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23 Edgemont Road Sunapee NH 03782 Phone: (603) 763-2212

Highway Safety Committee Meeting Agenda

Date: May 1st, 2024 Time: 9:00am to 10:15am

Location: Safety Services Building - 9 Sargent Road

- 1. Review & Approve Minutes
 - April 3rd, 2024
- 2. Revisit Proposed Posted Roads Ordinance with Public Input
 - Review all Town road additions and corrections highlighted in red.
 - Evaluate the Attached Public Recommendations, Revisions, and Input
 - (26) attachments
- 3. Revisit Parking Ordinance Red Line with Input from Plan NH Charrette
 - Evaluate proposed changes to the parking ordinance incorporating feedback from the Plan NH Charrette
 - K. Hill 2024 04 02 Tara Hall Ln
- 4. No Thru Trucking Ordinance Red Line
 - Review proposed changes to the no thru trucking ordinance
- 5. Updates
 - No Thru Trucking Bradford Road On 4/23/2024, Mike reached out to Newport inquiring if they could also engage with Google to review its routing algorithm for compliance with no thru trucking regulations.
 - Retaining Wall Main Street The owner has received the signed letter from the Selectboard. If no updates are received, we will reach out to them to gather more information on the plan to address the issue.
- 6. Resident Emails/Letters
 - V. Jepson 2024 03 26 RT 11 GM
 - L. Jepson 2024 04 16 Lake Ave GM
- 7. AOB
 - Opportunity for members to raise any additional topics or concerns not already on the agenda.
- 8. Public Comment
- 9. Summarize Key Action Items and Assignments
 - Highlight key decisions made during the meeting.
 - Assign tasks and responsibilities to committee members.
- 10. Confirm Date, Time, and Location of the Next Meeting
 - Confirm the details for the next meeting.

Please come prepared to actively participate in the discussion and decision-making process. If you have any additional agenda items, please notify Jenn McClaine, Highway Business Manager, before the meeting. Thank you for your commitment to improving highway safety in our community.



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Highway Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

April 3rd, 2024 9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Safety Services Building – 9 Sargent Rd.

Present: Frederick Gallup, *Selectboard Representative*; Superintendent Russell Holden; John Galloway, *Fire Chief*; Neil Cobb, *Police Chief*; Michael Martell, *Highway Director*; Bob Hall; *Resident Representative*

Also present: Town Manager Shannon Martinez; Jennifer McClaine, *Highway Business Manager*; Skylar Hathorn, *Executive Administrative Assistant*

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Director Martell called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

2. REVIEW & APPROVE MINUTES

Chief Cobb noted a correction to a statement he made at the last meeting about utility vehicles being exempt from posted road permits and they are not exempt. Only exempt for emergency work.

MOTION to approve the minutes with this correction made by Chief Cobb and seconded by Director Martell. Selectboard Member Gallup and Chief Galloway said "aye." Superintendent Holden abstained.

3. REVIEW/UPDATE HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE PURPOSE/GUIDELINES

MOTION to approve the Highway Safety Committee Purpose and Guidelines made by Chief Cobb and seconded by Superintendent Holden.

A vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

4. DISCUSSION & REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED ROADS ORDINANCE

Discussion

Chief Cobb expressed his concerns about the 6-ton limit and stated he prefers GVWR for enforcement. He also corrected a statement he made, ordinance is written as gross weight, not GVWR. Suggests "or" with a higher weight rating over 26000 pounds. He also likes that the local ordinance exempts school buses and that property owners understand the 'rules' but notes that there is a gap in education with out-of-state delivery drivers driving on posted roads.



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Selectboard Member Gallup stated that he would prefer to see the actual weight of the vehicle be used to enforce over GVWR. He recommends sticking to the 6-ton gross weight limit and distributing the draft ordinance to the local contractors to get their opinions and see if they have any suggestions to ensure that the program is easy for them to comply to and be more willing to comply.

Chief Galloway noted that enforcing the actual weight limit seems difficult and noted a specific issue seen on Central Street due to SUVs over 3-tons. He highlighted that CDL rules go by gross vehicle weight.

Director Martell stated the conversation has started with local contractors regarding their input on the ordinance. After distributing the draft to the public for feedback, it will be brought to the Selectboard, and a public hearing will be scheduled.

Superintendent Holden suggested putting this draft ordinance in the local paper or website and establishing a date on which to give feedback.

ACTION: Distribute this ordinance to locals and put on website and bring it back to the HSC next month.

Public comment:

Diane Samalis recommended including restaurants and local businesses in reviewing this ordinance by sending it to them.

Chris Whitehouse highlighted Shaun Carroll's observation that posted roads shut down businesses that rely on trucks. He emphasized the need to balance road preservation with business interests and suggested prioritizing a business-friendly permit process over strict limitations. Whitehouse also inquired about the effectiveness of the stone that is used on roads in Vermont.

Discussion (in response to public comment)

Chief Cobb highlighted that the ordinance gives authority to the Highway Director to issue road permits and the process has been reasonable this year. He noted the importance of allowing businesses to operate while protecting roads as temperatures rise. He mentioned the ordinance's provision for a hearing before the Selectboard within 15 days if movement is restricted.

Chief Galloway explained that the ordinance requires individuals to obtain a permit from the Highway Director before overweight vehicles travel on a posted road and inquired about the 32 degrees or below.



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Director Martell followed up with an example where movement may be permitted above 32 degrees, as his discretion: moving an excavator after rain and higher temps might not be allowed due to road conditions, whereas transporting doors or roofing material is more likely to be permitted as the road can withstand it better compared to a 10 wheeler and heavier weight. He also mentioned responded to the ongoing use of the same stone as Vermont, emphasizing its gradual buildup over years and the continued application of 1 ½ stone.

5. PARKING ORDINANCE RED LINE

Chief Cobb reviewed the draft changes made to the Traffic and Parking Ordinance.

Director Martell noted that the town right of way varies by road unlike the state right away which is standard.

Chief Galloway recommended that in Section 1:1 (E) "trailer" should be identified as "boat trailers." In response to Section (1:4) (3), also suggested possibly creating a new sticker for residents for overnight parking in lots that allow overnight parking as he believes it to be unfair all residents to have access to overnight lots when there are tenants who live near these lots.

MOTION made by Selectboard Member Gallup to approve this ordinance. Superintendent Holden seconded this motion.

Public Comment:

Lynn Arnold recommended that a time limit be set in Georges Mills Harbor docking. Arnold would like to see a ten-minute limit put on vessel parking rather than the 2-hour minimum that is already in place on the town dock. Section (j) mentions Sunapee Harbor but nothing regarding Georges Mills Harbor.

 Chief Cobb recommended adding a Section E to mirror the language for Sunapee Harbor (J) to Georges Mills Harbor. Selectboard Member Gallup and Director Martell suggested having Georges Mills docks have a 1-hour limit.

Debbie Samalis recommended that the Hames Park lot not be overnight and would like to see it changed to 2-hour parking until 10 PM not 6 PM like it is now. She suggested the dirt lot be made to overnight parking not the Hames Park lot. She mentioned that the most recent snowstorm that entire harbor was plowed except for in front of her restaurant which affects her business.

Chris Whitehouse stated that public parking should be allowed on any road with a 16-foot passage, questioning the overall need for restrictions. He noted the importance of



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tourism and the limited parking options in Sunapee Harbor. Whitehouse advocated for a more inclusive approach to the ordinance. He questioned parking regulations on roads such as Lake Avenue, where we could allow permits to generate revenue.

Lisa Hoesktra: stated that there may be suggestions made at the Charrette for this parking ordinance and that could be considered before it goes to the Selectboard.

Selectboard Member Gallup withdrew his previous motion: "MOTION made by Selectboard Member Gallup to approve this ordinance. Superintendent Holden seconded this motion."

The parking ordinance will be tabled awaiting input from the Plan NH Charrette and will be revisited at the next Highway Safety Committee Meeting.

6. UPDATES

Bradford Road:

Jenn McClaine has reached out to Google regarding the through trucking issue.

