

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Columbia County Law Enforcement Center, John Roche Community Room
Friday, February 8, 2008 @ 9:30 a.m.

Members: Doug Jarzynski, Pat Beghin, Darrell Parker, Eugene Brown, Jill Fehrman, Robert Andler, Andrea Loeffelholz, Kurt Dey, Ken Manthey

Meeting Called to Order: 9:33 a.m. by Doug Jarzynski

Motion to approve previous meeting minutes from previous meeting made by Manthey. Seconded by Brown. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. *Request for review of proposed street entrance on USH 51 for new subdivision in the Village of Poynette.* It was discussed that there was not going to be a new entrance put in there. Jarzynski advised the committee that in speaking with Poynette, the prior developer had run out of money and was not able to develop the property as it had first been envisioned and that no entrance was going to be needed onto USH 51 for the development.

NEW BUSINESS

1. *Request for extending No-Passing Zone on STH 60 at O'Connor Road in the Town of West Point.* Jarzynski provided both still photos as well as a video of the area in question and the letter requesting the speed reduction in that area from local residents. The committee reviewed the photos as the video of the area and with the discussion it was determined that Jill Fehrman from the state would have the maintenance people from WisDOT take a look at the area, review it, and present those findings at the next meeting. The review will hopefully determine if the sightlines are appropriate for the no-passing zone markings for the passing zone in that area.
2. *Review of icing conditions on bridge decks on Cascade Mountain Road in Town of Caledonia.* This appears to have been caused from drift-over snow from the snow making operations on Cascade Mountain. The committee took no action on this matter.
3. *Request for review of Lindsay Road for safety improvements on curve approximately .2 miles north of STH 60 in the Town of Lodi.* The committee discussed this and it was determined that Kurt Dey the Columbia County Highway Commissioner would talk to the town about the possible placement of extra signage at this location. Jarzynski indicated that he would follow-up with the town with a letter also concerning the possible placement of extra signage at that location.

FATAL ACCIDENT REPORT by Pat Beghin

Beghin briefed the committee on the fatal accident reports detailing the fatal accidents that had occurred since the last Highway Safety Committee meeting. Since the last committee meeting in November 2007, there have been seven fatalities on Columbia County roadways. Six of those occurred in the end of 2007 and one occurring in January 2008.

BOTS UPDATE: Andrea Loeffelholz

Loeffelholz, who is the new BOTS regional program manager for the Bureau of Traffic Safety for our area, provided some information to the committee.

The committee was then advised of an item that had been received the previous week and it was therefore not on the agenda for the committee detailing the ongoing concerns of speed on CTH V/VJ in the Town of Lodi. We were advised that this letter and request would be moved to and placed on the next Highway Safety Committee agenda.

Motion to adjourn was made by Andler. Seconded by Brown. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: Friday, May 9, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. at the Columbia County Law Enforcement Center, John Roche Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,

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