

PUBLIC HEALTH and SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 12TH 2011

Members present: James Cameron, Bob George, Cassandra Hegarty, Sue Maguire, Mac Patrick,
Carolyn Schoonmaker

Members absent: Barry Baldwin, Mary Guimond, Susan Lehan, Jennifer Sommer

Also present: Lloyd Plehaty

Chair Schoonmaker called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Minutes of January 24th and March 21st were approved.

The current version of the dog ordinance was discussed but it was not clear we had the final language. There will be "no leash" hours at Cherry Lawn. Carolyn will review the proposed ordinance with Chief Lovello. Sense of the meeting was to approve the ordinance as it stands (5 in favor, 1 abstention). Final formal vote will occur prior to the next RTM meeting in two weeks.

The Talmadge Hill sidewalk issue was discussed. It appears that arose through the concerted efforts of concerned citizens. Cassandra gave a review. It was noted that there are many other areas in town which might benefit from sidewalks, traffic control, and better lighting. Finances can be an issue here as well. It was the sense of the meeting that this issue needs to be addressed by the Board of Selectmen.

The Senior Center Shuffle was briefly discussed but at present there are no health or safety issues to be pursued.

A number of letters were received re bow hunting. However, though there may be courtesy issues here (notifying neighbors that a hunter will be on your property), there appear to be no known reported safety issues. Letter writers will be referred to Kent Haydock, chair of the Deer Management Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C. George, M.D.