

**Town of Chester
Highway Safety Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 23, 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 – 12/15/2021
- Line Striping
- Any Other Old Business
- Accident Reports – 12/1/2021 to 2/28/2022
- 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 9:04am.

1.2 Roll Call

Present:

- Aaron Berube, Police Chief, Committee Chair
- Myrick Bunker, Building Inspector
- Paul Cavanaugh, Maintenance Director
- John Dalrymple, Groundskeeper & Health Officer
- Debra Doda, Town Administrator
- Phil Gladu, Fire Chief
- Andrew Hadik, Town Planner
- Mike Oleson, Road Agent

1.3 Chairman’s Additions or Deletions

None.

II. Old Business

2.1 Approval of Minutes: December 15, 2021

Building Inspector Bunker moved to accept the Highway Safety Committee meeting minutes of December 15, 2021 as written; Town Planner Hadik seconded the motion. The vote was eight in the affirmative; motion carried.

2.2 Line Striping

Road Agent Oleson has not obtained any quotes for line striping; but he will contact LNL in

52 Vermont. Mr. Oleson added that it probably couldn't be done this year with the drastic cuts to
54 the Highway budget. Town Planner Hadik suggested adding line striping to next year's budget
along with documentation supporting line striping as a traffic-calming measure. Mr. Hadik will
request such documentation from NHDOT and Carl Eppich of SNHPC, respectively.

56 Chairman Berube mentioned that there is no state standard for minimum road width relative to
58 striping; but 9' is widely accepted as a travel way minimum.

60 Road Agent Oleson suggested striping on a rotating basis, with 4-5 roads being done each year;
and each redone every 2-3 years. Striping could be budgeted for \$8-10K per year, perhaps
62 under the Signage line.

64 TA Doda could not find a warrant article about line striping; Road Agent Oleson believes that
one went to vote in the 1980s. TA Doda will look again.

66 This item will remain on the agenda.

68 **2.3 Any Other Old Business**

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- 72 • Fire Chief Gladu inspected the **firewood processing operation at 359 Chester St.**; he
felt that emergency vehicles would be able to access the site. Road Agent Oleson
74 asked if Chief Gladu received the property owner's written guarantee that the access
road would be maintained; Mr. Gladu did not. Town Planner Hadik believes that the
76 tower company is responsible for maintaining the access road. It was noted that the
tower company may not be aware of wear and tear being caused by trucks hauling
grapple loads and firewood.

78 This item will be removed from the agenda.

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- 82 • Town Planner Hadik informed the Committee that the **Colby Farm subdivision** (181
Haverhill Rd.) engineers have only submitted a traffic *synopsis*, as opposed to a traffic
84 *study*. Mr. Hadik suggested that since the new road empties onto a state road and it will
only have nine new houses that a traffic study will not be necessary.

86 **III. New Business**

88 **3.1 Accident Reports – 12/1/2021 to 2/28/2022**

90 All members of the Highway Safety Committee were provided accident status reports for
December 1st, 2021 through February 28th, 2022; please see attached.

92 Chairman Berube explained that most of the incidents were winter weather-related. There were
94 several reported injuries.

96 **3.2 Reports from Departments**

98 **Fire Chief Gladu:** There was a serious accident on the evening of Friday, March 18th in which a
speeding vehicle (100 MPH+) crashed into two telephone poles near the NHDOT shed on
100 Raymond Rd. The driver was thrown 29' from his vehicle through the sunroof and was med
flighted to Boston. No other injuries were reported. It was explained that when a suspect needs
102 medical attention, the attending officer is required to accompany them until they are cleared for

104 incarceration. Chairman Berube added that this is a prime example of why two officers should
always be on duty.

106 **Building Inspector Bunker:** Nothing to report.

108 **Town Planner Hadik:** He mentioned that the flashing 20 MPH signs in the school zone are
inconsistent. It was mentioned that Chester Academy is responsible for their maintenance and
110 proper operation.

112 **Groundskeeper / Health Officer Dalrymple:** Nothing to report.

