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Joel Faxon Andrew Sachs Scott Cicciari Neil Chaudhary Joan Plouffe

The Board of Police Commissioners Special Meeting, Tuesday, August 10, 2021 Conference Room at 191 South Main Street, Newtown, CT

MINUTES ARE NOT FINALIZED UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT: Joel Faxon, Scott Cicciari, Neil Chaudhary, Joan Plouffe

ABSENT: Andy Sachs

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Viadero, Capt. Vanghele, Officer Lorancaitis, Director of Public Works Fred Hurley,

one member of the press

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Faxon called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

POLICE UNION PARTICIPATION: Officer Lorancaitis noted that ten union members took the detective test and all of them passed. The test list will be extended until the end of the year. They also reached an agreement that a detective will be able to take overtime in lieu of being ordered in.

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON THE MINUTES: Commissioner Plouffe moved to accept the minutes of the June 1, 2021 Regular Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Cicciari. All in favor.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Viadero shared his training, incident statistics and the Detective Bureau's monthly activity reports. He spoke on the detective testing, all ten candidates passed. In the next couple of weeks, he and Capt. Vanghele will be interviewing candidates individually. He is very happy with the results and participation. Currently, there is one vacancy which was created by Detective Joudy's retirement last year. A second vacancy will be created after Detective Frank retires next Thursday. Hugo Rojas has completed his field training and is out on his own. Pete Wlasuk graduated two weeks ago and has begun the 400 hours of his FTO program. Frank Piazza is in the Milford Police Academy and is doing very well – he is expected to graduate in late October/early November and will then have to go through the 400 hours of FTO. The Chief believes they will be in good shape with all the staffing adjustments. They signed a contract with Axon to replace the current body camera system. The cameras have been delivered and will be distributed in the next couple of days. We are looking for access and funding to replace some car cameras. The radio program from the Town is still moving forward and he expects all of the radios and handsets to be replaced in the near future. He shared a nice email regarding a recent event when a citizen came in to the PD and experienced cardiac arrest. He commended the officers for doing a great job reviving her. The Chief referred to a recent article in the CT Post about Newtown having the lowest rate of sustained internal affairs complaints resulting in discipline. He presented a report to the CT Post which he and Capt. Vanghele put together. The Chief spoke to that stating that we do have discipline and anything in excess of 30 days would go before the Board. He reiterated that we do have complaints - after reviewing the severity of each one, they would result in disciplinary action such as remedial training, verbal warning, written warning or loss of time if a complaint or investigation is sustained. He does not feel the effectiveness of a police department

is predicated on how many terminations you have over the course of a year. With the addition of body cameras, we receive citizen complaints, and while some are valid, others are also withdrawn after reviewing body cam footage. Our end game in law enforcement is full transparency. Commissioner Chaudhary noted that while the graph presented within the article ranked Newtown as the worst, it also showed that Newtown had the least number of complaints. We also ranked as #1 safest town in CT. The Chief wanted to make clear that things are handled internally first, and in the event of a severe case that warrants a termination, it would go before the Board. Chairman Faxon remarked that over the course of the last three or four years, the relationship between management and officers has improved significantly. He feels this should be recalled and does not feel this was touched on in the article. He would feel very disappointed if we were in an environment where our time was spent in consistently terminating officers - that would mean we have problems with training and discipline. He commended the Chief and the Officers for all their hard work and strong relationship. Commissioner Plouffe spoke that because the low complaints have resulted in minor consequences, it speaks volumes to the quality of the force and the quality of the command staff which, overall, inflicts a positive setting. The Chief sent out a copy of the report from Dr. McCabe's program in which an independent study was conducted by two Sacred Heart University students on body cams. The Chief is pleased with the results and that they are favorable on how the officers' handle it day to day.

