

# **DURHAM PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting, January 8, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. In attendance were committee members Frank DeFelice, Jim Rossi, Dan Murphy and Bill Smith. Also in attendance were Resident State Trooper Pete DiGioia and State Police Sgt. Jim Gilman of Troop F. During the public comment portion of the meeting, Susan Goode of Haddam Quarter Road commented on speeding and traffic signs on Haddam Quarter Road. She also asked about the proposed market development on Main Street. Chairman DeFelice recused himself from all discussions on this topic and left the committee table. Some of the concerns discussed were the safety of pedestrian traffic walking to the proposed development, signage, sidewalks on Route 17 and re-alignment of Route 17/Haddam Quarter Road intersection. The impact of an approximately 40000 square foot supermarket in the center of town on traffic and policing were also discussed. Residents Campbell Barrett, Abigail Gordon and John Hayes also spoke to the committee about their concerns on the same situation. After the discussion, Chairman DeFelice resumed his place at the committee table.

In committee business, reading of the previous months minutes were waived and 2008 meeting dates were approved.

Dan Murphy gave the committee a draft of the proposed traffic management standard operating procedure. The members will review it and vote on a final draft at the next meeting.

A crime watch program for the business community in town was discussed. Sgt. Gilman of Troop F informed the committee that there are presentations available that will give business owners tips on protecting their business. He will give the committee a list of available programs. The resident trooper, Sgt. Gilman and the committee will co-operate on compiling a presentatin.

Bill Smith reported that the Boy Scouts have received the proposal for building the "Welcome To Durham" sign. The committee will wait for an answer before proceeding on this project.

A letter was read from Janet DelVecchio concerning speeding on William Drive. The committee will schedule a site walk prior to the next meeting. Trooper DiGioia will visit the area.

The committee project of compiling a database of accidents in town by location was discussed. Trooper DiGioia informed the committee that the new state police computer system is able to generate these reports. He will do so for the committee.

The First Selectwoman informed the committee that one of the projects that she desires is a database of business emergency numbers. The resident trooper and the committee will co-operate on compiling the list for the Selectwoman's office.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2008.

Respectfully submitted, James M. Rossi