Selectboard Member Gallup suggested contacting Newport about Bradford Rd as he assumes Newport is facing the same issue and there could be a coordinated effort with Google.

Chief Cobb has increased patrols, though enforcement remains inconsistent.

Retaining Wall Main St.

The issue was presented to the board and a letter was signed by the Chair of the Selectboard and sent to the property owner. There has been no response from the property owner.

7. AOB

Traffic/Speed Counters

Chief Cobb discussed the deployment of traffic/speed counters that were obtained through the Highway Safety Grants. These devices, distinct from other signs used in the past, provide more accurate speed data. There is training on these devices scheduled for later this week and they will be periodically relocated for optimal coverage. Chief Cobb recommended that citizens suggest where they can put new speed meters.

Traffic Concerns in Georges Mills

Chief Galloway suggested we reach out to the State about the installation of a blinking light or sign for people to stop at the intersection of Springfield Rd. and Rt. 11. He



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highlighted concerns of multiple accidents and motorists running the stop sign at this intersection.

Director Martell followed up by suggesting a blinking sign near the dam. He also noted accidents were prior to the seasonal closure of Cooper Street.

Selectboard Member Gallup noted the lack of response from the state regarding this issue and emphasized the importance of being persistent. He suggested that a letter be drafted to send to NH DOT, incorporating relevant statistics about the accidents at this intersection.

<u>ACTION:</u> Draft a letter to the NH DOT regarding this issue with statistics. Josh Levasseur began drafting this letter.

Public comment:

Lisa Hoekstra: in the crash last week she was on the scene and said one of the victims never saw the stop sign. She suggested 'Stop Ahead' signs. It is suggested to put a sign on the left side of the road.

Director Martell and Chief Cobb both responded and noted that state permission is needed to put signs on the state road.

Rules for Public Comment:

Jenn McClaine noted that there needs to be direction from the committee on public comment such as by establishing a time limit, number of times individuals can speak, whether public comment will occur per agenda item or at the end of the meeting, and how to handle emails from the public that cannot attend the meeting.

Ms. McClaine also reiterated the committee guidelines which state that routine plowing, maintenance, etc. are not to be discussed in the Highway Safety Committee meetings but addressed with the Highway Director at a different time.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Setting the standard for public comment:

MOTION made by Selectboard Member Gallup to move public comment to the end of the meeting, but the Chair can take comments at his discretion throughout the agenda.

A vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.



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MOTION made by Director Martell all emails received prior to the posting to the agenda will be posted to the agenda packet. Seconded by Chief Cobb.

A vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME

Moving forward committee meetings with be one Wednesday a month at 9 a.m.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 1 at 9 a.m. at the Safety Services Building.





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AN ORDINANCE REGULATING HEAVY HAULING OVER TOWN ROADS

WHEREAS, The Select Board of the Town of Sunapee outlines the procedure for adoption of ordinance by the Town Select Board; and

WHEREAS, RSA 41:11 establishes the authority for Select Board "to regulate the use of all public highways, sidewalks, and commons in their respective towns for this purpose may exercise all the powers conferred on city councils by RSA 47:17, VII, VIII and XVIII"

WHEREAS, The Select Board of the Town of Sunapee have determined that the winter season causes severe distortion of certain roads, which, if subjected to heavy hauling during the thawing prior to April 30th, will cause significant road damage and affect public safety and life on those roads,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the The Select Board of the Town of Sunapee approves the adoption of this ordinance governing vehicle loads on certain roads as follows.

SECTION 1. POSTED ROADS

Unless specifically permitted by the written directive of the Highway Director or their designee, it shall be unlawful for any person, partnership or corporation to haul, transport or cause to be transported by vehicle with gross weight over six (6) tons any material over the following Class V roads from February 1st of each year through May 1st of each year, or as determined necessary by the Highway Director or their designee.

	SUNA	PEE		GEORGES MILLS
ALPINE CT	GARNET ST	OLD GEORGES MILLS RD	TROW HILL RD	COOPER ST
ANGEL BROOK RD	GRANDLIDEN RD	OLD GRANDLIDEN RD	TWIN BIRCH LN	GRANITE RIDGE RD
APPLE HILL RD	HAMEL RD	ORCHARD CIR	W SHORE RD	HOLMES LN
AVERY RD	HANSEN CHASE RD	PARADISE RD	WEST CT	JOHN AVERY LN
BEECH ST	HARBOR HILL RD	PENACOOK PATH	WINN HILL RD	LAKE AVE
BIRCH POINT LN	HARDING HILL RD	PERKINS POND RD	WOODLAND RD	MAIN ST
BIRCH POINT RD	HELLS CORNER RD	PINE RIDGE RD	YOUNGS HILL RD	MEADOW BROOK RD
BRADFORD RD	HIGH ST	POST OFFICE RD		OAK RIDGE RD
BROWN HILL RD	HILLTOP DR	RIVER RD		OTTER HILL RD
BURKEHAVEN RD	JEFFREY DR	RIVERSIDE DRIVE		PLEASANT ST
CAREY FARM RD	JOBS CREEK RD	ROLLING ROCK RD		POCHELON ST
CENTRAL ST	LAKE AVE	RYDER CRONER RD		PROSPECT HILL RD
CHASE ST LAWTON RD		SARGENT RD		STONEY BROOK RD
CHIPPENDALE DR	LOCHLY RD	SCHOOL ST		WESTWOOD RD
COVENTRY DR	LOVEJOY LN	SCHOOLHOUSE LN		
CROSS RD	LOWER MAIN ST	SCOTTS COVE RD		
DEWEY BEACH RD	LOWER WINN HILL RD	SEVEN HEARTHS RD		
DOWD LN	MAIN ST	SIOUX PATH		
ELM ST	MAPLE CT	SLEEPER RD		
FAIRWAY DR	MAPLE ST	STAGECOACH LN		
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FERNWOOD POINT RD S NEW PROVIDENCE RD SUNNY LN				
FERNWOOD RD NORTH RD TIMOTHY RD				
GARDNER BAY RD	NORTHSHORE RD	TRASK BROOK RD		
GARNET HILL RD	NUTTING RD	TREATMENT PLANT RD		



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SECTION 2. APPLICABILITY

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- 2. Six-wheel fuel tankers delivering on the regulated road.
- 3. Public utility vehicles involved in emergency repair operations.
- 4. Town of Sunapee (owned, rented, leased, or contracted) vehicles or equipment.
- 5. School buses operated by the Town of Sunapee School District.
- 6. Residents whose only access to their residence or place of business is across a posted road without a load.

SECTION 3. ENFORCEMENT

The Highway Director or their designee and or any law enforcement officer shall be responsible for enforcing this ordinance.

SECTION 4. PENALTY

Any person, corporation or user who violates this Ordinance shall be subject to a fine of

\$_____ and/or revocation of permit under Town statues. In addition to other penalties provided by law, the Town may institute injunction, mandamus, abatement or other appropriate action or proceeding to prevent or enjoin or abate violations of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. REPEAL

This Ordinance shall automatically repeal and supersede all other ordinances or policies of the Town that relate to heavy hauling on Town roads.

SECTION 6.

The Select Board of the Town of Sunapee shall hold a hearing if requested by the impacted businesses, a commercial or industrial company operated or located in the Town of Sunapee. The hearing shall be held within 15 working days of receipt of a certified letter by The Select Board of the Town of Sunapee from the impacted business which requests a hearing. Otherwise enforcement of the maximum weight limits established by the Town of Sunapee shall be suspended for the remainder of the year or until such hearing is held.



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SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

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Passed and ac	lopted by The Select Board of the Town of Sunapee this	day of
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From: <u>Aaron</u>

To: <u>Jennifer McClaine</u>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] proposed posting ordinance

Date: Thursday, April 18, 2024 6:30:05 PM

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My only comment is that this will impact folks that operate their businesses out of their homes. I'm think of logging trucks, etc. Have you reached out to that community for their comments?

Aaron Simpson

From: Aaron Simpson

To: Jennifer McClaine

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Road posting

Date: Friday, April 19, 2024 4:07:20 PM

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To add to my prior comment, will this create a problem for fuel, water disposal and other delivery vehicles.

