

**Town of Chester
Highway Safety Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 14, 2022
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 – 6/14/2022
Line Striping
Any Other Old Business
Accident Reports – 6/1/2022 to 8/31/2022
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 9:01am.

1.2 Roll Call

Present:

Aaron Berube, Police Chief, Committee Chair
Debra Doda, Town Administrator
Andrew Hadik, Town Planner
Jean Methot, Resident
Sharon Locke, School Superintendent
Manette Pacheco, Resident

Absent:

Myrick Bunker, Building Inspector
Paul Cavanaugh, Maintenance Director
Phil Gladu, Fire Chief
Mike Oleson, Road Agent

1.3 Chairman's Additions or Deletions

Update from DOT on the center of town
Traffic Count update
Concerned Citizen – hidden driveway sign

II. Old Business

2.1 Approval of Minutes: June 14, 2022

Mr. Methot moved to accept the Highway Safety Committee meeting minutes of June 14, 2022 as written; Town Planner Hadik seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; motion carried.

2.2 Line Striping

With Road Agent Oleson being absent line striping has been tabled.

This item will remain on the agenda.

2.3 Any Other Old Business

Town Planner Hadik provided updates from the DOT for the center of town. The design team will have a conceptual design by the end of the month. He has requested they present the plans to both Highway Safety Committee and Board of Selectmen.

III. New Business

3.1 Accident Reports – June 1, 2022 through August 31, 2022

All members of the Highway Safety Committee were provided accident status reports for June 1, 2022 through August 31, 2022; please see attached.

Chairman Berube explained that there were 15 reportable and 3 non-reportable accidents in this report; with 3 injuries.

3.2 Reports from Departments

Town Planner Hadik:

- Planning Board is working on a 3-lot subdivision on Candia Road.
- Traffic speeds have increased near the curve and hill on Lane Road. A resident has asked for a caution blind driveway sign to be placed. Mr. Methot agrees this driveway is hard to get in and out of.

Superintendent Locke motioned to have Town Planner Hadik send a request for action to the Road Agent requesting a caution blind driveway ahead sign be placed. Town Administrator Doda seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; motion carried.

- SNHPC has placed traffic counters on all roads at the intersection in the center of town until Monday September 19th, 2022.

Town Administrator Doda: Nothing to report.

Mr. Methot:

- Scarecrows are being put up around town prior to the grand finale (September 24th).
- People are not happy about the parking areas for the parade. Plans are in place for shuttles to get people to the event from the parking areas.

Superintendent Locke

- A complaint about a bus route on Lady Slipper (private road) has been taken care of. Follow up sent from Superintendent Locke after the meeting advised another complaint came in and it was determined to be a bus driver who lives on the road and not an actual route. The complaint information has been forwarded to First Student. At this point it is not a school issue.
- The school is working on refurbishing or installing a new slow school sign near the school. Chief Berube suggested looking into the new LED slow school zone when flashing sign in front of the school in Candia.

Secretary Jalbert: Nothing to report.

Chairman Berube:

- He is working on DWI and Texting while Driving grants for the Police Department.

3.3 Any Other New Business

Speed Signs

Ms. Pacheco stated 5-6 years ago the speed sign on the dirt portion of Halls Village was changed to 30 MPH. She is requesting the speed limit be decreased to the previous speed. Drivers are driving much faster, and it is not safe to jog, walk or ride horses. Chief Berube advised the Board of Selectmen have the authority to change speed limits on town roads. The speed signs can be requested by calling the Police Department to get data on what the speeds are and times.


IV. Date of Next Meeting & Adjournment

The next meeting of the Highway Safety Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at 9:00am in the Town Hall meeting room.

