

Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 21, 2007
7:30 p.m. Town Hall

Present: Michael Caron, Sharon Freeman, Jack Moultrie, Officer Neeley, William Spears, Ida Wye
William Spears

- The December 6, 2006 meeting minutes were approved.
- William Spears has been sworn in by the Town Clerk as an official member of the Committee as of February 2007.
- There are no minutes to be approved from the February 28, 2007 meeting as there was not a quorum for the full meeting.
- Officer Neeley provided an update on the portable truck scales. Comments:
 - A "truck team" would determine if trucks were in compliance
 - Trucks travel through Georgetown from many points; 495, 95, N H ... ~17% of traffic is truck traffic..probably more...
- Jack Moultrie reported on the School Safety Committee:
 - Wetlands issues (100'buffer restriction) requires a lengthy permitting process
 - The cross walk will be moved down North Street. The crossing on Pond St and Prospect was not addressed because the residents did not want this intersection to be re-built; the area in question was not "repaired/improved" and remains a safety issue
- The committee voted to approve proposed amendments to Chapter 250 ss40:
 - No parking on Chestnut/Elm to dead end which was approved at the Selectmen's meeting.
 - Truck restriction on Tenney Street from East Main to Woodland was approved by selectmen because the access road is the alternate route
 - No commercial truck traffic over 2 1/2 tons requires state approval
- Committee will inventory signage downtown; begin with stop signs and speed signs. When and how were the signs approved? how many are unenforceable?
- 35mph is the state regulated speed for not thickly settled areas
- Changing speed regulations requires state approval and a public hearing
- Police cannot enforce an unapproved sign.
- Re: noise - decimal meter would be required by police BUT police can enforce some noise issues without a decimal meter...when the noise can be heard at a significant distance...
- The Committee agreed that we would not pursue a general noise ordinance but that we will look into a Jake braking regulation
- General discussion of site distance issues and fences
- Minutes submitted by Ida Wye with additions from Sharon Freeman for approval at next meeting.