From: <u>Christine Corey</u>
To: <u>Jennifer McClaine</u>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Spring road posting

Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 10:25:04 AM

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Hello Jenn-

My husband is a heavy load truck driver.

He would like to see the date range be changed and return to the original date range. March 1-May 1. 2 months posted.

People need to work. 3 months without being able to work is way too long - Unless like this year where the weather was warmer and wet, the roads were posted early. (Not common. Feb is usually our coldest month)

Also The fine. Please put an actual amount vs just an open have not gotten that far yet in the creation process)	(maybe you all just
Respectfully-Christine Corey	
Every Great Day starts with a Positive Thought!	

Cell (603)558-0259

From: <u>Craig Howe</u>
To: <u>Jennifer McClaine</u>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Ordinance for heavy Hauling

Date: Saturday, April 20, 2024 6:15:46 AM

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Thank you for allowing the business community to respond to this proposal. Am I correct in assuming you are proposing to list the most vulnerable streets and close them to heavy trucks at least a month earlier than the normal road postings every year? Would this mean all the other town roads would be posted during the normal March and April?

Thank you Craig

Craig T. Howe
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www.talbotbuilders.com



From: tremblay50@comcast.net
To: Jennifer McClaine

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Posted Road Ordinance comments

Date: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 7:11:59 AM

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Good Morning,

I think the ordinance needs to include the list of roads before it is voted on.

It also should specifically list the repealed ordinances and policies. The term "all other" leaves it open to interpretation as to what is being "repealed and superseded".

Otherwise it looks good.

Thanks, Chuck Tremblay

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617-794-1400 (cell)

From: <u>Carol Wallace</u>
To: <u>Jennifer McClaine</u>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Road Ordinance

Date: Saturday, April 20, 2024 5:15:11 PM

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Hi Jenn,

Good draft of the ordinance!

Please replace any reference to "Board of Selectmen" with "The Select Board of the Town of Sunapee" which is the proper name for our Board.

Thank you for your great work at the Highway Department!

Regards,

Carol

Carol P. Wallace

From: <u>David Beardsley</u>
To: <u>Jennifer McClaine</u>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Posted Road Ordinance

Date: Friday, April 19, 2024 10:53:47 PM

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Hi Jenn - I think the ordinance is very good, although I'd like to see the list of included roads just to be sure. Having ridden my bike along Jobs Creek Road from the fire station all the way to Route 11 at Old Georges Mills Road this week, I was horrified at how bad the road has gotten just over this past winter. For some reason it seemed worse going in the southern direction and not quite as bad heading back north. Presumably that road will be on the list.

I know that John Brandolini called you the minute he got back to town after being away, and I'm sorry that I didn't get to tell him first that we had been talking already, but I want to thank you for at least getting the West Wood sign turned so people can see it coming down Jobs Creek Rd. Hopefully sometime in the future we can get a corrected sign saying Westwood Road, Rd or whatever rather than the two-word version! Thank you for your help in this matter and at least getting a sign out there that we can now see.

Dave Beardsley 19 Westwood Road Georges Mills From: <u>Dan Cave</u>

To: <u>Michael Martell</u>; <u>Jennifer McClaine</u>

Cc: Town Manager

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Thoughts on New Class V Road Ordinance During Mud Season

Date: Sunday, March 24, 2024 7:04:04 AM

Attachments: Road Postings hscm agenda 2024 04 03 DDC Suggestions.03.24.2024.pdf

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Mike and Jenn,

I hope this email finds you well. I received the notice of the upcoming April Highway Safety Committee meeting - it doesn't appear that there is a Zoom participation option so thought I would provide you some thoughts over email.

First, please forgive me as I suspect I am entering the discussion in the "late innings" and some, if not all, of the points I thought of may have already been considered and addressed in the language. That said, attached is the draft ordinance with some comments that may - or may not - be helpful for the Committee to consider. They are fairly short and relate to: (1) application of the ordinance to emergency lanes, (2) application to heavy vehicles that may *not* be hauling or transporting material, (3) and a possible additional exclusion category.

I also beg forgiveness for my ignorance of the existing ordinance - all I could find was one associated with "thru travel" on 4 particular roads (I think it is referred to as the "short cut" ordinance). However, I assumed that we also had an ordinance related to the 6 ton weight limit and existing permitting process; was I mistaken? If there is an existing ordinance, I am happy to review the new proposed ordinance in the context of the existing ordinance if you think it might be helpful to get a layperson view.

Respectfully,

Dan

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Commented [DC1]: Mike, I have two thoughts here based on my admittedly little/no experience except for a few weeks ago. (1) should the town designate (and I guess does it have the authority to designate) that the ordinance applies to posted town-owned roads and town-designated emergency lanes (such as Burma or other roads)?, and (2) the language appears to apply only to hauling/transporting material – but would not a heavy, empty dump truck or other vehicle traveling on a Class V road during mud season do damage regardless of whether it was loaded (transporting something) or not?

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Commented [DC2]: The other scenarios that occur to me are (1) a situation where a homeowner needs a repair – plumbing, electrical, etc., or (2) needs a delivery of something important (say a new boiler/furnace, septic tank, etc.) – although I suppose even an Amazon delivery truck might tip the scales. You will know better than me whether or not these scenarios would be over or under 6 tons, so maybe it isn't applicable or maybe the thought is that these scenarios should be covered by the permitting process. I think an Amazon truck, for instance, has a GVWR of 14,000 lbs or 7 tons??

From: Dan Cave

To: Jennifer McClaine

Cc: Michael Martell

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Re: [EXTERNAL]Road Posting Ordinance Draft

Date: Friday, April 19, 2024 8:38:45 AM

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• Jenn,

Thanks - so I don't need to re-send my comments, I assume, correct? Three additional items:

- 1. I was in Sunapee on Tuesday and see the roads are in much better shape and also had the opportunity to speak with some folks in the neighborhood re: Burma Rd, and I'm understanding that conditions were pretty good and that the management process worked well following that one weekend where there was a flurry of activity? Do you see it similarly?
- 2. I also spent time with Craig Howe (Talbot Builders) and asked if he had received the proposed regulation for review; he does not believe that he has. I believe you have his contact information, so is it possible to get him a copy?
- 3. I also connected over email with Suzanne about the bond idea. I'm sure I'm "stating the obvious" when I note that it is complex:
 - On the one hand, the expense of a builders' bond would immediately be passed on to the landowner whose project the builder is working on and would effectively raise construction costs for the landowner. That in and of itself isn't necessarily bad or good...but there are some complexities...
 - *On the other hand, the complexities:*
 - Using Burma Rd. as an example, in 2023 the road was in horrible shape without any construction projects. Are we disproportionately burdening contractors/specific landowners when all who travel on the road other "intermittent" repair contractors (plumbing, electrical, roofing) and delivery (Amazon) and utilities (NH Elect Coop, Water and Sewer) also travel on the road?
 - Some builders are highly-responsible (like Craig, who affected some repairs on his own even before that bad week and who voluntarily didn't send vehicles down the road even when he did have a permit) and others aren't. Is a better ordinance (not one that just grants the permit if the forecast is below 32 degrees) and better enforcement a more appropriate first action to see how it works before going to a bond?
 - Lastly, what is the right long-term answer here? On all the dirt access roads into Lake Sunapee, Perkins Pond, etc. and with the natural rhythm of properties turning over and the inevitable construction work that will arise it seems the longer-term issue is mud/silt making its way into water bodies and that won't stop as it is driven by "Mother Nature" which really does beg the question of paving with proper drainage/erosion control on all roads around water bodies. This is a very expensive, and likely long-term project that would require a lot of "budget surgery" but may be the only true long-term solution. I recognize that this

would also beg the question of turning ownership of private roads/emergency lanes like Burma Rd to the town - again, likely a complex and emotional topic.

Again, I'm probably "stating the obvious" here - which is easy to do, so I apologize if I am. I don't have any "easy answers" or "magic wand" - but that said, it may trigger some better thinking or ideas - I'm a firm believer that "all of us are smarter than one of us" so it is this type of discourse that I believe leads to better solutions.