114 **Road Agent Oleson:**

- 116 • There have been many calls in complaint of the seasonal road postings; mud season
has been rough and it is a necessary measure. \$10K of crushed stone has been laid on
the unpaved roads and Mr. Oleson stated that there is not a road in town that one
118 couldn't pass right now. The postings will be lifted Monday, March 28th.
- 120 • Mr. Oleson told the Selectmen last Thursday that Town Dump Rd. needs to be paved - if
it becomes impassable in a snowstorm it would completely disable travel in town.
- 122 • The parking lot drainage at Town Hall (84 Chester St.) is failing. Chairman Berube
added that the State was here last week unblocking their drain. Mr. Oleson noted that
124 Busby had quoted \$150-200K to correct the drainage. Maintenance Director Cavanaugh
has mentioned this to the Selectmen, including the related drainage issues causing
flooding in the MPR.
- 126 • There is \$700K in the Highway budget this year which will be expended paving Jennifer
Dr. and applying wear courses on Harantis Lake Rd. & Webster Ln.
- 128 • Fremont Rd. will be damaged by the trucking for the Garabedian gravel operation that
will be taking place on Stowe Rd.
- 130 • Plow season is over – it was a busy year, and more salt was used than in any other
season in Mr. Oleson's recollection. Salt was over \$20 more per ton.
- 132 • The dirt roads will be graded the first week in April.
- 134 • He received a call from a resident complaining about trash all over Jenkins Farm Rd,
demanding that it be cleaned. He informed them that this is not the purview of the
Highway Department.
- 136 • Jenkins Farm Rd. might be accepted by the Town in June, but only if the ditch lines are
properly cleaned.

138 **Town Administrator Doda:** Nothing to report.

140 **Maintenance Director Cavanaugh:** The elevator company is working at Stevens Hall today.
142 The Transfer Station will need to be shut down for 4 days for installation of the new compactor.
He has reason to believe that heating oil is being stolen from Stevens Hall; the tank reading
144 dropped 245 gallons in 5 days. Maintenance is checking the gauge every day. Chairman
Berube added that anti-theft devices can be installed.

146 **Chairman Berube:** While most things at the Police Department are status quo, DWI arrests
148 are up. He reiterated that Town growth is inevitable. Derry / Londonderry and Raymond areas
are experiencing significant growth which affects Chester; as will the I-93 Exit 4A construction.
150 The next 3-5 years will be very difficult if the Town isn't proactive.

152 **3.3 Any Other New Business**

154 A business owner complained to the PD & Highway Department that the road posting was
156 prohibiting their commercial dumpster from being emptied. Road Agent Oleson spoke to the
158 individual and informed them that this is part of operating a commercial use in the R-1 zone.
Road Agent Oleson added that this particular disposal company has a smaller truck that could
be used.

160 The same complainant also stated that all East Derry Rd. residents dislike the stop signs and
162 that none of the residents feel speeding is a problem. Upon further investigation, it was
discovered that in fact some residents still feel speeding is a serious problem on East Derry Rd.

164 TA Doda received a petition from East Derry Rd. residents to install speed limit signs and stop
166 signs to slow traffic. The petitioner also called and suggested “speed tables” to be installed as
well.

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

170 The next meeting of the Highway Safety Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, June 15, 2022
172 at 9:00am in the Town Hall meeting room.

**Maintenance Director Cavanaugh moved to adjourn the meeting; Building Inspector
174 Bunker seconded the motion. The vote was eight in the affirmative; motion carried.**

176 The meeting was adjourned at 10:00am.

178 Respectfully Submitted,
Caroline R. Wilson, Recording Secretary

POLICE CHESTER, N.H.		Accident Status Report		Page: 1
		From: 12/01/2020	Thru: 02/28/2021	03/10/2021
NO INJURIES				
Location: (ALL) Street(s): (ALL) Zones: (ALL) Weekday(s): (ALL)				
20CHE-61-AC	<u>Officer</u> 9119	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time</u> No 12/05/2020 1204	<u>Location / Street Names</u> NEAR #286 / 286 CHESTER RD	
	Operator>		Veh# 1	
	Passenger>		Veh# 1	
20CHE-62-AC	<u>Officer</u> 4058	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time</u> No 12/07/2020 1120	<u>Location / Street Names</u> ROUTE 93 BEFORE DERRY EXIT / WEBSTER LN @ TOWN RD	
	Operator>		Veh# 1	
	Operator>		Veh# 2	
20CHE-63-AC	<u>Officer</u> 4058	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time</u> Yes 12/09/2020 1133	<u>Location / Street Names</u> 80 RED SQUIRREL LN	
	Operator>		Veh# 1	
20CHE-64-AC	<u>Officer</u> 9042	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time</u> No 12/09/2020 1758	<u>Location / Street Names</u> DERRY RD	
	Operator>		Veh# 1	
20CHE-65-AC	<u>Officer</u> 9749	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time</u> Yes 12/11/2020 1858	<u>Location / Street Names</u> IN THE AREA OF / 664 CANDIA RD	
	Operator>		Veh# 1	
20CHE-66-AC	<u>Officer</u> 4058	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time</u> Yes 12/15/2020 1357	<u>Location / Street Names</u> 1 CHESTER ST @ 9 DERRY RD	
	Operator>		Veh# 1	
	Operator>		Veh# 2	
20CHE-67-AC	<u>Officer</u> 4058	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time</u> Yes 12/18/2020 1021	<u>Location / Street Names</u> G & F PIZZARLA / 692 RAYMOND RD	
	Witness>		Veh# 2	
	Operator>		Veh# 1	
	Parked Car/Runaway>	*** NONE ***	Veh# 2	
20CHE-68-AC	<u>Officer</u> 7089	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time</u> No 12/18/2020 1408	<u>Location / Street Names</u> 95 OLD SANDOWN RD @ 11 EMERSON RD	
	Operator>		Veh# 1	
	Operator>		Veh# 2	
20CHE-69-AC	<u>Officer</u> 4057	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time</u> Yes 12/20/2020 1020	<u>Location / Street Names</u> 491 RAYMOND RD @ 10 LANE RD	
	Operator>		Veh# 1	
20CHE-70-AC	<u>Officer</u> 4079	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time</u> No 12/22/2020 1702	<u>Location / Street Names</u> RAYMOND RD	
	Operator>		Veh# 1	
	Witness>		Veh#	
20CHE-71-AC	<u>Officer</u> 4057	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time</u> Yes 12/24/2020 1721	<u>Location / Street Names</u> AREA OF 603 / RAYMOND RD	
	Operator>		Veh# 1	
	Operator>		Veh# 2	
	Passenger>		Veh# 2	
	Passenger>		Veh# 2	

