

Highway Safety Committee

Meeting Minutes

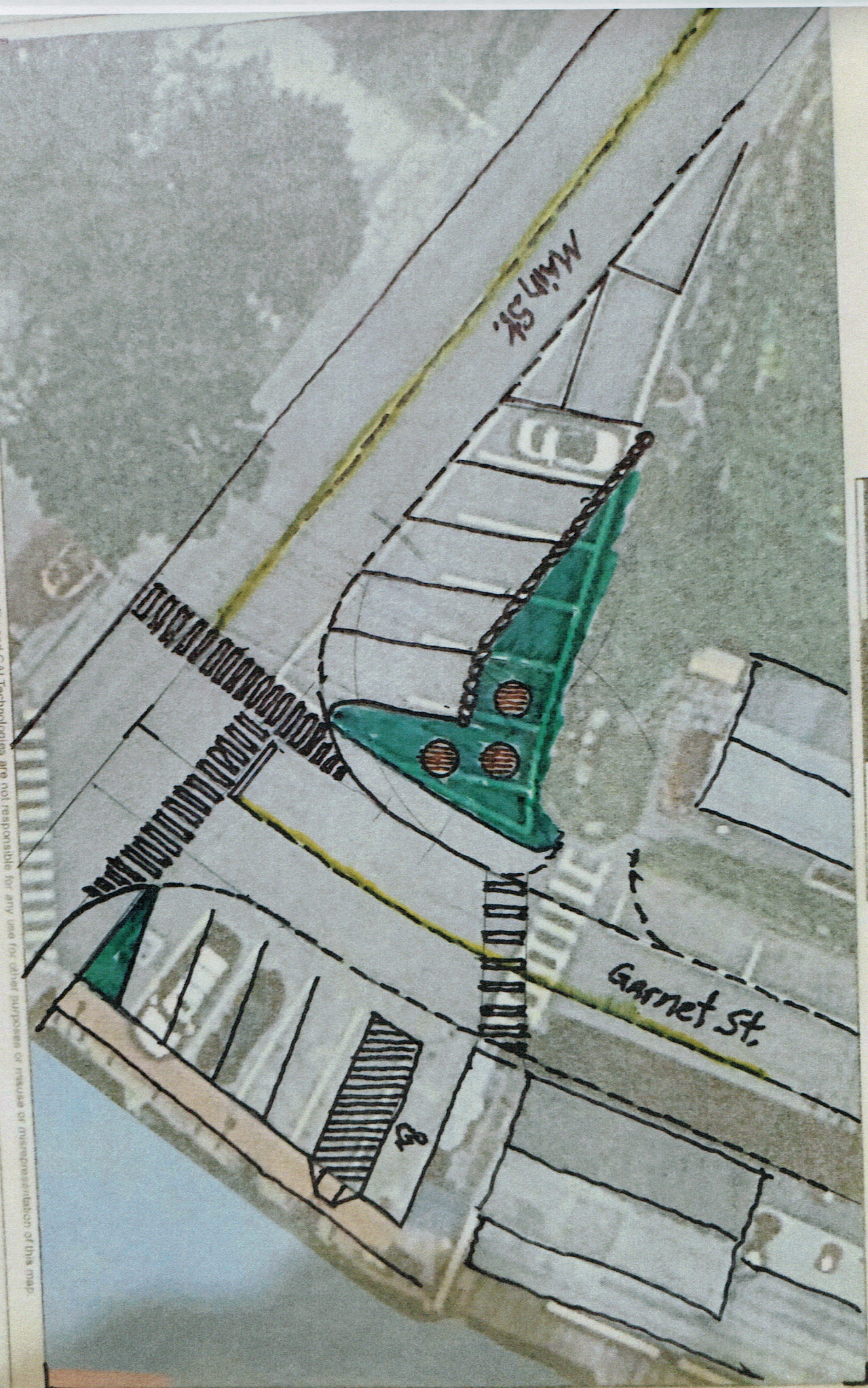
September 24, 2020

Present at the meeting: Scott Hazelton, Chief Cahill, Michael Martell, Bill Roth, Donna Nashawaty (via zoom), Terry Mattson (guest via zoom)

