED] Operator> [REDACTED]	State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time Yes 10/15/2019 0729	Location / Street Names 2 HAVERHILL RD # 9 DERRY RD Veh# 1 Veh# 2
19-53-AC	Officer 204 Operator> [REDACTED]	State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time No 10/25/2019 0921	Location / Street Names 45 SANDOWN RD Veh# 1
19-54-AC	Officer 204 Operator> [REDACTED]	State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time Yes 11/02/2019 0915	Location / Street Names VILLAGER WEST OF CANDIA RD / VILLAGER RD Veh# 1
19-55-AC	Officer 127 Operator> [REDACTED]	State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time Yes 11/06/2019 1850	Location / Street Names REAR / LANE RD Veh# 1
19-56-AC	Officer [REDACTED]	State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time [REDACTED]	Location / Street Names [REDACTED]

Accident Status Report

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Officer	State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time	Location / Street Names
127 Operator> ██████████	No 11/06/2019 1856	30 REED RD # 1 ISAAC FOSS RD Veh# 1
19-57-AC 127 Operator> ██████████	No 11/09/2019 1857	DRURY RD Veh# 1
19-58-AC 869 Operator> ██████████	Yes 11/12/2019 0004	RAYMOND RD Veh# 1
19-59-AC 638 Operator> ██████████	Yes 11/12/2019 1936	JUST NORTH OF 280 / CANDIA RD Veh# 1 Injured
19-60-AC 620 Operator> ██████████ Passenger> ██████████ Passenger> ██████████ Passenger> ██████████ Operator> ██████████	No 11/14/2019 1100	IN FRONT OF # 4 / CHESTER ST Veh# 1 Veh# 1 Veh# 1 Veh# 1 Veh# 2
19-61-AC 127 Operator> ██████████ Operator> ██████████ Operator> ██████████	Yes 11/29/2019 1704	9 DERRY RD # 1 CHESTER ST Veh# 1 Veh# 2 Injured Veh# 3
19-62-AC 869 Operator> ██████████	No 12/03/2019 0107	692 RAYMOND RD Veh# 1
19-63-AC 638 Operator> ██████████ Operator> ██████████ Passenger> ██████████	Yes 12/05/2019 0748	IN FRONT OF HOUSE NUMBER 713 / RAYMOND RD Veh# 1 Veh# 2 Injured Veh# 2
19-64-AC 869 Operator> ██████████ Passenger> ██████████ Operator> ██████████	Yes 12/06/2019 0957	1 CHESTER ST # 9 DERRY RD Veh# 2 Veh# 2 Veh# 1
19-65-AC 620 Operator> ██████████	Yes 12/08/2019 1654	1/4 MILE EAST OF CANDIA ROAD / LANE RD Veh# 1

State Reports Required: 14
 ‡ State Reports Not Required: 7