

**Town of Chester
Highway Safety Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 16, 2020
Virtual Meeting
Approved Minutes**

I Preliminaries

9:00am Call the Meeting to Order
Roll Call
Chairman's Additions or Deletions
Approval of Minutes
Welcome Vice Chair Andrew Hadik
714 / 724 Fremont Road Signage
Refresh One Way Signs at Chester General Store
Accident Reports
Reports from Departments
Date of Next Meeting & Adjournment

1.1 Call to Order

Chairman Berube called this virtual meeting of the Town of Chester Highway Safety Committee (HSC) to order at 9:04am.

1.2 Roll Call

Present via Zoom at Various Times:

Aaron Berube, Police Chief, Committee Chair
Paul Cavanaugh, Maintenance Supervisor
Debra Doda, Town Administrator
Phil Gladu, Fire Captain
Andrew Hadik, Town Planner
Jean Methot, Resident
Mike Oleson, Road Agent

1.3 Chairman's Additions or Deletions

None.

II. Old Business

2.1 Approval of Minutes: September 23, 2020

Fire Captain Gladu moved to accept the Highway Safety Committee meeting minutes of September 23, 2020 as written; Maintenance Supervisor Cavanaugh seconded the motion. The vote was six in the affirmative with Road Agent Oleson yet to arrive; motion carried.

2.2 Welcome Highway Safety Committee Vice Chair Andrew Hadik

Chairman Berube and the HSC members present welcomed Andrew Hadik as the new HSC

52 Vice Chair per vote at the September 23, 2020 meeting.

54 **2.3 714 / 724 Fremont Road Signage**

56 Road Agent Oleson explained that he installed chevron and “Curve Ahead” signs in the vicinity
58 of 714 / 724 Fremont Road.

58 This item will remain on the agenda.
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62 **2.4 Refresh One Way Signs at Chester General Store**

62 Road Agent Oleson noted that the “One Way” signs at the Chester General Store were faded
64 and that he would replace them as soon as possible.

66 This item will remain on the agenda.

68 **III. New Business**

70 **3.1 Accident Reports – 7/1/2020 – 10/31/2020**

72 All members of the Highway Safety Committee were provided accident status reports for July 1st
74 through October 31st, 2020; please see attached.

74 Chairman Berube noted that there have been 2 accident-related fatalities in 2020; one on
76 Haverhill Road and one at Candia Road & Chester Street.

78 **3.2 Reports from Departments**

80 **Mr. Methot:**

- 82 • He asked if the scarecrows created hazardous conditions due to distracting drivers
84 during the month of October; Chairman Berube said unfortunately yes. Chairman
86 Berube explained that all possible measures are taken to reduce the hazards
associated. Officers did address stopping and standing in the road on numerous
occasions.

86 **Fire Captain Gladu:**

- 88 • For safety’s sake, smaller apparatus is used in the winter months when possible, with
90 the larger vehicles being kept in the garage.

90 **Town Planner Hadik:**

- 92 • He contacts Mike Dugas at NHDOT every three months to check the status of the route
94 102/121 intersection; there has been no movement on a solution. NHDOT is
experiencing staffing shortages. Mr. Hadik believes that a solution won’t be reached
until after the COVID-19 pandemic is over.
96 • Jenkins Farm Road and Wilcombs Way were supposed to be paved before winter, but
this did not happen.
98 • The PB renewed the Conditions of Approval for Crowley Woods (but it’s still a long way
from being approved by Candia).
100 • The PB will renew the 1-lot subdivision on Pulpit Rock Road.
• A 36-acre parcel on Haverhill Road has been purchased by a developer who will likely

102 apply for a subdivision.

- 104 • A 157-acre parcel at the end of Pulpit Rock Road has been purchased by a developer who will likely apply for subdivision; this could have significant impact on roads and a traffic study will be required.

106 **Town Administrator Doda:**

- 108 • She will keep an eye on the storm due to come in tonight into tomorrow; please work from home if you can. She is not sure if the BOS will opt to close the building entirely.