Have a great day and weekend!

Dan

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On Tue, Apr 16, 2024 at 7:36 AM Jennifer McClaine < <u>Jenn@town.sunapee.nh.us</u>> wrote:

Good morning Dan,

The version you previously reviewed remains unchanged. We are currently in the process of gathering additional feedback to present to the Highway Safety Committee before the ordinance is submitted to the select board for approval.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or require further clarification.

Thank you,

Jenn
Jennifer McClaine
Highway Business Manager
Sunapee Highway Department
23 Edgemont Rd / 621 Rt 11
Sunapee NH 03782
jenn@town.sunapee.nh.us
603-763-5060 option 1
From: Dan Cave < <u>cavedd@gmail.com</u> > Sent: Monday, April 15, 2024 8:59 PM To: Michael Martell < <u>MichaelM@town.sunapee.nh.us</u> >; Jennifer McClaine < <u>Jenn@town.sunapee.nh.us</u> > Subject: [EXTERNAL]Road Posting Ordinance Draft
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Mike and Jenn,
I hope all is well. I am participating in the Selectboard meeting and understand that a draft ordinance has been circulated among area contractors for review and is also available to the public as well. I'd like to see the latest version - is it possible for you to email a copy to me? Thanks!
Dan

Dan Cave

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From: <u>David Colter</u>
To: <u>Jennifer McClaine</u>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Ordinance comment

Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 4:17:43 PM

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Hi Jenn.

I'd avoid colloquial speech and use more specific terms in these two instances.

"WHEREAS, the Town of Sunapee Selectmen have determined that the winter season causes severe distortion of certain roads, which, if subjected to heavy hauling during the thawing prior to April 30th, will cause significant road damage and affect public safety and life on those roads,"

I'd replace "hauling" with "vehicles." Vehicle weight is the salient point, and "vehicle" is a legally recognized term.

"Unless specifically permitted by the written directive of the Highway Director or their designee, it shall be unlawful for any person, partnership or corporation to haul, transport or cause to be transported by vehicle with gross weight over six (6) tons any material over the following Class V roads from February 1st of each year through May 1st of each year, or as determined necessary by the Highway Director or their designee."

Replace highlighted text with "in writing by." Grammatically, a "directive" orders something to be carried out, it doesn't grant permission.

It's difficult to fully weigh in on a proposed ordinance that omits the penalty. Is the amount of the fine dictated by an RSA, or is this something the town decides on?

Regards,
Dave Colter
146 Pine Ridge Rd.
Sunapee, NH

From: <u>Donna Larrow</u>
To: <u>Jennifer McClaine</u>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Road posting ordinance

Date: Friday, April 19, 2024 11:27:18 AM

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Please consider changing 'fuel tanker' to include all fuel sources. Some folks burn wood/pellets etc.

While most people will try to plan for the season, weather and finances can cause unanticipated need for delivery.

Thank you for considering my suggestion.

Donna Larrow 15 Prospect Hill Road Sent from Donna's iPhone From: Fleuri MacIntyre
To: Jennifer McClaine

Subject: [EXTERNAL]AN ORDINANCE REGULATING HEAVY HAULING OVER TOWN ROADS

Date: Monday, April 22, 2024 11:21:48 AM

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Hi Jenn,

marys rd sunapee

First off thank you for accepting comments. Squeaking in under the deadline. The ordinance is a good and well drafted document. This preventative measure helps us all who spend time here...navigate the messiest season -mostly- without having to worry about getting stuck or damaging undercarriage in heavy ruts...ones we've surely all been over. Know our area has had some issues as have many in town. Solutions can include nearer staging areas for lighter/lower loads, pushing seasonal work into drier timeframes, and just general thoughtful and considerate neighborly decisions on when and how we use our roads, the care we take of them and when we decide to **share** them with heavy work vehicles.

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Where is the "scale"?
Three months out of twelve seems fair. Know the dates can be soft as well but weather will dictate such.
What might the fine be? \$500.00? higher? Important and significant enough to know of and deter. (these days) It needs to be, apparently.
In the end, less is more. Makes common sense. This ordinance, effectively enforced, and has the positive potential to avoid costly repair expenses we all must shoulder.
Thanks. Happy Spring.
fleur
Fleur M. MacIntyre

From: <u>John Brandolini</u>
To: <u>Jennifer McClaine</u>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Re: *Reminder* Request for Feedback: Draft Posted Road Ordinance

Date: Monday, April 22, 2024 12:36:03 PM

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A couple of brief comments:

- 1) Section 1: last sentence. Change ", or as determined necessary by the" to ", or as otherwise annually determined by the"
- 2) Section 3: I would have the police as the enforcement, not the highway department. I would not even have the highway department as an option for enforcement.

On Mon, Apr 22, 2024 at 10:12 AM Sunapee NH < cmsmailer@civicplus.com > wrote:

Reminder Request for Feedback: Draft Posted Road Ordinance

Feedback Due by April 23rd, 2024

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Kindly email your input to jenn@town.sunapee.nh.us no later than <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>April 23rd</u>, <u>2024</u>.

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Thank you for taking the time to participate in this important process.

From: <u>Jean Spaulding</u>
To: <u>Jennifer McClaine</u>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Posted Road Ordinance

Date: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 8:18:35 AM

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We see no problem with the draft of this ordinance.

Bob & Jean Kjellman 210 Garnet Hill Road From: Kirk Bishop
To: Jennifer McClaine

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Feedback on the draft Posted Road Ordinance

Date: Saturday, April 20, 2024 7:57:49 AM

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Jenn,

Looks like a good job to me!

Kirk Bishop 162 Jobs Creek Rd, Sunapee, NH 03782 From: <u>Katherine Sears</u>
To: <u>Jennifer McClaine</u>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Fw: *Reminder* Request for Feedback: Draft Posted Road Ordinance

Date: Monday, April 22, 2024 5:16:00 PM

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Hi Jenn,

I read the Draft Posted Road Ordinance and have no expertise in the matter. However, I noted that the restrictions start February 1 apparently regardless of whether the ground is frozen and snow might still fall. Should private Snow Plows be on the list of vehicles excluded? I don't know how much a snow plow could weigh.

Thanks, Kate Sears 132 Mary's Road

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From: Sunapee NH <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
To: "kasears@ymail.com" <kasears@ymail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 at 10:12:05 AM EDT

Subject: *Reminder* Request for Feedback: Draft Posted Road Ordinance

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The Highway Safety Committee will carefully consider all received feedback during the next meeting to ensure the ordinance is thoroughly reviewed before

From: <u>Michael Loucks</u>
To: <u>Jennifer McClaine</u>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Proposed Heavy Hauling Ordinance

Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 11:34:44 AM

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You have asked for comments on the proposed ordinance regulating heavy hauling. Here are some comments; I am responding as a resident of Sunapee.

1. While Section 1 prohibits traveling "by vehicle with gross weight over six tons any material" and the next section refers to "a load" neither that section nor section 2 defines load. The section also does not, as drafted, prohibit the travel over roads of vehicles that while empty weigh more than 6 tons: perhaps another ordinance does that, but this ordinance does not.

The ordinance as drafted applies to vehicles weighing more than 6 tons that are being used "to haul, transport or cause to be transported" "any material." This does not specifically bar driving any empty vehicle that weighs more than 6 tons on any of the specified class V roads. A driver of such a vehicle would be able to successfully argue that the ordinance does not prohibit driving an empty but heavy truck across the roads because such a truck is plainly not being used to transport a load.

2. Section 2 paragraph 6: the phrase "without a load" modifies the phrase "a posted road." I suspect that the intent is to allow residents who are going home across one of the class 5 roads to do so so long as their vehicle is not carrying a load.

There are other ambiguities as well that I correct below.

I recommend rephrasing Section 1 and Section 2: as follows:

"Subject to the terms of Section 2, it shall be unlawful for any person, or any employee of any business however organized (e.g., as a partnership, a sole proprietorship, or a corporation) to drive any vehicle over any of the Class V roads listed below between February 1 and through May 1 of each year, where the vehicle and its contents exceed six (6) tons in aggregate weight."

