

**Town of Chester  
Highway Safety Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, March 8, 2023  
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 – 12/14/2022  
Line Striping  
Blind Driveway sign  
Speed Limit Signage Halls Village Road  
Any Other Old Business  
Accident Reports – 12/1/2022 to 02/28/2023  
Reports from Departments  
Speed Limit Signage Hemlock Lane  
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  
John Dalrymple, Maintenance  
Andrew DiPerri, Corporal (Police)  
Debra Doda, Town Administrator  
Phil Gladu, Fire Chief  
Andrew Hadik, Town Planner  
David LaVita, Resident (arrived at 9:08am)  
Jean Methot, Resident  
Manette Pacheco, Resident  
Justin Paquette, Lieutenant (Police)  
James Piper, Supervisor of Roads

Absent:

Myrick Bunker, Building Inspector  
Sharon Locke, School Superintendent

**1.3 Chairman's Additions or Deletions**

No additions or deletions.

**II. Old Business**

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

**Mr. Methot moved to accept the Highway Safety Committee meeting minutes of December 14, 2022 as written; Town Administrator Doda seconded the motion.**

Town Planner Hadik asked for the minutes to be revised for the Garabedian project. The minutes should state a suggestion for one-way in on Fremont Road and one-way out on Sandown Road. Road Agent Oleson was not in agreement with the suggested traffic pattern.

**Chairman Berube moved to accept the Highway Safety Committee amendment of December 14, 2022; Chief Gladu seconded the motion. The vote was seven in the affirmative with Mr. Dalrymple abstaining; motion carried.**

**Chairman Berube moved to accept the Highway Safety Committee meeting minutes of December 14, 2022, as amended; Mr. Methot seconded the motion. The vote was seven in the affirmative with Mr. Dalrymple abstaining; motion carried.**

**2.2 Line Striping**

Town Administrator Doda mentioned a draft warrant article for line marking proposed for Town Meeting has been removed by the Selectmen. They did not want to fund a line marking on Town roads and were unsure how the residents would feel about line marking. Chairman Berube removed 2.2 from the agenda.

**2.3 Speed Limit Signage Halls Village Road**

Chairman Berube briefed the Committee on a prior meeting with Ms. Pacheco regarding the speed limit on the dirt portion of Halls Village Road. Mr. Piper inquired how the speed limit had been increased. Town Administrator Doda has researched and found no evidence of the Board of Selectmen increasing the speed limit. Mr. Piper agreed with lowering the speed limit on Halls Village Road and would include Webster Lane.

Chairman Berube advised Ms. Pacheco to request an appointment with the Board of Selectmen to petition them to lower the speed limit to 25 MPH. Ms. Pacheco was given pointers on what documents to have available for the meeting. Ms. Pacheco will gather all the necessary documents and contact Ms. Jalbert, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen.

**2.4 Any Other Old Business**

None.

**III. New Business**

**3.1 Accident Reports – December 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023**

All members of the Highway Safety Committee were provided accident status reports for December 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023; please see attached.

Chairman Berube explained that there were 31 reportable and 5 non-reportable accidents in this report; with 2 injuries.

Mr. Methot commented on how roads are reported for the accidents. Chairman Berube explained the reporting system is weird. The location of the accident is where the vehicle lands after the accident.

### **3.2 Reports from Departments**

#### **Fire Chief Gladu:**

- Chief Gladu thanked the Highway Department for plowing the driveways at the two medical calls on Saturday.

**Mr. LaVita:** Nothing to report.

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

**Ms. Pacheco:** Nothing to report.

**Mr. Methot:** Nothing to report.

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

- Town Planner Hadik mentioned a road naming request was submitted for the nine-lot subdivision next to the Fire Department. The request was for the road to be named after the daughter. There are road naming guidelines for the different quadrants in town. They range from animals, flowers, trees, natural features, minerals and or significant names of artists, writers, and historical figures.