OLD BUSINESS

Line Striping

Mr. Hurley shared his report. He said they had really good cooperation with safety markings on the first grouping. One concern they had was the quality of striping going from single line to double line but in the end they did an outstanding job getting both stripes down. We are keeping to our schedule for the inhouse paving. Tilcon is the contract paver coming in on August 23rd and will be starting in Sandy Hook Center first. We do anticipate by mid-September, any paving that has to be done will be done and safety markings will come in shortly after that. He assumes there will be a third mobilization. We will also be catching up to stock bars which cost about \$3 per square foot. Chairman Faxon asked if these are the responsibility of the State. Mr. Hurley confirmed that Riverside and Washington are town roads, but Glen and Church Hill are state owned. A lot of the roads not done this year will be completed next year. Commissioner Cicciari asked about a list of the roads which were manually spray painted last year and whether those could be redone now as well. Mr. Hurley replied that we are in a very good position financially to redo certain roads if we need to add any to the list so we can stay on top of it. The State has gotten a good control over the bid over guide rail so the metal costs haven't gone too high. They are controlling the qualification of the metal, and the cost proposed has come under budget. We will start working on the next budget in about 60 days. Chairman Faxon asked if the paved bridge over the railroad on The Boulevard is covered by the railroad. Mr. Hurley replied that it is done by the Town. He announced that we received another set of radar speed signs which came from a grant. He can also look into a bulk purchase if needed. Chief Viadero said that the PD will be grateful for as many as they can get. There are a lot of problematic roads that need to be addressed which could benefit from these speed signs. We could use some on Poverty Hollow, Currituck and The Boulevard. Commissioner Plouffe asked Mr. Hurley about the process for getting new stop signs installed. Mr. Hurley said they replace ones that get ruined or destroyed by accidents, but any new ones would come from a work order filed by the police department first before installing. Commissioner Plouffe noted that a stop sign recently installed at the intersection of Taunton Hill and Taunton Lake could really use a warning sign prior to the stop. Commissioner Cicciari asked about recommendations for guard rails along Route 25. He specifically asked about the old site of King's Restaurant and whether it is getting shifted back. The Chief believes that it will be set further back so it fits into the easement of the town. His department reached out to George Benson in Land Use about getting some of the demo started because of complaints of people scrapping at the site. They will be asking for some type of guard rail to go up near the site on Route 25.

Commissioner Chaudhary asked what the criteria is to get these roads on the list. Mr. Hurley noted that it is width of the road, size of the roads, and how much they are trafficked. What we're doing now is to approve the roads that had single stripe and are now getting double stripes.

Commissioner Cicciari made a motion to approve adding Alberts Hill Road, Echo Valley Road, Farrell Road and Buttonshop Road to the approved list to be striped. Seconded by Commissioner Plouffe. All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chief Viadero received a thank you letter regarding an untimely death.

NEW BUSINESS

Candidate Interviews

Chairman Faxon advised the candidate that the interview may be held in Executive Session at her request; Amanda Lopez opted to do so.

Commissioner Cicciari moved to enter Executive Session per CT General State Statute 1-200(6a), and invited Chief Viadero and Capt. Vanghele to join. Seconded by Commissioner Plouffe. All in favor.

Executive Session was entered into at 6:50 pm and returned to regular session at 7:40 pm with the following motion:

Commissioner Plouffe moved to offer Amanda Lopez a position as a Police Officer with the Newtown Police Department contingent on successfully passing remaining approvals and testing. Seconded by Commissioner Cicciari. All in favor.

COMMISSIONERS PARTICIPATION: Commissioner Cicciari noticed in the Newtown Bee that there were some recent retirements and asked the Chief if there is a way to be a part of these future events so the Board can get to know new members. He also announced his candidacy for reelection this November. Capt. Vanghele announced that tomorrow night, Wednesday August 11th, Marketplace Restaurant is hosting "Tip-a-Cop" from 4:00 pm-10:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chairman Faxon moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm. Seconded by Commissioner Plouffe. All in favor.