Section 2:

The prohibition set forth in Section 1 is subject to the following:

1. The Highway Director or her designee may, at her election and in the exercise of her judgment:

A: provide permission for a vehicle and its load to travel over a specified road, notwithstanding that its aggregate weight exceeds six tons; and

- B: Change the time period for the prohibition in any particular year.
- 2. Section 1 shall not apply to any of the following:

A: All emergency vehicles or any vehicle responding to an emergency, including any public utility vehicles involved in emergency repair operations.

B: Six-wheel fuel tankers delivering fuel on one of the listed roads.

C: Any vehicles operated by any Town of Sunapee employees, or at the direction of any Town of Sunapee employees, while engaged in Town of Sunapee business.

D: All Town of Sunapee school buses.

E: Residents who are operating a vehicle to their residence or place of business on one of the Class V roads listed in Section 1; such residents may so operate a vehicle over any of the listed Class V roads provided (1) that the aggregate weight of the vehicle and its load does not exceed six tons or (2) that the weight of the vehicle, if not bearing any load, does not exceed six tons.

Section 4: Change: "Any person, corporation or user" to "Any violation of this section shall be subject to a fine of \$____."

Please note that I am not making any comment on the need (or not) for this proposed ordinance, I am only commenting on its structure and terms. Thanks for forwarding and soliciting comments from the residents.

Michael K. Loucks 279 Lake Avenue Cell: 617-686-9635 Sent from my iPad From: <u>Muriel BERGERON</u>
To: <u>Jennifer McClaine</u>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] road closures article

Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 2:52:07 PM

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Hi Jenn,

First of all thank you for asking about concerns...mine isn't a concern just a couple of questions.

Are all dirt roads under the same time limit for closures and openings as paved roads? Don't dirt roads become quite impassable sooner than paved roads. Also what about bridges for weight limits...or are they always posted.

Again thank you for asking and please continue the great communication with the Sunapee Community.

Respectfully, Muriel Bergeron Georges Mills



Matt Goss

23 Edgemont Road Sunapee, New Hampshire 03782 Phone: (603) 763-2212 Fax: (603) 763-4925

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING HEAVY HAULING OVER TOWN ROADS

WHEREAS, the Town of Sunapee Board of Selectmen outlines the procedure for adoption of ordinance by the Town Selectmen; and

WHEREAS, RSA 41:11 establishes the authority for Selectmen" to regulate the use of all public highways, sidewalks, and commons in their respective towns for this purpose may exercise all the powers conferred on city councils by RSA 47:17, VII, VIII and XVIII"

WHEREAS, the Town of Sunapee Selectmen have determined that the winter season causes severe distortion of certain roads, which, if subjected to heavy hauling during the thawing prior to April 30th, will cause significant road damage and affect public safety and life on those roads,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Sunapee Board of Selectmen approves the adoption of this ordinance governing vehicle loads on certain roads as follows.

SECTION 1. POSTED ROADS

Unless specifically permitted by the written directive of the Highway Director or their designee, it shall be unlawful for any person, partnership or corporation to haul, transport or cause to be transported by vehicle with gross weight over six (6) tons any material over the following Class V roads from February 1st of each year through May 1st of each year, or as determined necessary by the Highway Director or their designee.

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SECTION 2. APPLICABILITY

This restriction shall not apply to:

1. Emergency vehicles.

home heating fuel delivery of Six-wheel fuel tankers delivering on the regulated road.

3. Public utility vehicles involved in emergency repair operations.

4. medical Oxygen delinery

From: <u>Michael Wong</u>
To: <u>Jennifer McClaine</u>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Fwd: Request for Feedback: Draft Posted Road Ordinance

Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 10:56:08 AM

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Hello Jenn - We live on a posted road (Marys Road) and one consideration would be if exclusion #1 or #6 could also include or be clarified to include emergency tow vehicles. For example, our car breaks down and we need to get a tow service out quickly, would we need to get permission since I'm guessing the combined weight could be >6 tons? If this is something that's already been discussed and determined we need a permit, that's fine, but I would imagine someone at some point will need a tow at night or on a weekend when a permit may take longer than normal to approve.

Thank you! Michael 415.516.7215

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From: Sunapee NH <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Date: April 16, 2024 at 10:12:26 AM EDT

To: mtjwong@gmail.com

Subject: Request for Feedback: Draft Posted Road Ordinance

Reply-To: cmsmailer@civicplus.com

Request for Feedback: Draft Posted Road Ordinance

Feedback Due by April 23rd, 2024

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 From:
 nwwallace1

 To:
 Jennifer McClaine

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Road postings

Date: Monday, April 22, 2024 10:56:48 AM

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Suggest that postings be placed at the entrance of each unpaved section of a posted road such as the ends of north road and perkins pond road. Drivers do not understand that a sign on rt 11 covers all off shopts beyond oots beyond

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 From:
 Rick Mastin

 To:
 Jennifer McClaine

 Subject:
 [EXTERNAL]Road closure

Date: Monday, April 22, 2024 10:27:26 AM

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Hi,

The only input I would have is the there has to be some discretion on the absolute closure. Moving a peice of equipment or one load of stone after posting should be addressed individually.

Thanks.

From: Suzanne Graves Mcmahon

To: <u>Jennifer McClaine</u>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Supporting Letter for the Mud Season Ordinance

Date: Monday, April 1, 2024 5:39:05 PM

Attachments: Road Ordinance.pdf

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Hi Jenn,

Attached is a supporting letter that you may use to your benefit for the road ordinance.

Thank you and Mike for taking this on!

Suzanne

Suzanne Graves suzanne.graves@me.com 508 277 2010

Suzanne Graves
President
Perkins Pond Protective Association
P. O. Box 123
Sunapee NH 03782

Highway Safety Committee Michael Martel, Chair Town of Sunapee 23 Edgemont Road Sunapee, NH 03782

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to support the proposed ordinance regulating heavy hauling over town roads. This is a very necessary ordinance for our infamous mud season in order to protect our roads and especially any dirt roads.

While I recognize that damage from heavy hauling trucks may not be apparent on paved roads, yet for dirt roads, damage can be immediately seen. For those heavy haul vehicles, notably those who will be participating in construction projects, I suggest that a bond be posted either by the construction company or subcontractor that would pay for the repairs to the roads, should it be deemed necessary. The proposed ordinance does identify that abatement or other appropriate action can be taken, and this may be one that would improve quick remedy to dirt roads.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Graves

PPPA: 240401

From: BS Greer
To: Jennifer McClaine

Subject: [EXTERNAL]FW: Request for Feedback: Draft Posted Road Ordinance

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Hi Jenn: This looks pretty straightforward – nice work. The one question I have is why Georges Mills and Sunapee are separated in the table, unless it's because of the same named roads.

Stu

From: cmsmailer@civicplus.com <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 10:11 AM

To: bsgreer@msn.com

Subject: Request for Feedback: Draft Posted Road Ordinance

Request for Feedback: Draft Posted Road Ordinance

Feedback Due by April 23rd, 2024

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Thank you for taking the time to participate in this important process.

From: <u>Heather Horan</u>
To: <u>Jennifer McClaine</u>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]road ordinance

Date: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 3:55:41 PM

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To whom it may concern at the Town of Sunapee Highway Department,

I understand that the highway department is collecting feedback at this time. I'm not sure if this is the correct platform for my concern, so please forward this email along as needed.

My husband and I live on Lake Ave. We have been astounded at the condition of the road for at least 18 months. The potholes this winter have been especially dangerous. I was pleased when I saw the truck weight restrictions posted part way through the winter. Shortly thereafter, I was in utter disbelief when I learned that massive dump trucks and equipment were still allowed to travel an immense project on Burkehaven Point during the restricted time period. I'm curious why this was permitted. I would hope that in a small town restrictions and rules are the same for all of us.

