Board of Selectmen Hearing

Thursday, May 5, 2022

Attendance: Board of Selectmen- Joe Cacciatore, chair; Rob Caron, vice chair; Bob Nigrello; Grace Ruelle, Town Administrator; Chief Mike LePage

**Meeting began at 7:00 pm.**

Mr. Cacciatore shared the three options available to change the traffic pattern at the intersection of 107 and 108 where there is currently a through way and 2 stop signs.

Chief LePage gave a brief statement about the complaint that was filed with the selectmen’s office. Chief LePage said the DOT did a turning movement study. Chief LePage gave the recommendation of the state. The recommendation of the state was to take away the stop sign on 107. Chief LePage shared that we are seeking public comment from the town residents.

An audience member asked about the complaint. Chief LePage gave information about the complaint.

Chief LePage shared pros and cons.

Discussion with audience members about traffic patterns and traffic signs.

Audience members asked questions about the flow of traffic.

Audience member spoke about traffic backing up on 107 when trying to take a left onto Haverhill. Mr. Cacciatore also added concern about traffic backing up in front of the fire station.

Audience member whose wife gave the complaint shared his observations. He shared that the east bound traffic is not safe.

Discussion about why there has been such an increase in traffic? Chief LePage shared that 107 is a cut through.

More discussion about different scenarios.

Chief LePage shared that a lot of flashing lights have been pulled as they do not fit the new federal guidelines.

Discussion about a lighted stop sign.

An audience member shared that there are not many accidents at this intersection.

Mr. Nigrello asked about near misses. Chief LePage shared there are many. He shared that stops that happen from this intersection are failure to stop, burning rubber etc.

Audience member asked if we made a change, can we change it back? Mr. Nigrello said that question was asked to the DOT.

Chief LePage shared that there will be education if it is decided a change will occur.

A resident spoke about the blinking LED stop sign. Chief LePage gave some more clarification how it works.

Chief LePage said he believes there may be some crashes if the stop sign on 107 is pulled.

Audience member suggested additional warning signs.

Audience member asked if the state would fund LED’s around signs.

Discussion of bicyclists. They don’t always follow the rules of the road.

Mr. Nigrello asked if the letter sent was effective? Some thought it was a different intersection. One resident saw the information in the paper.

An audience member asked the takeaway from the meeting.

Mr. Cacciatore shared that the board wanted to get public feedback. He polled the audience.

6 would like to keep it the same

6 would like a 3 way stop

0 would like to pull the stop sign

Mr. Nigrello shared that this will be on a future agenda.

**Mr. Cacciatore adjourned the meeting at 7: 50pm.**

Meeting minutes prepared by Lee Anne Miller

Approved 8/8/2022

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