

**Town of Chester  
Highway Safety Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, December 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 – 9/14/2022  
Line Striping  
Blind Driveway sign  
Speed Limit Signage Halls Village Road  
Any Other Old Business  
Accident Reports – 9/1/2022 to 12/1/2022  
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 9:02am.

**1.2 Roll Call**

Present:

Aaron Berube, Police Chief, Committee Chair  
Paul Cavanaugh, Maintenance Director (arrived at 9:14am)  
Debra Doda, Town Administrator  
Phil Gladu, Fire Chief  
Andrew Hadik, Town Planner  
David LaVita, Resident (arrived at 9:08am)  
Sharon Locke, School Superintendent  
Jean Methot, Resident  
Mike Oleson, Road Agent

Absent:

Myrick Bunker, Building Inspector

**1.3 Chairman's Additions or Deletions**

No additions or deletions.

**II. Old Business**

**2.1 Approval of Minutes: September 14, 2022**

Mr. Methot moved to accept the Highway Safety Committee meeting minutes of

**September 14, 2022 as written; Town Planner Hadik seconded the motion. The vote was eight in the affirmative with Road Agent Oleson abstaining; motion carried.**

## **2.2 Line Striping**

Town Administrator Doda mentioned a draft warrant article for line marking is being proposed for Town Meeting. The Board of Selectmen have asked for the committee's recommendations on what roads, and if the roads should have center lines, fog lines or both. Town Planner Hadik stated the estimate he received is for a single yellow line. The single line would deter drivers from driving in the middle of the roadways. Chief Berube feels the estimate is high and suggested contacting other towns to inquire on what they pay. Road Agent Oleson mentioned the line striping will need to be refreshed every three years. The Committee is in agreement that only the center line will be recommended.

The Committee went thru a list of roads suggested by the Town Planner Hadik. The list of recommended roads: Candia Road, East Derry Road, Fremont Road, Hale True Road, Hanson / Shepard Home Road, Lane Road, Towle Road, and Webster Lane. Halls Village Road is on the list to be rebuilt and the lines will be done by the paving company. Town Planner Hadik prioritized the three longest roads in Chester to be done first.

Town Administrator Doda mentioned a warrant article tabled in 2020, asking to collect a \$5.00 per vehicle fee for transportation improvements. Line striping on roads would be an acceptable use of the money.

The wording and amount being requested on a warrant article for line striping was discussed.

Mr. LaVita feels the town roads do need lines however more quotes should be acquired. Chief Berube suggested Industrial Traffic Lines in Londonderry who has done work for Raymond in the past or calling surrounding Towns and asking who they use and a rough estimate on what they are charged.

## **2.3 Blind Driveway**

Chief Berube mentioned a request for action was sent for a blind driveway issue. Road Agent Oleson advised this has been addressed.

## **2.4 Speed Limit Signage Halls Village Road**

Chief Berube stated a resident had concerns with the speed limit being increased from 25 to 30 on Halls Village Road. It is a safety hazard for walkers and horses. Road Agent Olson advised the speed limit has always been 30 MPH. Every town road in Chester is 30 MPH except Dump Road and East Derry Road.

Road Agent Oleson suggested if the resident feels the speed limit should be dropped to 25 MPH they would need to go before the Board of Selectmen. "Caution horse" signs were placed on the road previously from too many complaints.

Chief Berube will contact Ms. Pacheco and advise her to petition the Board of Selectmen to change the speed limit.

## **2.5 Any Other Old Business**

None.

### **III. New Business**

#### **3.1 Accident Reports – September 1, 2022 through December 1, 2022**

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

Chairman Berube explained that there were 17 reportable and 1 non-reportable accidents in this report; with 2 injuries.

Flashing Stop signs at the center of town were discussed, but NH Department of Transportation has the ultimate control for that section. The flashing school sign was thought to be on all year even during the summer. Superintendent Locke advised the sign is on a timer during the school year including summer school.