110 **Road Agent Oleson:**

- 112 • Please keep cars close together and park along the edge of the Town Hall parking lot to enable the crews to plow. However, he would advise the BOS to close the building.
- 114 • The North Pond Road reconstruction has been very successful. The new culverts are effective and there is no more flooding across the road. Only guardrails and wear course need to be done in spring. Per DES, there will also be 400-500 plants comprising 3 different species that will be planted on the slopes in the spring, which need to be monitored for 5 years at a cost of ~\$1,000-1,500/year.
- 116 • The new hotbox has become a very helpful tool in road repairs.
- 118 • 2-3 large trees were removed in the last storm; they were old, dead trees that were ready to fall.
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122 **Maintenance Supervisor Cavanaugh:**

- 124 • All is well. He is also overseeing the Transfer Station. A new sanitation fogger was purchased which works very well and he expects to be able to use it a couple times per week.

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128 **Building AA Wilson:** Nothing to report.

130 **Police Chief Berube:**

- 132 • Accidents were down during the last storm because it occurred on a Saturday.
- There have been some members of the PD in quarantine.
- Tomorrow's storm will likely result in an increase of accidents.
- 134 • Another cruiser is out for repair because someone backed into it in the center of town.

136 **3.3 Any Other New Business**

138 None.

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


142 The next meeting of the Highway Safety Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, March 17, 2020 at 9:00am in a virtual format.

144 **Road Agent Oleson moved to adjourn the meeting; Maintenance Supervisor Cavanaugh seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; motion carried.**

148 The meeting was adjourned at 9:38am.

Respectfully Submitted,

150 Caroline R. Wilson, Recording Secretary

		Accident Status Report		Page: 1
		From: 07/01/2020 Thru: 10/31/2020	12/14/2020	
Location: (ALL) Street(s): (ALL) Zones: (ALL) Weekday(s): (ALL)				
20CHE-25-AC	Officer 4058 Operator>	State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time Yes 07/08/2020 1038	Location / Street Names DERRY RD / DERRY RD Veh# 1	
20CHE-26-AC	Officer 9556 Operator> Unknown>	State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time Yes 07/14/2020 0614 *** UNKNOWN ***	Location / Street Names 178 DERRY RD Veh# 1 Veh# 2	
20CHE-27-AC RD	Officer 9749 Operator> Operator>	State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time No 07/21/2020 1446	Location / Street Names IN FRONT OF THE CHESTER GENERAL STORE ON / 9 Veh# 1 Veh# 2	
20CHE-28-AC	Officer 9707 Operator> Operator> Passenger>	State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time Yes 07/25/2020 1142	Location / Street Names 1 CHESTER ST @ 9 DERRY RD Veh# 1 Veh# 2 Veh# 1	
20CHE-29-AC	Officer 9556 Operator> Operator>	State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time Yes 07/30/2020 0716	Location / Street Names 1 CHESTER ST @ 9 DERRY RD Veh# 1 Veh# 2	
20CHE-30-AC	Officer 9749 Operator> Passenger>	State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time No 08/02/2020 2245	Location / Street Names RSI GATE ON / DUMP RD Veh# 1 Veh# 1	
20CHE-31-AC	Officer 0042 Operator> Witness>	State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time Yes 08/04/2020 1843	Location / Street Names 1 SANDOWN RD Veh# 1 Veh# 1	
20CHE-32-AC	Officer 4057 Operator> Passenger> Operator>	State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time Yes 08/11/2020 1250	Location / Street Names DERRY RD Veh# 1 Veh# 1 Veh# 2	
20CHE-33-AC	Officer 4058 Operator> Operator>	State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time Yes 08/12/2020 1051	Location / Street Names CENTER OF TOWN / 19 RAYMOND RD @ 11 HAVERHILL Veh# 1 Veh# 2	
20CHE-34-AC	Officer 0042 Operator> Passenger> Passenger> Passenger>	State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time Yes 08/12/2020 2236	Location / Street Names CHESTER ST Veh# 1 Veh# 1 Veh# 1 Veh# 1	