#### **Mr. Piper**

- Mr. Piper mentioned winter is still upon us. Roads are as good as they can be. Dirt roads need attention and will be dealt with once they are dry and there is a window without weather.
- Mr. Piper stated many residents are forgetting the parking ban especially on Jenkins Farm Road. The Highway Department works well the Police Department when situations arise. Chief Berube explained the officers have reminders they can put on the cars. Cpl. DiPerri advised with Jenkins Farm Road being a new town road the residents might not be aware of the parking ban.
- Mr. Piper mentioned residents pushing snow across the road is allowed but they must clean up the road.

**Cpl. DiPerri:** Nothing to report.

**Ms. Jalbert:** Nothing to report.

**Mr. Dalrymple:** Nothing to report.

**Lt. Paquette:** Nothing to report.

#### **Chairman Berube:**

- Chairman Berube introduced Lt. Paquette to the group.
- Chairman Berube mentioned the Police Department is calling Mr. Piper for all road issues.
- Chairman Berube stated the accidents have increased due to weather.

154 **3.3 Speed Limit Signage Hemlock Lane**

156 Town Administrator Doda was emailed by a resident on Hemlock Lane. He feels a 30 MPH speed  
158 limit on a dead-end road is too fast. Town Administrator Doda advised he should talk to his  
160 neighbors to see if they agree. Also contact the Police Department for the speed trailer. Mr. Piper  
162 has been asked to place a delineator for the speed sign to be placed. This will happen after the  
snow melts and the ground is not frozen. Town Planner Hadik mentioned Hemlock Lane will be  
continued all the way to 102 in the future. Cpl. DiPerri stated there is previous data from Webster  
Lane on file in the Police Department.

164 **3.3 Any Other New Business**

166 None.

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

170 The next meeting of the Highway Safety Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, June 7, 2023,  
at 9:00am in the Town Hall meeting room.

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**Mr. Methot moved to adjourn the meeting; Town Administrator Doda seconded the motion.**  
174 **The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; motion carried.**

176 The meeting was adjourned at 9:47am.

178 Respectfully Submitted,  
Janis A. Jalbert, Recording Secretary



# Accident Status Report

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From: 12/01/2022 Thru: 02/28/2023

03/01/2023

Location: (ALL)  
Street(s): (ALL)  
Zones: (ALL)  
Weekday(s): (ALL)

Accident Number	Officer	State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time	Location / Street Names
22CHE-68-AC	9749 Operator> [REDACTED] Operator> [REDACTED] Passenger> [REDACTED] Witness> [REDACTED]	Yes 12/03/2022 1641	294 CHESTER ST @ 11 CANDIA RD Veh# 1 Veh# 2 Veh# 2 Injured Veh#
22CHE-69-AC	0042 Operator> [REDACTED] Operator> [REDACTED] Operator> [REDACTED] Passenger> [REDACTED] Witness> [REDACTED]	Yes 12/06/2022 1751	1 CHESTER ST @ 9 DERRY RD Veh# 1 Veh# 2 Veh# 3 Veh# 3 Veh#
22CHE-70-AC	4057 Operator> [REDACTED] Operator> [REDACTED]	No 12/08/2022 1734	2 CHESTER ST @ 9 RAYMOND RD Veh# 1 Veh# 2
22CHE-71-AC	4058 Operator> [REDACTED]	Yes 12/09/2022 0912	68 NORTH POND RD Veh# 1
22CHE-72-AC	9749 Operator> [REDACTED] Operator> [REDACTED] Passenger> [REDACTED]	Yes 12/11/2022 1716	1 CHESTER ST @ 19 RAYMOND RD Veh# 1 Veh# 2 Veh# 2
22CHE-73-AC	9749 Operator> [REDACTED] Passenger> [REDACTED]	Yes 12/11/2022 1734	SHARP CORNER / 4 REED RD Veh# 1 Veh# 1
22CHE-74-AC	4058 Operator> [REDACTED] Operator> [REDACTED]	Yes 12/14/2022 1351	11 HAVERHILL RD @ 19 RAYMOND RD Veh# 1 Veh# 2 Injured
22CHE-76-AC	4058 Operator> [REDACTED]	Yes 12/16/2022 0837	136 HAVERHILL RD @ 4 HALLS VILLAGE RD Veh# 1
22CHE-75-AC	9556 Operator> [REDACTED]	Yes 12/16/2022 0713	377 DERRY RD Veh# 1
22CHE-78-AC	9749 Operator> [REDACTED] Parked Car/Runaway>	Yes 12/17/2022 1954	G & P PIZZARIA / 692 RAYMOND RD Veh# 1 Veh# 2
22CHE-77-AC	Officer	State Rpt/Acc. Date & Time	Location / Street Names