Thank you for your time,

Heather Horan 231 Lake Ave, Sunapee, NH 03782 From: <u>Tricia Healey</u>
To: <u>Jennifer McClaine</u>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Fwd: *Reminder* Request for Feedback: Draft Posted Road Ordinance

Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 9:54:52 AM

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Hi-

I feel that this time period, specifically starting on Feb 1, is too long and starting too early. We are still deep in winter on Feb 1st and February is traditionally one of the coldest months in NH.

The road closure timeframe should be a time period determined each year based on temperature & review of road conditions. It should not be a standard time period as each winter season is different.

Three months / one quarter of each year is a long period of time to limit our roads and is very disruptive to residents, and commerce.

This seems to be a reaction to the town taking some heat this year that the roads were closed a bit too late—the result of that should not be a blanket set ordinance with defined dates—there needs to be more accountability & oversight to the person/department responsible for monitoring the roads-to do a better job of evaluating road conditions each year. In short-Feb 1 is way too early too close roads, plus setting defined dates is not realistic as

each season is different. We are not new to this—we should have professionals who are experienced and able to assess road conditions annually to make decisions based off actual conditions.

If you need to write up guidelines- the document needs to allow for the ability to assess and determine alternative dates based off seasonal conditions as defined dates are not realistic in our changing climate

Thank you
Tricia Healey

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Reminder Request for Feedback: Draft Posted

TITLE 1: TRAFFIC AND PARKING ORDINANCES

2 **CHAPTER 1 Parking Restrictions**

3 Section 1:1 General

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- A. It shall be unlawful for the driver of a vehicle to stop, stand, or park any vehicle in any place where official traffic signs have been erected or marked prohibiting standing and/or parking, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the direction of a police officer or other <u>authorized</u> person, traffic control sign or signal.
 - B. No vehicle or trailer shall be parked on the paved, main or traveled or maintraveled portion of any highway, road or street.
 - C. No vehicle shall be parked so as to restrict the portion of the road available for through traffic to sixteen (16) feet or less road width, except in areas marked for parking by the town.
 - D. There shall be no parking
 - a. on any hill or curve or any place where vision is not clear for at least one hundred-fifty (150) feet in either direction as the road goes, or
 - b. where "NO PARKING" signs are posted, or
 - c. where parking any vehicle will restrict the portion of the road available for through traffic to 16 feet or less road width.
 - E. There shall be no parking of any boat trailer not attached to a motor vehicle in any parking area of the Town or in any area in which a vehicle is prohibited from parking.
 - F. <u>No unregistered, uninspected or abandoned vehicle shall be parked in any parking lot or on the paved, main-traveled portion of any highway, road or street in the Town of Sunapee.</u>

26 Section 1:2 Village of Sunapee

- A. No vehicle or trailer shall be parked on the traveled road on Main Street from Route 11 east to Lake Avenue, except in areas marked for parking by the town.
- B. On Burkehaven Hill Road, with the exception of within 45 feet of Tara Hall Ln,
 from the intersection of Lake Avenue to the Town of Sunapee owned boat launch
 in Burkehaven Harbor, Jobs Creek Road from Dewey Beach Rd to 36 Jobs
 Creek Road, Lake Avenue and Garnet Street, vehicles may park on the paved
 main or traveled or main-traveled provided in accordance with Section 1:1 C or
 D.

- C. No trailers shall be parked at any time in any lot on Chart #1. (Sunapee Harbor)

 Vehicle with an attached boat trailer parking is allowed on Chart #4 in parking Lot

 A & Lot B. (amended 4-27-20)
 - D. No vehicle or trailer shall be parked on the south side of Lake Avenue from the driveway of 381 Lake Avenue to the southern intersection of Lake Avenue and Burkehaven Hill Road.
 - E. No vehicle or trailer shall be parked at any time on either side of Burkehaven Hill Road from its start at Lake Avenue at Sunapee Harbor south to the intersection of Harbor Hill Road. Vehicles with boat trailers, and with the driver in said vehicle, while queuing to enter the harbor parking lot to use the Town Boat Ramp, may queue in the marked waiting area on the east side of Burkehaven Hill Road immediately south of the intersection with Lake Avenue, provided they are not blocking a private driveway.
 - F. No vehicle or trailer shall be parked on the south either side of Elm Street.
 - G. No parking of any vehicle or trailers on Main Street from Route 11 to intersection of River Road, and no parking on Garnet Street from Main Street to the first pumping station <u>located at 55 Garnet Street</u>, with the exception of Parking lots D and E of Chart #2 in which no vehicle shall be parked for longer than two (2) hours between the hours of 7:30am and 6:00pm 7:00 am and 7:00 pm.
 - H. No vehicle shall be parked on either side of Seven Hearths Lane from the easterly entrance to Mount Royal Academy to the westerly end of Seven Hearths Lane. [Added 9/8/03] Queuing for student pick-up or drop-off, with a driver of a vehicle in the vehicle, is allowed within 30 minutes of the start or dismissal of Mount Royal Academy on the northside of Seven Hearths Lane from Route 11 to the entrance of Mount Royal Academy.
 - I. No vehicle shall park for a period to exceed two hours in the following parking lots E & F of Chart #2, parking lots D (added 10/24/05) & E of Chart #1, <u>and from</u> <u>am to 10 pm in the Hames Lot of Chart #3.</u>
 - J. No vessel shall park at the Town Wharves or Beach area in Sunapee Harbor for a period to exceed two (2) hours. This shall not apply to the <u>Sunapee Lake</u> <u>Queen M.V. Kearsarge</u> or M. V. Mt. Sunapee II <u>pursuant to</u> that the <u>Town</u> <u>currently has</u> a lease agreement with <u>the Town of Sunapee</u>. (Added 7/26/04)
 - K. No vessel shall be parked, docked, moored, or block the ability for an appropriate vessel to be parked, docked or moored at the boat dock used for public safety boats of the Police and Fire Departments of the Town of Sunapee unless permission is granted by either the Police or Fire Chief, or their designee, for good cause. Access to the public safety dock is limited to authorized personnel as permitted by the Sunapee Selectboard, Chief of Police, Fire Chief, or their designees, in connection with their official duties.

- A. No vehicle or trailer shall be parked on the north side of Route 11 from the intersection of Route 11 and Springfield Road to the intersection of Route 11 and Jobs Creek Road.
 - B. No vehicle or trailer shall be parked on the south side of Route 11 from the intersection of Route 11 and Otter Hill Road to the intersection of Route 11 and Jobs Creek Road.
 - C. No vehicle or trailer shall be parked on Cooper Street.

- a. Exception: There shall be two (2) spaces at the George's Mills Beach parking lot and three (3) spaces available on the east leg of Cooper Street at or near the intersection of Route 11 and Springfield Road, which will be posted for Town of Sunapee residents only.
- D. <u>In the spaces listed under exception (above) of the Georges's Mills Beach parking lot, no vehicle or trailer shall extend past the lines delineating the spaces.</u>
- E. No vessel shall park at the Town Wharves in Goerge's Mills Harbor for a period to exceed one (1) hour.

Section 1:4 Time Restrictions and Overnight Parking:

- 1. Overnight Defined Overnight parking means the parking of a vehicle in one spot continuously for a period exceeding six hours at any time during the hours from ten p.m. of the day designated to eight a.m. of the following day.
- Unless otherwise permitted, no vehicle or trailer shall be parked in a Town
 Parking Lot or marked parking areas for more than 24 consecutive hours unless
 otherwise posted. No unregistered or abandoned vehicle shall be allowed. Such
 a vehicle may be towed at the expense of the owner.
- 3. Overnight parking, not to exceed 24 hours, is allowed when a Town of Sunapee permit or sticker is displayed in accordance with Chapter 4 of this ordinance in following areas:
 - a. Chart 4, Lot A in the southwest corner of the parking lot in the area in front of the old *stone* foundation thereof.