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Accident Number	Officer	State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time	Location / Street Names
20CHE-35-AC	4058 Operator> [REDACTED] Passenger> [REDACTED] Operator> [REDACTED] Witness> [REDACTED] Witness> [REDACTED]	No 08/14/2020 0946	100 RAYMOND RD Veh# 1 Injured Veh# 1 Injured Veh# 2 Veh# 4 Veh# 5
20CHE-36-AC	0042 Operator> [REDACTED]	Yes 08/17/2020 1944	CHESTER STREET / CHESTER ST Veh# 1
20CHE-37-AC	9735 Operator> [REDACTED] Operator> [REDACTED] Passenger> [REDACTED]	Yes 08/20/2020 1514	19 RAYMOND RD @ 11 HAVERHILL RD Veh# 1 Veh# 2 Veh# 2
20CHE-38-AC	4079 Operator> [REDACTED]	No 08/20/2020 1458	8 DEERWOOD HOL Veh# 1
20CHE-39-AC	4058 Operator> [REDACTED]	Yes 08/21/2020 1242	REED RD Veh# 1
20CHE-40-AC	9556 Operator> [REDACTED] Operator> [REDACTED]	Yes 09/04/2020 1421	CHESTER POST OFFICE / 5 CHESTER ST Veh# 1 Veh# 2
20CHE-41-AC	9860 Operator> [REDACTED] Operator> [REDACTED] Passenger> [REDACTED] Witness> [REDACTED]	Yes 09/05/2020 0813	19 RAYMOND RD @ 1 CHESTER ST Veh# 1 Injured Veh# 2 Veh# 2 Veh#
20CHE-42-AC	9556 Operator> [REDACTED] Passenger> [REDACTED] Operator> [REDACTED]	Yes 09/18/2020 1112	15 HANSON RD @ 868 RAYMOND RD Veh# 1 Veh# 1 Veh# 2
20CHE-43-AC	4079 Parked Car/Runaway>	No 09/23/2020 2115	BACK FIELD BEHIND PD / 84 CHESTER ST Veh# 1
20CHE-44-AC	4058 Operator> [REDACTED]	Yes 09/26/2020 2230	AFTER EXETER BRIDGE / SHEPARD HOME RD Veh# 1
20CHE-45-AC	9556 Operator> [REDACTED] Operator> [REDACTED] Passenger> [REDACTED] Witness> [REDACTED] Witness> [REDACTED]	Yes 09/27/2020 2010	CHESTER ST Veh# 1 Injured Veh# 2 Injured Veh# 2 Veh# Veh#

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20CHE-46-AC	<u>Officer</u> 0042	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time</u> No 09/27/2020 1720	<u>Location / Street Names</u> 198 HAVERHILL RD
	Operator> [REDACTED]		Veh# 1 Fatality
	Witness> [REDACTED]		Veh#
	Witness> [REDACTED]		Veh#
	Witness> [REDACTED]		Veh#
	Witness> [REDACTED]		Veh#
20CHE-47-AC	<u>Officer</u> 4079	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time</u> No 09/28/2020 2317	<u>Location / Street Names</u> AREA 223 / LANE RD
	Operator> [REDACTED]		Veh# 1
20CHE-48-AC	<u>Officer</u> 4079	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time</u> No 10/09/2020 1619	<u>Location / Street Names</u> 45 / SANDOWN RD
	Operator> [REDACTED]		Veh# 1
	Witness> [REDACTED]		Veh#
20CHE-49-AC	<u>Officer</u> 9556	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time</u> Yes 10/18/2020 1310	<u>Location / Street Names</u> 9 DERRY RD @ 1 HAVERHILL RD
	Operator> [REDACTED]		Veh# 1
	Operator> [REDACTED]		Veh# 2
	Passenger> [REDACTED]		Veh# 2
	Passenger> [REDACTED]		Veh# 2
	Witness> [REDACTED]		Veh#
20CHE-50-AC	<u>Officer</u> 9749	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time</u> No 10/25/2020 1644	<u>Location / Street Names</u> 1 CHESTER ST @ 9 DERRY RD
	Operator> [REDACTED]		Veh# 1
	Operator> [REDACTED]		Veh# 2 Injured
20CHE-51-AC	<u>Officer</u> 0042	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time</u> Yes 10/29/2020 1809	<u>Location / Street Names</u> 9 DERRY RD @ 1 CHESTER ST
	Operator> [REDACTED]		Veh# 1
	Operator> [REDACTED]		Veh# 2 Injured

State Reports Required: 18
State Reports Not Required: 9