Attachments: DB Report June 2021, DB Report July 2021, Incident Statistics July 2021, Training Report July 2021, Public Works Report to PD Revised August 10, 2021

Respectfully submitted, Rina Quijano, Clerk

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Detective Bureau/Youth Bureau Monthly Activity Report: May 25 – June 30, 2021

PRAWN (paperless re-arrest warrants)

Issued	1	
Served	7	
Vacated	1	

Burglaries

5 Year Burglary Comparison

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Month	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	Monthly/Year Average
January	0	1	1	1	0	0.6
February	0	0	0	2	0	0.4
March	0	1	1	2	3	1.4
April	0	1	1	2	1	1
May	1	1	0	1	3	1.2
June	0	0	3	5	3	2.2
July		0	0	2	1	0.6
August		0	1	0	3	0.8
September		2	0	0	0	0.4
October		0	1	0	0	0.2
November		0	0	0	3	0.6
December		0	2	0	4	1.2
Year to date	1	6	10	15	21	10.6

Detective Bureau Activity

Burglaries

There were no burglaries reported during this review period.

Robberies

There were no robberies during this review period.

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Stolen Motor Vehicles

There were no stolen motor vehicles reported during this review period.

Sex Assaults

There were no sex assaults reported during this review period.

Incident Type	# of Incidents	Cases Open	Cases Closed	Arrests	Notes
Burglary (non					
vehicular)	1	0	0	0	
2021 Totals	1			0	
2020 Totals	6				
2019 Totals	10				
Fraud/Bad Checks	2	0	2	0	
2021 Totals	20			1	
2020 Totals	30				
2019 Totals	44				
Larcenies	6	3	3	0	Warrant pending
2021 Totals	51			0	
2020 Totals	80				
2019 Totals	58				
Missing Persons	1	0	1	0	
2021 Totals	4			0	
2020 Totals	3				
2019 Totals	7				
Narcotics/Drugs	1	0	1	Land of the second	
2021 Totals	3			1	
2020 Totals	3				
2019 Totals	20				
Robbery	0	0	0	0	
2021 Totals	0				
2020 Totals	1			1	
2019 Totals	1			3	
Sex Offense	0	0	0	0	
2021 Totals	3			1	
2020 Total	14				
2019 Totals	11				
Stolen MV	0	0	0	0	
2021 Totals	5			0	
2020 Totals	20				
2019 Totals	2				
Unattended Deaths	4	1	3	0	
2021 Totals	8				
2020 Total	17				
20119 Totals	23				

Warrant Services		0	1	
2021 Totals	11		11	
2020 Total	24			
2019 Totals	77			

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Detective Bureau/Youth Bureau Monthly Activity Report: July 1 – July 31, 2021

PRAWN (paperless re-arrest warrants)

Issued	4	
Served	6	
Vacated	2	

Burglaries

5 Year Burglary Comparison

Month	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	Monthly/Year Average
January	0	1	1	1	0	0.6
February	0	0	0	2	0	0.4
March	0	1	1	2	3	1.4
April	0	1	1	2	1	1
May	1	1	0	1	3	1.2
June	0	0	3	5	3	2.2
July	0	0	0	2	1	0.6
August		0	1	0	3	0.8
September		2	0	0	0	0.4
October		0	1	0	0	0.2
November		0	0	0	3	0.6
December		0	2	0	4	1.2
Year to date	1	6	10	15	21	10.6

Detective Bureau Activity

Burglaries

There were no burglaries reported during this review period.

Robberies

There were no robberies during this review period.

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Stolen Motor Vehicles

There were no stolen motor vehicles reported during this review period.

Sex Assaults

There were 2 sex assaults reported during this review period.

Incident Type	# of Incidents	Cases Open	Cases Closed	Arrests	Notes
Burglary (non vehicular)	1	0	0	0	
2021 Totals	1			0	
2020 Totals	6				
2019 Totals	10				
Fraud/Bad Checks	3	0	3	0	
2021 Totals	23			1	
2020 Totals	30				
2019 Totals	44				
Larcenies	7	3	4	0	
2021 Totals	58		Supplies The Supplies of the Supplies	0	
2020 Totals	80				
2019 Totals	58				
Missing Persons	1	0	1	0	
2021 Totals	5			0	
2020 Totals	3				
2019 Totals	7				
Narcotics/Drugs	0	0	0	0	
2021 Totals	3			1	
2020 Totals	3				
2019 Totals	20				
Robbery	- 0	0	0	0	
2021 Totals	0	100 Page 1	901		
2020 Totals	1			1	
2019 Totals	1			3	
Sex Offense	2	1	1	0	
2021 Totals	5			1	
2020 Total	14				
2019 Totals	11			1000	
Stolen MV	0	0	0	0	
2021 Totals	5			0	
2020 Totals	20				
2019 Totals	2				
Unattended Deaths	1	0	1	0	
2021 Totals	8				
2020 Total	17				
20119 Totals	23				

