



## **Roadway Committee Meeting**

**Rindge Town Office**

**Date: October 23, 2024**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**Present:** Rindge Residents Philip Stenersen and Craig Clark, Planning Director Al Bump, Fire Chief Rick Donovan, Highway Director Mike Cloutier, Police Chief Rachel Malynowski, Executive Secretary Victoria Stenersen, and members of the public. Town Administrator Lori Rautiola was absent from the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 am.

#### **New Business:**

Thomas Road – Request for Crosswalks: Hannah Bissex and Tim Algeo of Thomas Road presented in Ron Osimo's stead. They requested a crosswalk with signage and a reduced speed on Thomas Road due to the speeding on the road which creates problems with the large amount of activity. Young children live on the road and farms with livestock that cross or walk along the road. They were also concerned about the dangerous curve where visibility is low and there is a higher probability of accidents. Rachel Malynowski agreed that this is a problem area in Rindge and there have been many crashes along that stretch. Mike Cloutier stated the lowest speed allowed on Class 5 Roads is 25 mph. Craig motioned to recommend to the Select Board to reduce the speed to 25 mph on Thomas Road from the intersection of Perkins Road with Thomas Road to just beyond where Thomas Road becomes Robbins Road. Al Bump seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0.

There was a further discussion of the crosswalks and funding. Rachel stated if the crosswalk is created and funded by citizens the crosswalk cannot be enforced by the town. Rick Donovan added that Hampshire Country School had also come before the committee and requested a crosswalk about 10 years ago and they decided to have signs posted instead. He recommended they also add a crosswalk at this location. Al motioned to recommend to the Selectboard to add at least one crosswalk on Thomas Road and Mike Cloutier will recommend the exact location after a site visit with Hannah Bissex. Mike seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0.

Announcement: Craig Clark announced the Town of Rindge is now officially a Purple Heart Town and the signs have been posted.

Dale Farm Road and Knight Lane Barricade Discussion: Craig Clark stated the location of the barricade had been moved by one of the landowners. Rick recommended they contact the town's attorney Gary Kinyon or NHMA on the legality of enforcing the barricade without a town vote. Craig Clark tabled the discussion.

#### **Any Other Business:**

Joseph Desruisseaux of Robbins Road brought forward a complaint about speeding on Robbins Road. Rachel recommended he bring his complaint to the police as it happens and if it is a recurring incident to provide a time frame and description of the vehicle. Craig recommended that the next meeting have a broader discussion of speeding.

The meeting adjourned at 10:58 am.

Respectfully submitted,

*Victoria Stenersen*

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