## Accident Status Report

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From: 12/01/2022 Thru: 02/28/2023

03/01/2023

4079	No	12/17/2022 0054	30 VILLAGER RD
Operator>	[REDACTED]		Veh# 1
22CHE-79-AC	<u>Officer</u>	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date &amp; Time</u>	<u>Location / Street Names</u>
9735	No	12/21/2022 0841	640 CANDIA RD @ 5 SHATTIGEE RD
Operator>	[REDACTED]		Veh# 1
Operator>	[REDACTED]		Veh# 2
22CHE-80-AC	<u>Officer</u>	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date &amp; Time</u>	<u>Location / Street Names</u>
0042	Yes	12/22/2022 1731	83 RAYMOND RD
Operator>	[REDACTED]		Veh# 1
22CHE-81-AC	<u>Officer</u>	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date &amp; Time</u>	<u>Location / Street Names</u>
0042	Yes	12/22/2022 1745	261 CHESTER ST
Operator>	[REDACTED]		Veh# 1
22CHE-82-AC	<u>Officer</u>	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date &amp; Time</u>	<u>Location / Street Names</u>
4058	Yes	12/28/2022 1253	119 RAYMOND RD @ 19 NORTH POND RD
Operator>	[REDACTED]		Veh# 1
Passenger>	[REDACTED]		Veh# 2
Operator>	[REDACTED]		Veh# 2
23CHE-1-AC	<u>Officer</u>	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date &amp; Time</u>	<u>Location / Street Names</u>
4079	Yes	01/03/2023 1630	534 RAYMOND RD
Operator>	[REDACTED]		Veh# 1
23CHE-2-AC	<u>Officer</u>	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date &amp; Time</u>	<u>Location / Street Names</u>
4058	Yes	01/10/2023 1546	RAYMOND RD @ EDWARDS MILL RD
Operator>	[REDACTED]		Veh# 1
Operator>	[REDACTED]		Veh# 2
23CHE-3-AC	<u>Officer</u>	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date &amp; Time</u>	<u>Location / Street Names</u>
7089	No	01/10/2023 1546	235 RAYMOND RD
Operator>	[REDACTED]		Veh# 1
23CHE-4-AC	<u>Officer</u>	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date &amp; Time</u>	<u>Location / Street Names</u>
9749	Yes	01/12/2023 1209	419 DERRY RD
Operator>	[REDACTED]		Veh# 1
23CHE-5-AC	<u>Officer</u>	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date &amp; Time</u>	<u>Location / Street Names</u>
9749	Yes	01/12/2023 1239	178 DERRY RD @ 27 SOUTH WOODS RD
Operator>	[REDACTED]		Veh# 1
Passenger>	[REDACTED]		Veh# 1
23CHE-7-AC	<u>Officer</u>	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date &amp; Time</u>	<u>Location / Street Names</u>
4079	Yes	01/16/2023 0730	196 SANDOWN RD
Operator>	[REDACTED]		Veh# 1
23CHE-8-AC	<u>Officer</u>	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date &amp; Time</u>	<u>Location / Street Names</u>
4058	Yes	01/16/2023 1548	24 LEDGE RD
Operator>	[REDACTED]		Veh# 1
23CHE-6-AC	<u>Officer</u>	<u>State Rpt/Acc. Date &amp; Time</u>	<u>Location / Street Names</u>
4079	Yes	01/16/2023 0402	533 RAYMOND RD
Operator>	[REDACTED]		Veh# 1