Warrant Services		0	0	0	
2021 Totals	11		The co	11	
2020 Total	24				
2019 Totals	77				

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Incident Statistics Report

07/01/2021 00:00 Thru 07/31/2021 23:59

Call Type Description	Total for Period
P 911 CHECK	5
P ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE	4
P ALARM - CANCELLED	26
P ALARM - RESID/COMM	1
P ALARM FALSE	63
P ALARM-STORM RELATED / EXCUSED	1
P ANIMAL CALL	36
PASSAULT	1
P ASSIST AGENCY / MUTUAL AID	18
P BOATING STOP	1
P BUILDING CHECK	500
P CIVIL MATTER	12
P CRISIS INTERVENTION	7
P DISABLED MOTOR VEHICLE	22
P DISPUTE	13
P DOMESTIC	5
P DUI	1
P ERRATIC OPERATION	38
P ESCORT	1
P FIRE ASSIST	2
P FIREWORKS COMPLAINT	16
P FOUND / LOST PROPERTY	12
P FRAUD / BAD CHECK	6
P HARASSMENT	6
P HEALTH / WELFARE CHECK	31
P K9 MUTUAL AID/TRAINING	1
P LARCENY	9
P LOCKOUT MOTOR VEHICLE / COMMERCIAL	2
P MEDICAL ASSIST	9
P MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE	18
P MISSING PERSON	1
P MOTOR VEHICLE INCIDENT	10
P MVA	50
P MVA - DEER	2
P MVA - EVADING	3
P MVA - INJURY	9
P NOISE COMPLAINT	19
P PARKING ENFORCEMENT / COMPLAINT	7
P PUBLIC HAZARD	31
P RECREATIONAL SHOOTING	15
P SEX OFFENSES	2
P SUICIDE ATTEMPT / THREAT	4

Run Date: 08/04/2021 Run Time: 09:01

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Incident Statistics Report

07/01/2021 00:00 Thru 07/31/2021 23:59

Call Type Description	Total for Period
P SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	91
P THREATENING	2
P TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT	15
P TRAFFIC STOP	28
P TRAFFIC STUDY / COMPLAINT	8
P TRESPASSING	7
P UNATTENDED DEATH	1
P VANDALISM	3
	Total: 1175

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Training Report Narrative

July 2021

During this month the following training was completed and/or instructed.

- Sgt Matt Wood and Officer Paula Wickman began online inservice training related to their Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) certifications.
- PPO Pete Wlasuck graduated the CT Police Academy. He began his field training with Ofc Mcdermott on 07/26/21.
- PPO Hugo Rojas completed his comparative certification training and is now working on shift as a solo officer of 7/26/21.
- Lt David Kullgren attended and graduated from the Senior Management Institute for Police hosted by the Police Executive Research Forum.
- The Department completed it's first round of drug testing which is now required by law for all officers recertifing as a police officer. This year we had twenty officers recertify with POST.
- Lt Robinson & Sgt Ruszczyk taught the SMART program at the Milford Police Academy.

