

DURHAM PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting, May 5,2009

The meeting was called to order at 6:46 PM. Members Frank DeFelice, Jim Rossi, Dan Murphy, Bill Smith, Mal Pierce and Wendy Manemeit were present. The minutes of the previous months meeting were accepted unanimously .The committee voted unanimously to modify the agenda to allow public comment as the first order of business.

Kyle Backus spoke to the committee concerning his Eagle Scout project. The committee discussed possible locations for the sign and procedures he would have to take to get it approved. The committee offered its help to him in any way it would assist his project.

Two Block Watch captains, Dan Miramant and Chuck Gosset, spoke to the committee concerning lack of communication between the block watch organizations and the resident state trooper. The installation of Block Watch signs in the Howd Road area that was never accomplished was also discussed.

The committee discussed the future of the Block watch program .The possibility of a semi-annual meeting, picnic or breakfast meeting with all block watch captains or all present block watch members was discussed.

Open items for the committee to consider for the committees next project include additional traffic calming procedures,re-visiting the house/mailbox numbering program and examining the traffic problems on Route 17 North around the Haddam Quarter Road/Middlefield Road intersection.

The results of the committees site visit with Tom Palmeri prior to the meeting at the New Haven Road/ Stagecoach Road intersection were very positive. The committee observed an evergreen tree blocking the sightline looking south. The property owner was very co-operative and removed the tree, allowing a much clearer line of site view. The committee also noticed that the stop bar that was painted on Stagecoach Road was barely visible. The committee recommends that the selectman direct the Public Works department to repaint the stop bar at the stop sign on Stagecoach Road.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.The next meeting is scheduled for June 2,2007 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
James M. Rossi