

SPEED ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday September 3, 2020, 4:30 p.m, via Zoom

Present Rich Baker, Margaret Campbell, Kathleen Hayes, Wes Cate
Absent: Lorraine Banbury, Joshua Auerback, Justin Campbell

At 4:30 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Rich Baker

Changes or additions to the agenda: None

Public Comment: none

Review minutes from 8/13/20

The minutes were approved as drafted.

Sheriff contract amendment

Rich said the sheriff's contract could easily be amended. There is potential to have a joint contract with neighboring towns next year. Finding and training officers is difficult, and a larger contract may be helpful in securing regular patrolling.

Potential revenue from traffic tickets

The town spent \$1,833 on enforcement as of 8/14/20 and received \$257 in revenue from tickets.

Establishing speed limits and the need for signage

Rich explained that there was inadequate speed limit signage throughout the town and that the sheriff's department cannot issue tickets without the required signage. Signs costs about \$100 each. The consensus was to identify the hotspots and to then do a study of how many signs would be needed. Rich said he would contact CVRPC about the criteria for locating signs and would ask whether they would assist with the study. The signs would be paid for out of the \$8,000 in funding. Kate recommended the town purchase an inexpensive radar gun so that we can test the effectiveness of more enforcement.

Identified hot spots from Front Porch Forum posting

The following roads were identified as hot spots for speeding:

- Route 2
- Route 232
- Cabot Road
- Maple Hill Road
- Hollister Hill Road
- School Street
- Lower Depot Road
- Creamery Street

Speed cart discussion

Rich explained that the traffic speed cart was functioning but needed a volunteer to haul it to locations. Kate volunteered to move it. Wes volunteered to investigate adding solar panels to the cart.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m. The next meeting will be September 30th at 4:30 pm via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Rich Baker