Lt David Kullgren

LT. D. Kulfn#072



Newtown Police Department 04/01/2021-04/30/2021

<u>Employee</u>	Category	School Name	Date	Master School	Hours	Cert Exp Date Status
Bahamonde, Aaron	GENER	Future of Police Training	04/27/2021	General Instruction	2.00	Approved
	Totals:				2.00	
Figol, Felicia (CIT)	GENER	K9 Monthly	04/06/2021	K9 Training	8.00	Approved
	GENER	K9 Monthly	04/20/2021	K9 Training	8.00	Approved
	EMR	EMR Recert	04/19/2021	EMR Certificaton	8.00	Approved
	EMR	EMR Recert	04/20/2021	EMR Certificaton	8.00	Approved
	EMR	EMR Recert	04/21/2021	EMR Certificaton	8.00	Approved

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Cert Exp Date Status		Approved	Approved	Approved		Approved	Approved
Hours	40.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	24.00	8.00	8.00
Master School		EMR Certificaton	EMR Certificaton	EMR Certificaton		Investigative Training	Investigative Training
<u>Date</u>		04/19/2021	04/20/2021	04/21/2021		04/19/2021	04/20/2021
School Name		EMR Recert	EMR Recert	EMR Recert		Evidence Tech	Evidence Tech
Category	Totals:	EMR	EMR	EMR	Totals:	INVTG	INVTG
Employee		Greco, Adam				Harold, Chelsea (CIT)	

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Employee	Category	School Name	<u>Date</u>	Master School	Hours Ce	Cert Exp Date Status
	INVTG	Evidence Tech	04/21/2021	Investigative Training	8.00	Approved
	Totals:				24.00	
Hayes, Matt (CIT)	GENER	ESU Monthly	04/06/2021	ESU Training	8.00	Approved
	Totals:				8.00	
James, Adam (CIT, FTO)	GENER	Future of Police Training	04/27/2021	General Instruction	2.00	Approved
	Totals:				2.00	
Kullgren, David	GENER	Future of Police Training	04/27/2021	General Instruction	2.00	Approved

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Employee	Category	School Name	<u>Date</u>	Master School	Hours	Hours Cert Exp Date Status
	Totals:				2.00	
Lorancaitis, Bart (FTO)	GENER	Future of Police Training	04/27/2021	General Instruction	2.00	Approved
	Totals:				2.00	
McGowan, Mike	GENER	BolaWrap Instructor	04/05/2021	General Instruction	0.00	Approved
	Totals:				0.00	
Monckton, Richard (C	GENER	ESU Monthly	04/06/2021	ESU Training	8.00	Approved
	GENER	ESU Sniper	04/21/2021	ESU Training	8.00	Approved

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Newtown Police Department 04/01/2021-04/30/2021

Employee	Category	School Name	Date	Master School	Hours	Cert Exp Date Status
	GENER	BolaWrap Instructor	04/05/2021	General Instruction	0.00	Approved
	Totals:				16.00	
Mulhall, Ben (CIT)	GENER	ESU Monthly	04/06/2021	ESU Training	8.00	Approved
	GENER	ESU Sniper	04/21/2021	ESU Training	8.00	Approved
	Totals:				16.00	
Robinson, Richard	EMR	EMR Recert	04/19/2021	EMR Certificaton	8.00	Approved
	EMR	EMR Recert	04/20/2021	EMR Certificaton	8.00	Approved

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Employee	Category	School Name	Date	Master School	Hours Cert	Cert Exp Date Status	<u>sn</u>
	EMR	EMR Recert	04/21/2021	EMR Certificaton	8.00	Approved	þ
	GENER	Future of Police Training	04/27/2021	General Instruction	2.00	Approved	p
	Totals:				26.00		
Seabrook, Liam	GENER	Future of Police Training	04/27/2021	General Instruction	2.00	Approved	pe
	Totals:				2.00		
Silver, Jeff	GENER	BolaWrap Instructor	04/05/2021	General Instruction	0.00	Approved	þe
	GENER	TASER Instructor	04/28/2021	Investigative Training	0.00 04/27/2023	/2023 Approved	p

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chool Hours Cert Exp Date Status	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
<u>Master School</u>	General Instruction		General Instruction		General Instruction		General Instruction
<u>Date</u>	04/27/2021		04/27/2021		04/27/2021		04/27/2021
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Employee	Category	School Name	<u>Date</u>	Master School Hours		Cert Exp Date Status	
Wood Mathous	Totals:				2.00		
WOOD, Matthew	GENER	Future of Police Training	04/27/2021	General Instruction	2.00	Approved	
	Totals:				2.00		



TOWN OF NEWTOWN

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Report to Police Commission

8/10/21 (revised)

A. Centerline Stripping

There were 14 roads completed in July.

