

**TOWN OF BEDFORD
HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
July 24, 2018**

A meeting of the Bedford Highway Safety Committee (HSC) was held on Tuesday, July 24, 2018 in the Bedford Meeting Room, 10 Meetinghouse Road (BCTV). Present were John J. Bryfonski (Chief of Police/Chair), Scott Wiggin (Fire Chief/Vice-Chair), Jeff Foote (Director of Public Works), Bill Duschatko (Town Council Alternate), Madonna Lovett Repeta (Resident), Jerry Gagne (Alternate Resident), Ken Peterson (Alternate Resident) and Anne Wiggin (School Bus Coordinator). Kelleigh Murphy (Town Council) and Bill Jean (Resident) absent.

- I. Call to Order 7:15 a.m.**
- II. Quorum Count**
- III. Approval of the March 27, 2018 minutes.**

MOTION by Madonna Lovett Repeta to accept the minutes of the March 27 2018 meeting, second by Jerry Gagne. Vote taken – Motion Passed. Abstentions: Jeff Foote.

IV. Correspondence/Communications

- 1. Email correspondence from a resident on Sebbins Pond Dr. concerned about speeders in the area, no resident present.**
- 2. Email correspondence from a resident on Hamilton Way concerned about speeders in the area, no resident present.**
- 3. Complaint from a resident on Liberty Hill Rd. concerned about speeders on Liberty Hill Rd, no resident present.**

V. Sub Committee Reports/None

VI. New Business

- 1. No Parking Signs on Twin Brook Lane**

Chief Bryfonski: The Town Manager indicated the Twin Brook Lane homeowners association (HOA) objects to the number and placement of No Parking signs on Twin Brook Lane. The committee was reminded that its recent action to recommend No Parking on Twin Brook Lane was brought to the committee's attention by the Town Manager after residents of Twin Brook Lane appeared at a Town of Amherst Zoning Board meeting relative to a proposal to allow improvements to LaBelle Winery in Amherst. According to the Town Manager, the residents of Twin Brook Lane expressed concern during the Zoning Board meeting in Amherst due to alleged parking on Twin Brook Lane and the bridge by LaBelle Winery patrons (overflow parking). The Highway Safety Committee (HSC) examined the width of Twin Brook Lane and especially the bridge noting parked vehicles on the bridge would impede the ability of Fire Department

apparatus from accessing the residences on Twin Brook Lane. As a result, the HSC recommended the Town Council amend the Town Ordinance to restrict parking on Twin Brook Lane.

The Town Council considered the HSC's recommendation and approved the amendment that restricted parking on Twin Brook Lane. Since then, the HOA raised objections to number and placement of no parking signs on Twin Brook Lane; principally noting the objection was aesthetically detracting from the neighborhood. Specifically, the residents and HOA stated they did not like the look or the number of signs and would like this committee to reconsider.

[Note: Images of the no parking signs were distributed to committee members noting two (2) signs on approach to the bridge from Route 101 and a sign on the other side facing Route 101; one no parking sign was affixed to an existing sign for the Fire Department's water access pipe sign.]

Now that the HSC has identified that parking on the bridge could impede emergency vehicle access to residences on Twin Brook Lane an element of liability is attached to any future decision.

The Town Manager and the Town Council have asked us to review the matter and determine whether or not we would be willing to send another recommendation to the Council.

Chief Wiggin: Where is the complaint coming from?

Chief Bryfonski: From Tania Berk president of the HOA, she represents the members of the HOA. [Note: Ms. Berk's email to Town Manager Sawyer was read into the record (attachment). No one was present from Twin Brook to represent their concerns despite the fact they were contacted and informed the committee would be taking this up today.]

Councilor Duschatko: They were contacted that the Town Council would re-consider and no one showed up for that meeting.

Chief Bryfonski: We are talking about 3 signs; one was placed on top of an existing sign; and the fact that public safety is more important here than aesthetics. If two (2) large vehicles such as SUV's were parked on the bridge FD apparatus would not be able to get through.

Mr. Peterson: I agree, we are a safety committee and I agree on retaining the signs.

Chief Bryfonski: Chief Wiggin is there any other means of access for the FD apparatus to service Twin Brook Lane other than via the bridge?

Chief Wiggin: There is only one way in and one way out.

Councilor Duschatko: The signs were not in place when the complaint came in.

Director Foote: We looked at the area to see how we could minimize the signage. We moved the no outlet sign from where the no parking next 300 ft. sign was and placed the no parking sign first then the no outlet sign and according to the layout there was supposed to be 8 signs, we reduced it to 6. We also minimized by having 3 new post erected.

Motion by Chief Wiggin: Since no one is here to represent their case or to present any further information I would like to consider retaining the signs as placed. Seconded by Jerry Gagne – All in favor – Motion passed (unanimous).

Chief Bryfonski: I will direct correspondence to the TM who will bring it to the Town Council Chair.

Chief Bryfonski: Spoke about the fatal motorcycle accident that occurred a week ago on 114 and is still under investigation, then on Sunday morning July 22 approximately 7-8 am the PD responded to a call of a women bicyclist found on the side of the road severely injured and unconscious, this is still under investigation. We are asking the public if anyone had seen this women or was in the vicinity of 36 Birkdale Rd. please contact the PD.

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Meeting adjourned 7:49 am

Respectfully submitted
Charlene T. Robinson
Highway Safety Committee Secretary