#### **3.2 Reports from Departments**

##### **Town Planner Hadik:**

- Town Planner Hadik stated the design work for the center of town has been pushed back again due to the department being reorganized.
- Town Planner Hadik mentioned the traffic impact on Fremont Road with trucks leaving the Garabedian gravel pit every four to six minutes. The trucks will be sharing the road with school busses for about two hours per day. Chief Berube and Chief Gladu mentioned a conversation with a resident who is going to propose the trucks drive one way in on Fremont Road and one way out Old Sandown Road. Road Agent Oleson is not in favor.

**Fire Chief Gladu:** Nothing to report.

##### **Mr. LaVita:**

- Mr Lavita has concerns with all the additional dump trucks on the road and the possibility of more people passing the trucks.

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

**Maintenance Director Cavanaugh:** Nothing to report.

##### **Superintendent Locke:**

- Superintendent Locke thanked the Fire and Police Departments for their support. It is much appreciated.
- The sand and plow contracts are up this year and the school will be going out to bid. Superintendent Locke inquired about a possible partnership with the town. Road Agent Oleson advised it is a possibility in the future, but the school would have to pay a fee for the services.

##### **Mr. Methot:**

- Mr. Methot thanked everyone who helped with the 300<sup>th</sup> celebrations. According to the

154 accident report there were no accidents on the day of the parade. It is unknown if any  
155 accidents in the center of town during September and October were because of  
156 scarecrows.

158 **Secretary Jalbert:**

- During the last meeting an issue with a bus on a private road was mentioned. The driver  
160 has requested to park town property since she was denied parking at the school.  
162 Superintendent Locke mentioned the school has a contract with the bus company and  
the bus can be stored on the bus company's lot which is five miles down the road.

164 **Road Agent Oleson:**

- Road Agent Oleson mentioned it was a busy summer for the Highway Department. With  
166 winter upon us, he is happy to say he has a good plow crew.
- Road Agent Oleson advised he has agreed to stay in the background for one year to  
168 assist the new Road Supervisor.

**Chairman Berube:**

- He applied for and was granted the DWI and Texting while Driving grants for the Police  
170 Department.

172 **3.3 Any Other New Business**

174 None.

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


178 The next meeting of the Highway Safety Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, March 8,  
180 2023, at 9:00am in the Town Hall meeting room.

182 **Mr. Methot moved to adjourn the meeting; Road Agent Oleson seconded the motion. The**  
184 **vote was unanimous in the affirmative; motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27am.