Section 1:5 Seasonal Restrictions on Parking

- A. Summer Restrictions-Memorial Day <u>weekend</u>through Columbus Day <u>weekend</u>. (changed 11-20-06)
 - a. la) Chart 1, Lot A, C no vehicle shall be parked for longer than four (4) hours.
 - b. 1 b) Chart 1 Lot B, no vehicle shall be parked for longer than six (6) hours. (1-b & c added 11- 20-06)

111 c. 1 c) Chart 1 Lot D, E - no vehicle shall be parked for longer than two (2) 112 hours. 113 d. .2) At Georges Mills Harbor/Beach, three parking spaces adjacent to the 114 boat-launch ramp and facing the lake shall be designated for general 115 public use and no vehicle shall be parked in these spaces for longer than 116 twenty (20) minutes. 117 e. Overnight parking, not to exceed 24 hours, is allowed when a Town of 118 Sunapee permit or sticker is displayed in accordance with Chapter 4 of 119 this ordinance in following areas: 120 The public parking area in Burkehaven Harbor 121 ii. Burkehaven Hill Road between Lake Ave and the boat launch as 122 permitted in this ordinance with the exception of within 45 feet of 123 Tara Hall Ln. 124 B. Winter Restrictions - November 1st through April 1st. 125 a. 4) During the winter parking restriction, no vehicle may be parked on any public street, way or through way within the Town of Sunapee between the 126 127 hours of 12:00am (midnight) and 7:30am or any other time in such a 128 manner as to impede snow removal operations. 129 b. 2) Any vehicle parked in violation of Section 1:5.B. a. I may be authorized by the Road Agent, Chief of Police or their agents to be towed from its 130 131 location and stored. The expense of towing and storage will be the 132 responsibility of the driver and/or operator of the vehicle, prior to the 133 release of the vehicle. 134 c. 3) During the winter parking restriction period, overnight parking will be allowed between the hours of 10:00 pm 6:00 pm and 8:00 am 7:30 am in 135 136 the following locations: 137 a) The parking lot on the corner of Main and High Streets east of 138 Hames Park. 139 b) The parking lot on High Street on the south side of Sugar River. ii. 4) No vehicle or trailer will be parked on the north side of Elm Street at any time. 140 141 Section 1:6 School facilities: 142 During the hours of 7:30 AM to 8:15 AM and 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM on days in 143 which school is in session, only traffic related to the residents of School Street, 144 school personnel, handicapped individuals, school busses, delivery trucks, and 145 any emergency vehicles, going to and from Sunapee Elementary School, are 146 allowed. All other traffic on School Street is prohibited during the above hours.

[Rewritten 9/8/03.] [Revised 11/16/09]

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148	CHAPTER 2 Plowing and Shoveling of Snow and Ice
149	Section 2:1 Placement of Snow
150	No person shall throw, push, place, or cause to be thrown or placed, any snow or
151	ice on any public street, way or sidewalk within the Town of Sunapee.
152	Section 2:2 Removal of Snow
153	If it is determined, by the Road Agent, Chief of Police or their agents, that such
154	placement of snow or ice upon any public street, way or sidewalk may impede
155	traffic, vehicular or pedestrian, or affect normal Town of Sunapee snow removal
156	operations, the person(s) violating this section may be charged the cost of
157	removal of said snow or ice by the Town of Sunapee.
158	CHAPTER 3 Towing of Cars
159	Section 3:1
160	Vehicles or trailers that are parked, left standing, or are abandoned anywhere
161	that cause a hazard, or create a threat to the free flow of traffic, or the safety of
162	others, or which is parked in violation of this ordinance may be ordered, by the
163	Road Agent, Chief of Police or their agents, towed to a tow facility garage where
164	upon the driver or operator shall pay the tow charge before being allowed to
165	move such vehicle from said <u>tow facility</u> garage . The Town of Sunapee or the
166	Sunapee Police Department shall not be liable for tow charges or damages,
167	which might occur.
168	CHAPTER 4 Town Facilities Sticker
169	Section 4:1
170	No vehicle or trailer shall be parked stapped or stand in parking appear
170 171	No vehicle or trailer shall be parked, stopped, or stand in parking spaces designated for parking restricted to "TOWN FACILITIES STICKER REQUIRED",
	or similar official Town of Sunapee sign, without a valid "TOWN FACILITIES"
172	sticker, or similar Town of Sunapee permit, clearly displayed on or in said
173 174	vehicle.
175	CHAPTER 5 Speed Restrictions
176	Section 5:1
177	All speed limits on Town of Sunapee roads shall be as adopted by the Sunapee
178	Board of Selectmen, upon the recommendation of the Sunapee Highway Safety

179 Committee, on October 25, 1993, and as may be amended from time to time. 180 The speed limit for any Town of Sunapee road not listed and posted, shall be 25 181 miles per hour, excepting limiting the speed on Lake Ave. (added 8/23/04) and 182 Central Street (Added 01/25/10) to 20 miles per hour. 183 **CHAPTER 6 Exceptions to Parking Ordinance** 184 Section 6:1 185 The Board of selectmen acknowledges that situations arise and provide the 186 following exceptions: 1) This ordinance shall not apply to the driver of any vehicle, which 187 Α. is disabled to such an extent that it is impossible to avoid stopping and 188 189 temporarily leaving such disabled vehicle. 190 B. 2) In the case of large gatherings at private, public, or social events that necessitate parking of a number of vehicles on traveled roads, the 191 192 Police Department shall be notified, in advance, of the time and place of the 193 event. The Police Chief or their designee may permit temporary exceptions to this ordinance for such occasions. When such exceptions are made the 194 Town Manager, Fire Chief and Highway Director should be notified. One or 195 more police officers may be assigned duty to regulate and control traffic. 196 Persons requiring such police officers shall be billed for the time officers are 197 198 needed. 199 C. Municipal and emergency vehicles in connection with their official 200 duties. 201 Section 6:2 202 The Board of Selectmen may authorize a waiver of any time limits on parking restrictions in Section 1:2 and 1:3 after consultation with the Police Chief. 203 204 Approval of the waiver will be in writing to the Police Department. (Added 9/13/04) 205 **CHAPTER 7 Penalties Imposed** 206 207 Section 7:1 The penalty for each violation of this ordinance shall be \$40.00 and shall be paid 208 at the Town of Sunapee Police Station, at or the Town of Sunapee offices of the 209 210 Board of Selectmen, by mail, or through an electronic system as may be established by the Town of Sunapee. Anyone paying such penalty shall, upon 211

212 213	request, be issued a receipt. This penalty shall stand independent of any administrative or other charge that may be imposed.
214	Section 7:2
215 216	The penalty imposed shall be paid within 24 hours of the time when such notice of violation was attached to the vehicle.
217	Section 7:3
218 219 220	Any person who shall fail to pay the prescribed penalty, or who shall violate any other provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to an administrative fee of \$15.00 in addition to any fine or other charge that may be imposed.
221	Section 7:4
222 223 224 225	Any person found in violation of Chapter 2 shall receive a fine of not less than \$25, nor more than \$100. The cost of removal of snow or ice placed in a public street, way or sidewalk, in addition to any fine, administrative cost or other charge, may also be imposed.
226	CHAPTER 8 Invalidation of Portion of Ordinance
227	Section 8:1
228 229 230 231 232	If any provisions of the ordinances herein enacted, or the application of such provision to any person, body or circumstance shall be held invalid, the remainder of the provisions, or the application of such provisions to persons, bodies, or circumstances other than those as to which it shall have been held invalid, shall not be affected thereby.
233	CHAPTER 9 Repeal of Existing Ordinance
234	Section 9:1
235 236	All existing Parking and Traffic Ordinances in effect at the time of passage of, and in conflict with, this ordinance, are hereby repealed.
237 238 239 240	Title I: Traffic and Parking Ordinances were enacted November 12, 2001 and revised June 9, 2003, September 8, 2003, July 26, 2004, August 23, 2004, September 13. 2004, October 24, 2005, November 20, 2006, May 19, 2008. November 16, 2009 and January 25, 2010
241	Sunapee Board of Selectmen

From: Contact form at Sunapee NH

To: <u>Jennifer McClaine</u>

Subject: [EXTERNAL][Sunapee NH] Parking in Burkehaven (Sent by Katrina Hill, rbhillco@comcast.net)

Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 12:59:33 PM

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Message:

to the Committee:

Re: Traffic and Parking Ordinances (I live at 381 Lake Ave and also own a boathouse on Tara Hall Lane. Additionally I am one of the owners of Shepard Island)

Section 1:2 B. Wondering if you would consider making either side of the entrance to Tara Hall Lane a no parking area (one car length either side)? The paved road is quite narrow in this area. It is always difficult to navigate in and out of Tara Hall Ln in the summer due to the parking on the road. The parking spot between Tara Hall Ln and the boat launch makes the launch difficult to access. We worry about having good access for emergency vehicles.

