

MINUTES
SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Friday, December 16, 2011
4:00 p.m.

Present:

Ned Lightner, Chair	Steve Flowers
Dick Brockway	Jim Huning
Gina Cressey	Judy Rohweder
Maureen Einstein	

Not Present:

Bob Abersold
Harry Rosenblum
Denis Wang

Public: Marge Brockway

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ned Lightner. Ned reported that he had a meeting with Billy Paige regarding the emergency entrance to Bayview Park. Billy suggested that the entrance be moved south (to the middle of Bayview Park) to avoid any sewer/water lines. **Action:** Dick Brockway will prepare a cost estimate for a gate and signage at the new proposed entrance for emergency vehicles into Bayview Park.

Ned Lightner also informed the committee that he and Billy Paige had a meeting regarding the possibility of widening the shoulder on Bay Street to allow safe passage for emergency vehicles. The widening would begin just past Oakhurst and continue to Close Quarters. There are presently six parking spaces on lower Blaisdell Park which would not change. **Action:** Ned Lightner will present to the Board of Overseers, at their next meeting in January, the two options available to allow for safe emergency vehicle clearance: (1) A "No Parking" Sign on the Blaisdell Park side of Bay Street, and (2) widening the shoulder on lower Blaisdell Park to help solve the Bay Street congestion. Any recommendation would have to be presented to the town of Northport selectmen, as Bay Street is a town road. Cost of any widening would have to be determined between the town of Northport and the Northport Village Corporation.

Dick Brockway discussed the cost, placement, varieties, etc. of speed bumps, speed humps, speed cushions, how they are anchored, and the fact that they are removable. Dick has been in contact with engineers at the University of Maine for their input. **Action:** Dick Brockway will contact Per Garder, from the University of Maine, to arrange a time to speak with the Safety Committee, for his input on village needs and his recommendations regarding traffic calming. **Action:** Ned Lightner will request that Per Garder be reimbursed for mileage at the next Overseers meeting in January. The Safety Committee thanked Dick for all his hard work and research.

Ned Lightner asked for discussion regarding police protection for next summer, i.e., hiring private protection, using the Sheriff's department, or a combination of both. Ned asked that a more detailed job description for policing be developed. Jim Huning stressed the need that not only the Board of Overseers but the Sheriff's Department should be included in this discussion.

Action: Ned will begin work on a "straw-man" job description for police protection with input from the Safety Committee. Included in the discussion of this preliminary job description will be input from the Board of Overseers and the Sheriff's Department.

Action: Gina Cressey will research the internet to see what other communities may use as job descriptions for their policing.

Action: Ned will talk with the new Assistant Sheriff to set the preliminary groundwork for a future meeting.

Steve Flowers moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jim Huning. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

The next meeting of the Safety Committee is Saturday, January 14, 2011 at 2 p.m. in the Community Hall.

Maureen (beanie) Einstein
Safety Committee Member