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DATE: July 26, 2017

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Sussmans, Joyces, Coombs
CC: Mark Purple, Town Administrator
Ken Paulhus, Police Chief
Joe Mauro, Fire Chief
FROM: Karen Galligan, DPW Superintendent
SUBJECT: Deerfoot and Flagg Road Intersection 7/24/2017 Meeting Summary

As we discussed at our meeting on Monday, July 24, 2017, I have prepared this summary of the meeting and the agreed on temporary actions being taken by the Town. Residents from 54 and 61 Deerfoot Road and 1 Flagg Road were present at the meeting along with two representatives from Ken's Foods, the Public Safety Chiefs, the Town Administrator and the DPW Superintendent.

The neighbors of the intersection believe that the traffic and truck issues are greater than just the intersection. They have concerns that large and medium size trucks are speeding along the roadway and creating safety issues in the larger neighborhood, not just the immediate neighborhood of the intersection.

The neighbors feel that a truck exclusion on Flagg and Deerfoot Roads will be the best way to resolve the truck issues at the Deerfoot/Flagg intersection and in the larger neighborhood.

The meeting discussion also focused on the intersection and the immediate and long-term work that could/should be done to protect property and improve safety at the intersection.

First and foremost, the neighbors want the Town to work toward getting a truck exclusion on Deerfoot Road. The Town re-confirmed its commitment to submitting the truck exclusion request to MassDOT. The DPW Superintendent will speak to the appropriate representatives at MassDOT to explain the situation at the intersection, and more importantly, the nature of both Deerfoot and Flagg Roads.

The DPW Superintendent is also going to look into how weight restrictions work, specifically in relation to the culvert/bridge at the Deerfoot Road Dam and falls.

The group discussed the conceptual intersection changes that were presented as part of the Flagg Road Safety Study. The Town intends on taking this conceptual plan to design and build. The DPW Superintendent will be requesting that the BOS allocated Chapter 90 funds to that purpose at one of their August meetings. The final design will be brought forward to a Selectmen's meeting.

In the interim, while the Town is waiting for the truck exclusion, and until the intersection is re-configured, the DPW will change the signs directing trucks to go straight if at the intersection. Special line striping or road instruction painting will not occur. Ken's Foods will continue to work with their drivers and suppliers to keep trucks off of Flagg and Deerfoot Roads.

There was discussion to re-visit sidewalks on Deerfoot Road. Even though there is currently no funding for sidewalk installation anywhere in Town, the neighbors thought that a neighborhood meeting with the Public Officials would be a beneficial way to start Deerfoot Road sidewalk discussions, when appropriate.