- **Hamel Road Resident's Request to Lower Speed Limit to 20MPH:** The Committee recommends that the Board of Selectmen approve the speed limit reduction from 25MPH to 20MPH on Hamel Road.
- **Main Street & Garnet Street Intersection Realignment:** The Committee reviewed the intersection realignment concept. The Highway Director will prepare an intersection realignment design upon receipt of real survey data from Penny Royal Hill Land Surveying and will develop a request for proposal for contractors to bid on the project. The Committee recommends that the Board of Selectmen consider implementing the improvements to the intersection in 2021.
- **Main Street & Alpine Court Intersection Realignment:** The Committee reviewed the intersection realignment concept. The concept involves realigning the intersection and relocating the existing granite water trough that sits at the bottom of Alpine Court in the middle of the street. The Committee recommends that the Board of Selectmen obtain input from residents that are familiar with the history of the water trough, and that will assist the Board or Committee with a place or places that the water trough might be relocated to. Timing of this project should coincide with the scheduled improvements to Alpine Court listed in the Pavement Management Plan.
- **Main Street GM & Prospect Hill Road Intersection Improvements:** The Committee reviewed the intersection improvements concept which propose signage ("Stop" & chevron arrows) and striping upgrades to the Intersection. The Highway Department will install the "Stop" sign and chevron arrows as shown on the concept. The striping improvements will be installed in the late spring/early summer of 2021.
- **Engine Brake Restriction Request for Old Springfield Road & Route 11:** A letter was received from Terry Mattson requesting an engine brake restriction on Route 11 and Springfield Road for the benefit of all of the citizens. The Highway Director and Highway Foreman do not support the proposed restriction. Engine brakes are a safety component that assist with slowing a commercial vehicles rate of speed and/or that aid with stopping a commercial vehicle. The Highway Department has engine brakes on some of their heavy trucks. The Committee discussed that Route 11 and Springfield Road are state roads and that the NHDOT typically was responsible for approving signage that is proposed for state roads. The Committee will recommend that the Board of Selectmen authorize the Highway Director to send a letter to the NHDOT asking them to consider the installation of engine brake signs on the aforementioned roads.
- **River Road Drainage & Paving Schedule:** The Highway Department will begin drainage improvements in the spring and will try to get the road prepared for paving during the second or third week of June 2021. If this date can not be met the road will be paved after Labor Day in 2021.
- **Youngs Hill Road Improvements update:** The project components which were scheduled to be completed in 2020 are 90% complete. The items remaining to be completed are those associated with the relocation of utility poles and wires and excavation around the locations of those poles. The road will be graded, likely one more time before winter, and then in the spring prior to paving of the road.
- **Jobs Creek Road Bridge Over Jobs Creek project update:** The bridge installation is complete. The bridge is scheduled to be paved within the next week (weather dependent). The bridge will be open upon completion of the paving and installation of the guardrails.

- **Harbor Boat Launch project update & schedule:** The Harbor Boat Launch will be CLOSED on Tuesday October 13, 2020, for the reconstruction of the boat launch. The boat launch may be closed through the end of the year. The Police Department will relocate the digital message board into the Harbor area to assist with notifying boater and/or residents of the closure. Letters were sent out to all project abutters, dock owners/lessees, and marinas that had their information on file with the Town.
- Public Comment: None
- Other Business: A placeholder shall be e-mailed to committee member for the next Highway Safety Committee meeting during the week prior to Thanksgiving.

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Alpine Court & Main St.

Sunapee, NH

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(Sent Via e-mail and USPS)

RE: Engine Brake Restriction Signing

Dear Mr. Scott Hazelton,

I'm writing to formally propose to restrict Engine Braking on Rt. 11 and on Springfield Road in Georges Mills to the benefit of all citizens who live in the area or those who are visiting. The Summary of the Noise Control Act on the EPA's website (<https://www.epa.gov/laws-regulations/summary-noise-control-act>) says, in part that "Inadequately controlled noise presents a growing danger to the health and welfare of the Nation's population." This summary precisely communicates the reason for this request.

Thank you for taking this request under advisement with your committee and I look forward to receiving communication regarding your decision.

Respectfully,


Terry Mattson



Prospect Hill Road

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