

PUBLIC WAYS SAFETY COMMITTEE
BOLTON, MA. 01740
JANUARY 8, 2020

Mary Ciummo called the meeting to order at 10:35am at the Public Safety Building where we met with Chief Nelson. Holly Lauer and Leslie Breeze were also in attendance, Mike Keller was not available.

Chief Nelson commented that he is currently down 4 officers as one is at the academy, another injured and two others recently resigned to take positions elsewhere. As a result, the department's overtime budget will be hit very hard. He will not be requesting any new position as he has two existing ones to fill.

Traffic data results were reviewed and compared to 2018. Number of reportable accidents are up as are the dollars from traffic citations.

We then discussed our committee's request to reduce the speed to 25mph in the Town Center. Chief Nelson said that he has had an ongoing discussion with the DPW head Joe Lynch. They both favor the speed reduction but are unsure of the outcome. Joe will be submitting the request to the State DPW later in January.

He also announced that the two electronic sign signs that were destroyed in separate accidents will be replaced by insurance.

Sign Replacement- We have replaced many traffic signs in the past few years and reached out to him for a list of any missing and/or damaged signs. He is aware of speed signs missing along Wattaquoduck Hill Road but will reach out to his officers for other signs needing replacement..

We also discussed the Safe Routes to School program and in conjunction with the updates along Main Street under the Complete Streets, we think it would be appropriate to see how Safe Routes can be implemented at least for those students in the area.

Mary mentioned that she is working on the new Master Plan for Bolton and she along with Ken Troup will be overseeing the transportation piece of this program.

The meeting concluded at 11:30 am. The next meeting will be January 22nd at 7pm at the Town Hall. Minutes recorded by Leslie Breeze.

M. Ciummo
Leslie Breeze
Holly Lauer