Section 1:2 D. Will there be signage placed on the south side of Lake Ave (from the corner to our driveway at 381 Lake Ave)?

Thank you.

Town of Sunapee

NO THROUGH TRAFFIC/TRUCKS ORDINANCE

ARTICLE I – No Through Trucking and Prohibited Trucking

Section 1 – Authority to Regulate:

The Sunapee Board of Selectmen's authority to adopt regulations is set forth in RSA 41:11 relating to regulation of the use of town roads, and RSA 47:17, VII and VIII which specifically authorizes the Board of Selectmen to make special regulations as to the use of vehicles upon particular highways and to exclude such vehicles altogether from certain highways.

Section 2 – Conformity with Signs:

No person shall operate a vehicle in the Town of Sunapee except in conformity with the requirements or directives of traffic signals, signs and devices, and in the manner specified in RSA Chapter 265.

Section 3 - Vehicular Traffic Restrictions: (No Through Traffic)

No person shall operate a truck as defined by RSA 259:115-b, excepting a "light truck", as defined in RSA 259:50 on the following streets in a manner that allows the operator to travel from one end of the street to the opposite end as through traffic without stopping for either business or as a resident of that street, such vehicle described as light truck shall not be used or identified as a company or commercial truck with or without trailer attached.

Section 4 – Waivers:

It is the intent of this ordinance to reduce the amount of traffic using these roads as a short cut or pass through. The Board of Selectmen shall have the authority, and/or invest authority in the Sunapee Road Director and Sunapee Chief of Police, to grant permission for special exceptions. Such permission shall be written to an applicant who applies for deviation from the provisions of this ordinance. The applicant shall demonstrate that the circumstances are unique, the alternative route is unreasonable, and the use of the restricted public highway is in the public interest. The Board, Road Director or Police Chief shall have the authority to attach such conditions to the permission, as it deems prudent and necessary.

Section 5 – Trucks Prohibited:

No person shall operate a truck as defined by RSA 259:115-b, excepting a "light truck", as defined in RSA 259:50 on the following streets:

<u>Central Street, Bradford Road, Paradise Road, Trask Brook Road, High Street, Beech Street and Maple Street</u>

Section 6 – Penalty:

Any person who violates this ordinance shall be subject to a violation and result in a fine of \$50.00 for a first offence, \$100.00 for second offence and \$250.00 for each subsequent offence. Payment shall be paid at the Sunapee Police Department within 72 hours of violation.

<u>Section 7 – Exemption</u>

All Town, State or Government vehicle shall exempt from this ordinance. Section 8 – Effective Date Having held a duly noticed public hearing on April 9, 2018 the Board of Selectmen by majority vote adopted this Ordinance on **June 15, 2018** which the effective date shall be hereof.

Approved as amended by the Sunapee Board of Selectmen on April 9, 2018,

Amended by the Sunapee Board of Selectmen on May 17, 2021

Amended by the Sunapee Board of Selectmen on

From: <u>E.Neill Cobb</u>

To: <u>Michael Martell</u>; <u>Jennifer McClaine</u>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Fwd: [Sunapee NH] Highway safety committee 4/3 mtg to Neill & Mike (Sent by Vicki Jepson ,

Vjepson@comcast.net)

Date: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 2:26:13 PM

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Please see the below request for the upcoming HS meeting.

E. Neill Cobb Chief of Police Sunapee Police Department 9 Sargent Road Sunapee, NH 03782 (603) 763-5555

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From: Contact form at Sunapee NH < cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Date: Tue, Mar 26, 2024 at 11:25 PM

Subject: [Sunapee NH] Highway safety committee 4/3 mtg to Neill & Mike (Sent by Vicki

Jepson, <u>Viepson@comcast.net</u>)

To: encobb < <u>E.Neill.Cobb@sunapeepd.com</u>>

Hello encobb,

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Message:

I will be out of town so am not able to make a public comment in person.

RE: ongoing issue of safety on Route 11 corridor going through Georges Mills:

Living on Lake Avenue in Georges Mills and gaining access to Rt 11 has become very dangerous. The State of NH has not addressed this, Sunapee needs to.

- It is extremely hard to turn left from Lake Ave onto Rt 11, as traffic coming from Sunapee doesn't seem to slow down, plus there is a very short line of sight. We cant see them and they can't see us until it's too late.
- When snow is built up it is impossible to see.
- Many times trucks are parked on Rt 11 across from the GM store (illegally), blocking vision even more.

- An added issue is the Post Office/WeatherCheck parking lot. It often has trucks backed up against the fence. Pulling out of Lake Ave, we can't see the traffic coming from the right or left.
- Even pulling out of the Post Office driveway has become hazardous.
- With the number of accidents in that corridor and vehicles passing through it, something has to be done. The flashing yellow light is not enough.
- While pumping gas at the Georges Mills store last week, I saw 3 vehicles that did not stop at the sign at Springfield Road.
- At that same time at the Georges Mills store, there was a large truck parked in front on Rt 11 (illegally), and I could not see to turn left from the store towards New London.
- Too many near misses at these intersections.
- When Cooper Street opens in the Spring it will add another hazard.

Hopefully someone can come up with an action plan to prevent any more accidents in this area.

Thank you, Vicki Jepson 1072 Lake Ave Georges Mills NH 03751 From: <u>Linc Jepson</u>
To: <u>Jennifer McClaine</u>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Lake Ave in GM next to post office

Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 7:26:21 PM

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- very dangerous egress on to Rt. 11.
- •if snow bank, can't on coming traffic
- if cars or trucks are parked in parking lots, either side, can't see on coming traffic.

UNSAFE...

Linc Jepson 1072 Lake Ave. Georges Mills, NH 03751 603-763-7421 From: <u>dueyfam6@aol.com</u>

To: Michael Martell; Fred Gallup; John H. Galloway; Neil Cobb; Brenda Thomas; rholden@sunapeeschools.org;

Robert Hall; Jennifer McClaine

Cc: Town Manager

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Re: HSC Meeting #2

Date: Sunday, March 31, 2024 9:33:58 PM

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Hello all HSC members,

Unfortunately, due to family commitments, I will not be able to attend the HSC meeting on April 3. I have reviewed the minutes from the last meeting and would vote to approve them. I strongly agreed with Chief Galloway regarding the crosswalk near Fenton Landing as it is very confusing for drivers going through a very congested intersection. I agreed with Chief Cobb regarding the parking situation on Elm St specifically as it relates to the 16 ft. rule. This rule also applies to many other narrow streets in town and around the Harbor, ie. Lake Ave where construction workers are drastically narrowing roadways. The draft ordinance on regulating Heavy Hauling Over town roads seems to make a lot of sense.

AOB issues such as pot holes, water run off ie. Trow Hill onto Rt. 11 and tree limbs hanging over the roads we drive are all issues we should discuss as Highway Safety issues.

I liked most of the changes that Chief Cobb suggested to the Traffic and Parking Ordinances. I have a couple of suggestions to two sections.

Section 1:1, line 4 - could parking in the wrong direction of traffic (left wheels to curb) be added in there somewhere.

Section 1:4, Overnight parking defined... if someone needs to park overnight, it most likely will be for more than 6 hours. Can they somehow get permission from the police to stay longer than 6 hours be added to the ordinance?

Thanks and have a good meeting. I hope to be at the next meeting.

Jim Dutille

Resident member

On Friday, March 22, 2024 at 08:23:26 AM EDT, Jennifer McClaine <jenn@town.sunapee.nh.us> wrote:

Good morning,

Please find attached the final agenda along with draft attachments for your review for the upcoming Highway Safety Committee Meeting scheduled for April 3rd, 2024.

Date: April 3rd, 2024