

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

12/10/25

Attendance: Lt. Thomas Hammond, Chairman, Adam Jacobs, Director of Public Works, Select Board member Mark Lemay, Citizen's Representative Don Ball, Town Administrator Derek Horne.

Citizen: Mark Desbiens

Meeting Opened: 09:55AM

Meeting Adjourned: 10:47 AM

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 18, 2025

1) Minutes Approval.

Don Ball made a motion to APPROVE SEPTEMBER 11, 2025, MINUTES, AS ELECTRONICALLY DISTRIBUTED.

Mark Lemay seconded.

Motion passes 3-0-2 with Derek Horne and Thomas Hammond abstaining

2) Laura Gomez

Pattee Hill

Requesting streetlight

Lt. Hammond from the Goffstown Police Department advised there is no high-volume accident data. Adam Jacobs advised that part of town has been deliberately not lit to maintain "dark sky" conditions and no current safety issues. The requested area is not at an intersection or sidewalk area.

Don Ball suggested NO ACTION be taken

Mark Lemay seconded.

Motion Passes 5-0-0

3) Maurice Demers

Tanager Rd

Requesting Day Time Running Lights signage

Adam Jacobs advised that a Day Time Running Lights Sign is not an approved sign to post per MUTCD. Lt. Hammond from Goffstown Police Department advised there is no high-volume accident data for this area or regarding this request. There is also access to Addison on the other end of Tanager if drivers want to avoid it.

Mark Lemay motioned for NO ACTION taken.

Don Ball seconded.

Motion Passes 5-0-0

4) Mark Desbiens

E Dunbarton Rd

Requesting No Thru Truck Sign

Citizen Mark Desbiens advised that there are numerous 10-18-wheeler trucks going up and down Grady Hill and that numerous trucks are using their Jake Brakes all throughout the day. Mark also advised that Hooksett DPW installed a NO THRU TRUCK sign on Hooksett Road.

Goffstown Police Department deployed a covert radar on Grady Hill to gather data. The road sees roughly 1500 vehicles per day with a mix of different sized vehicles and trucks. The volume in the summer months is likely higher with trucks heading to Plourde gravel pit or the Pike asphalt plant. Adam Jacobs suggested addressing Grady Hill Road separately from Hooksett Road. The first step would be to look at the speed limit of Grady Hill. It should be lowered due to the narrow

width and the vertical curve sight distance issue. There are MUTCD-approved signs for areas with vertical crests in the road, we could post a “HILL BLOCKS VIEW” warning sign with an advisory speed placard. The “K” value of this hill is 1, which is off the scale low. This means that the approaches to the crest are too steep to see oncoming traffic with appropriate stopping sight distance. The advisory speed might need to be as low as 5 or 10 mph. The next step would be to address the concern for trucks specifically. The NH Municipal Association suggests consulting with the Town legal counsel prior to posting a road as NO THRU TRUCKING so as not to improperly restrict normal vatic use of the highway. Another method to achieve the same goal would be to place a weight restriction on the road, which the NH Supreme Court has ruled that it can be based on safety concerns due to larger trucks and not just to limit damage to the roadway. Regarding Hooksett Road, Derek Horne suggested that he could speak with the Hooksett Town Administrator to determine if the proper study and process was used prior to posting. If it was, he will ask them to provide a NO THRU TRUCKING sign that can be installed at the intersection of East Dunbarton Road and Hooksett Road as there is no place to turn around between there and the town boundary line. If they did not use the proper procedure, Derek can confer with the Select Board to see how they would like to handle it. Adam Jacobs noted that because the Goffstown section of Hooksett Road was rebuilt to current standards recently it may be hard to justify limiting truck traffic, unlike Grady Hill Road.

Mark Lemay motioned to RECOMMEND REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT OF GRADY HILL ROAD TO 25 MPH.

Adam Jacobs seconded.

Motion passes 5-0-0.

Thomas Hammond motioned to RECOMMEND INSTALLATION OF A HILL BLOCKS VIEW SIGN WITH THE APPROPRIATE SPEED ADVISORY PLACARD ON GRADY HILL ROAD.

Mark Lemay seconded.

Motion passes 5-0-0.

Adam Jacobs motioned to RECOMMEND THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR SEEK A LEGAL OPINION ABOUT POSTING GRADY HILL ROAD AS 'NO THRU TRUCKING'. IF THAT WOULD NOT BE SUPPORTABLE, THE ROAD SHOULD BE ASSIGNED A PERMANENT WEIGHT LIMIT TO ALIGN WITH OUR NORMAL SEASONAL LIMITS.

Don Ball seconded.

Motion passes 5-0-0.

Adam Jacobs motioned to RECOMMEND THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DETERMINE IF THE TRUCKING RESTRICTION SIGNS PLACED BY THE TOWN OF HOOKSETT ARE ENFORCEABLE, AND TO RECOMMEND THE TOWN OF HOOKSETT PLACE SIGNAGE AT EAST DUNBARTON RD INTERSECTION IF PROPER AND FOLLOW UP WITH THE SELECT BOARD FOR FURTHER GUIDANCE IF THEY ARE NOT.

Derek Horne seconded.

Motion passes 5-0-0.

5) New Business

Highway Safety Meeting dates for 2026:

March 18, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

June 10, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

September 16, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

December 9, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

Don Ball motioned to ADJOURN.

Adam Jacobs seconded.

Motion passes 5-0-0

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT MEETING.