Accident Status Report

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From: 12/01/2021 Thru: 02/28/2022

03/15/2022

Case ID	Operator	State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time	Location / Street Names	Veh#
22CHE-5-AC	Officer 4057	Yes 01/11/2022 0155	208 NORTH FORD RD	Veh# 1
22CHE-6-AC	Officer 3749	No 01/16/2022 2153	172 RAYMOND RD	Veh# 1 Veh# 1
22CHE-7-AC	Officer 4079	Yes 01/17/2022 1111	668 HAVERHILL RD	Veh# 1 Veh# 2
22CHE-8-AC	Officer 4058	Yes 01/29/2022 1121	RAYMOND RD @ FRENCHY RD	Veh# 1
22CHE-9-AC	Officer 4079	No 01/31/2022 0801	348 RAYMOND RD	Veh# 1
22CHE-10-AC	Officer 4079	Yes 01/31/2022 1457	9 DERRY RD @ 1 CHESTER ST	Veh# 1 Veh# 2 Veh# 2
22CHE-11-AC	Officer 4058	No 02/07/2022 2026	183 FRENCHY RD	Veh# 1 Veh#
22CHE-12-AC	Officer 3749	Yes 02/09/2022 2234	181 HAVERHILL RD	Veh# 1 Injured
22CHE-13-AC	Officer 3749	Yes 02/10/2022 1630	9 DERRY RD	Veh# 1
22CHE-14-AC	Officer 0042	Yes 02/17/2022 0734	9 DERRY RD @ 2 HAVERHILL RD	Veh# 1 Injured Veh# 2 Injured
22CHE-15-AC	Officer 0042	No 02/18/2022 2305	153 CHESTER ST	Veh# 1 Veh#
22CHE-16-AC	Officer 4079	Yes 02/23/2022 1257	868 RAYMOND RD @ 15 HANSON RD	Veh# 1 Veh# 2

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03/10/2021

	Operator> ██████████		Veh# 1
21CHE-13-AC	<u>Officer</u> 4058	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time</u> Yes 02/14/2021 2314	<u>Location / Street Names</u> REED RD
21CHE-14-AC	<u>Officer</u> 4079	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time</u> Yes 02/15/2021 0734	<u>Location / Street Names</u> CHESTER POLICE STATION PARKING LOT / #4 CHEST
	Operator> ██████████		Veh# 1
	Parked Car/Runaway> *** NONE ***		Veh# 2
21CHE-15-AC	<u>Officer</u> 4057	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time</u> Yes 02/16/2021 0801	<u>Location / Street Names</u> SANDOWN RD
	Operator> ██████████		Veh# 1
21CHE-16-AC	<u>Officer</u> 4057	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time</u> No 02/16/2021 0907	<u>Location / Street Names</u> SANDOWN RD
	Operator> ██████████		Veh# 1
21CHE-18-AC	<u>Officer</u> 9749	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time</u> Yes 02/19/2021 2149	<u>Location / Street Names</u> 4 CARDINAL DR @ WASON RD
	Operator> ██████████		Veh# 1
21CHE-17-AC	<u>Officer</u> 9749	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time</u> No 02/19/2021 2001	<u>Location / Street Names</u> 671 RAYMOND RD
	Operator> ██████████		Veh# 1
21CHE-19-AC	<u>Officer</u> 9749	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time</u> No 02/19/2021 2133	<u>Location / Street Names</u> 49 HARANTIS LAKE RD
	Operator> ██████████		Veh# 1
21CHE-20-AC	<u>Officer</u> 4058	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time</u> Yes 02/27/2021 1951	<u>Location / Street Names</u> RAYMOND RD
	Operator> ██████████		Veh# 1
	Witness> ██████████		Veh#

‡ State Reports Required: 17
‡ State Reports Not Required: 14