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DURHAM PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting, October 5,2010

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. . Frank Defelice, Jim Rossi and Bill Smith were present. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to amend the published agenda to hear Kyle Backus give a status update on his Eagle project, the Public Safety sign at the firehouse. The previous meetings minutes were read and accepted.

Kyle Backus informed the committee that the sign was moved to eliminate any possible sight line concerns the Fire Department had. The town has assisted in landscaping the sign to ensure that all such signs in town will present the same appearance. Country Flower Gardens of Middlefield donated the shrubs that were planted. Frank informed the committee that four signs are to be printed to allow every public safety department in town to present a message. The committee approved the suggested messages with the input of Kyle Backus and Donia Viola.

Frank presented the committee with a proposed plan to better inform the public of police activity and statistics in town. The First Selectman informed the committee via letter of her meetings with the State Police concerning this matter. The new editor of The Town Times, in co-operation with the State Police, will institute a new column in the paper with local crime statistics and comments from the Durham and Middlefield Resident State Troopers.

Bill Smith reported that the traffic calming devices for Town House Road were returned as inadequate for our needs. He will continue to pursue updates with the head of the Department of Public Works.

Donia Viola expressed to the committee her concerns about water quality in town.

The next scheduled meeting is November 9,2010 at the library.

Respectfully submitted,
James M. Rossi