Superintendent Locke moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Methot seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janis A. Jalbert, Recording Secretary

		Accident Status Report		Page: 1
		From: 06/01/2022 Thru: 08/31/2022	09/07/2022	
Location: (ALL) Street(s): (ALL) Zones: (ALL) Weekday(s): (ALL)				
22CHE-35-AC	Officer 4058 Operator> Witness> Witness>	State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time Yes 06/04/2022 1254 Yes 06/11/2022 1558 Yes 06/19/2022 2039 Yes 06/26/2022 1017 Yes 06/26/2022 0010 Yes 07/04/2022 2343 Yes 07/19/2022 1635 Yes 08/05/2022 1529 Yes 08/07/2022 1503 No 08/16/2022 1245 Yes 08/16/2022 2311	Location / Street Names 664 CANDIA RD Veh# 1 Injured Veh# 2 Veh# 2 YOUR VARIETY CONVENIENCE STORE / 692 RAYMOND Veh# 1 Veh# 2 HAVERHILL RD Veh# 1 267 HAVERHILL RD Veh# 1 97 DERRY RD Veh# 2 Veh# 1 HAVERHILL RD @ JENKINS FARM RD Veh# 1 Injured 11 CHESTER ST @ DERRY RD Veh# 1 Veh# 2 Injured Veh# Veh# Veh# AT THE DRIVEWAY ACCESS TO / 165 SMITH RD Veh# 1 DRIVEWAY OF / 25 WELLS VILLAGE RD Veh# 1 Veh# 2 177 SANDOWN RD Veh# 1 74 DERRY RD Veh# 1	
22CHE-36-AC	Officer 0042 Operator> Operator>	State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time No 06/11/2022 1558 No 06/11/2022 1558	Location / Street Names YOUR VARIETY CONVENIENCE STORE / 692 RAYMOND Veh# 1 Veh# 2	
SHAKER HEIGHTS LN	Operator> Operator>	State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time No 06/11/2022 1558 No 06/11/2022 1558	Location / Street Names YOUR VARIETY CONVENIENCE STORE / 692 RAYMOND Veh# 1 Veh# 2	
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22CHE-39-AC	Officer 4057 Operator>	State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time Yes 06/26/2022 1017 Yes 06/26/2022 1017	Location / Street Names 267 HAVERHILL RD Veh# 1	
22CHE-38-AC	Officer 0042 Operator> Operator>	State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time Yes 06/26/2022 0010 Yes 06/26/2022 0010 Yes 06/26/2022 0010	Location / Street Names 97 DERRY RD Veh# 2 Veh# 1	
22CHE-40-AC	Officer 4058 Operator>	State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time Yes 07/04/2022 2343 Yes 07/04/2022 2343	Location / Street Names HAVERHILL RD @ JENKINS FARM RD Veh# 1 Injured	
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22CHE-42-AC	Officer 9749 Operator>	State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time Yes 08/05/2022 1529 Yes 08/05/2022 1529	Location / Street Names AT THE DRIVEWAY ACCESS TO / 165 SMITH RD Veh# 1	
22CHE-43-AC	Officer 4079 Operator> Parked Car/Runaway>	State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time Yes 08/07/2022 1503 Yes 08/07/2022 1503 *** NONE ***	Location / Street Names DRIVEWAY OF / 25 WELLS VILLAGE RD Veh# 1 Veh# 2	
22CHE-44-AC	Officer 9735 Operator>	State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time No 08/16/2022 1245 No 08/16/2022 1245	Location / Street Names 177 SANDOWN RD Veh# 1	
22CHE-45-AC	Officer 0042 Operator>	State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time Yes 08/16/2022 2311 Yes 08/16/2022 2311	Location / Street Names 74 DERRY RD Veh# 1	

Accident Status Report

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09/07/2022

22CHE-46-AC	<u>Officer</u> 4057	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time</u> Yes 08/23/2022 1815	<u>Location / Street Names</u> 11 HAVERHILL RD @ 19 RAYMOND RD
	Operator> [REDACTED]		Veh# 1
	Operator> [REDACTED]		Veh# 2
22CHE-47-AC	<u>Officer</u> 9749	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time</u> Yes 08/25/2022 0918	<u>Location / Street Names</u> 19 RAYMOND RD @ 1 CHESTER ST
	Operator> [REDACTED]		Veh# 1 Injured
22CHE-48-AC	<u>Officer</u> 9556	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time</u> Yes 08/25/2022 1045	<u>Location / Street Names</u> COLE RD
	Operator> [REDACTED]		Veh# 1
22CHE-49-AC	<u>Officer</u> 9556	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time</u> No 08/29/2022 1532	<u>Location / Street Names</u> 9 DERRY RD
	Operator> [REDACTED]		Veh# 1

State Reports Required: 12
State Reports Not Required: 3