186 Respectfully Submitted,

188 Janis A. Jalbert, Recording Secretary

		<b>Accident Status Report</b>		<b>Page: 1</b>
		<b>From: 09/01/2022 Thru: 12/01/2022</b>		<b>12/07/2022</b>
Location: (ALL) Street(s): (ALL) Zones: (ALL) Weekday(s): (ALL)				
22CHE-50-AC	<b>Officer</b> 9556 <b>Operator&gt;</b>	<b>State Rpt/Acc. Date &amp; Time</b> Yes 09/04/2022 1216	<b>Location / Street Names</b> NORTH POND RD Veh# 1	
22CHE-54-AC	<b>Officer</b> 3001 <b>Witness&gt;</b> <b>Unknown&gt;</b>	<b>State Rpt/Acc. Date &amp; Time</b> Yes 09/08/2022 1540 *** UNKNOWN ***	<b>Location / Street Names</b> 7 HARANTIS LAKE ROAD EXT @ 269 DERRY RD Veh# Veh# 1	
22CHE-51-AC	<b>Officer</b> 9556 <b>Operator&gt;</b>	<b>State Rpt/Acc. Date &amp; Time</b> Yes 09/11/2022 1529	<b>Location / Street Names</b> 166 CHESTER ST Veh# 1	
22CHE-52-AC	<b>Officer</b> 4079 <b>Operator&gt;</b> <b>Operator&gt;</b> <b>Witness&gt;</b>	<b>State Rpt/Acc. Date &amp; Time</b> Yes 09/13/2022 1204	<b>Location / Street Names</b> CHESTER TOWN HALL / 04 CHESTER ST Veh# 1 Veh# 2 Veh#	
22CHE-53-AC	<b>Officer</b> 3001 <b>Operator&gt;</b> <b>Passenger&gt;</b>	<b>State Rpt/Acc. Date &amp; Time</b> Yes 09/16/2022 2118	<b>Location / Street Names</b> HANSON RD Veh# 1 Veh# 1	
22CHE-55-AC	<b>Officer</b> 4079 <b>Operator&gt;</b>	<b>State Rpt/Acc. Date &amp; Time</b> Yes 09/16/2022 1150	<b>Location / Street Names</b> 18 WEBSTER LN Veh# 1 Injured	
22CHE-56-AC	<b>Officer</b> 9556 <b>Operator&gt;</b> <b>Operator&gt;</b>	<b>State Rpt/Acc. Date &amp; Time</b> Yes 09/22/2022 1818	<b>Location / Street Names</b> RAYMOND RD Veh# 2 Veh# 1	
22CHE-57-AC	<b>Officer</b> 4079 <b>Operator&gt;</b> <b>Operator&gt;</b>	<b>State Rpt/Acc. Date &amp; Time</b> Yes 09/23/2022 1154	<b>Location / Street Names</b> 1 CHESTER ST @ 9 DERRY RD Veh# 1 Veh# 2	
22CHE-58-AC	<b>Officer</b> 0042 <b>Operator&gt;</b> <b>Parked Car/Runaway&gt;</b>	<b>State Rpt/Acc. Date &amp; Time</b> Yes 09/28/2022 2245 *** NONE ***	<b>Location / Street Names</b> 147 HARANTIS LAKE RD Veh# 1 Veh# 2	
22CHE-59-AC	<b>Officer</b> 4031 <b>Operator&gt;</b> <b>Operator&gt;</b>	<b>State Rpt/Acc. Date &amp; Time</b> Yes 10/01/2022 1255	<b>Location / Street Names</b> 715 RAYMOND RD @ 50 DUMP RD Veh# 1 Injured Veh# 2	
22CHE-60-AC	<b>Officer</b> 0119 <b>Operator&gt;</b> <b>Witness&gt;</b> <b>Witness&gt;</b>	<b>State Rpt/Acc. Date &amp; Time</b> Yes 10/05/2022 1641	<b>Location / Street Names</b> 173 LAKE RD Veh# 1 Veh# Veh#	

## Accident Status Report

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12/07/2022

22CHE-61-AC	<u>Officer</u> 9749 Operator> Passenger>	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date &amp; Time</u> No 10/19/2022 1824 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	<u>Location / Street Names</u> JUST BEFORE MEADOW FOX LN / PARTRIDGE LN Veh# 1 Veh# 1
22CHE-62-AC	<u>Officer</u> 4058 Operator> Operator>	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date &amp; Time</u> Yes 10/22/2022 1101 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	<u>Location / Street Names</u> 19 RAYMOND RD @ 1 CHESTER ST Veh# 1 Veh# 2
22CHE-63-AC	<u>Officer</u> 9556 Operator> Parked Car/Runaway>	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date &amp; Time</u> Yes 10/23/2022 2303 [REDACTED] *** NONE ***	<u>Location / Street Names</u> SHEPARD HOME RD Veh# 1 Veh# 2
22CHE-64-AC	<u>Officer</u> 8042 Operator>	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date &amp; Time</u> Yes 10/29/2022 1840 [REDACTED]	<u>Location / Street Names</u> 40 DERRY RD Veh# 1
22CHE-65-AC	<u>Officer</u> 3001 Operator> Operator>	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date &amp; Time</u> Yes 11/20/2022 1348 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	<u>Location / Street Names</u> LANE RD Veh# 1 Veh# 2
22CHE-66-AC	<u>Officer</u> 4079 Operator> Witness> Witness>	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date &amp; Time</u> Yes 11/21/2022 2024 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	<u>Location / Street Names</u> 286 HAVERHILL RD @ DEEP HOLE RD Veh# 1 Veh# Veh#
22CHE-67-AC	<u>Officer</u> 0042 Operator> Operator> Passenger> Passenger> Passenger>	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date &amp; Time</u> Yes 11/26/2022 1715 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	<u>Location / Street Names</u> 19 RAYMOND RD @ 1 CHESTER ST Veh# 1 Veh# 2 Veh# 1 Veh# 1 Veh# 2

# State Reports Required: 17  
 # State Reports Not Required: 1