- 1. The Boulevard
- 2. Cold Spring
- 3. Currituck
- 4. Castle Hill
- 5. Elm Drive
- 6. Great Hill
- 7. Great Ring
- 8. Hanover Road
- 9. High Bridge
- 10. Huntingtown
- 11. Narragansett
- 12. Peck's Lane
- 13. School House Hill
- 14. Turkey Hill

The second mobilization will take place, in September, after In-House and Contracted Paving is completed in August/September. The 13 roads are the following:

- 1. Albert's Hill*
- 2. Bancroft
- 3. Echo Valley*
- 4. Farrell Road*
- 5. High Rock
- 6. Mile Hill South
- 7. Obtuse
- 8. Old Bethel
- 9. Plumtrees
- 10. Riverside
- 11. Taunton Hill
- 12. Taunton Lake
- 13. Washington Ave.

The roads with the * sign are recommended to be added to the approved list by the Commission.

The third mobilization will take place after fog sealing is completed on chip seal roads, in September. The 6 roads are as follow:

- 1. Bennett's Bridge
- 2. Boggs Hill
- 3. Brushy Hill
- 4. Orchard Hill
- 5. Philo Curtis
- 6. Pole Bridge

With the 15 roads that did not need attention this year, this completes all 48 recommended or approved roads at this time. There are other roads that we, in cooperation with the Traffic Division, will be bringing to the attention of the Commission that also may need centerline stripping.

Stop bars, at all these locations and more, will be its own separate project utilizing in-house and contracted resources.

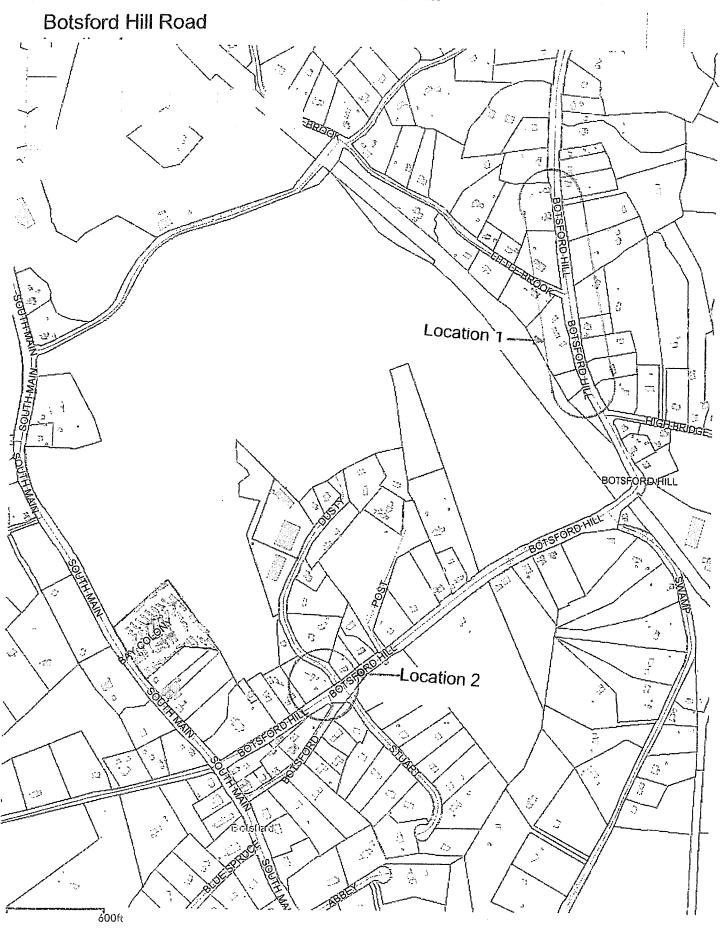
B. Guide Rail Projects:

The State was very helpful in developing a policy covering metal material price fluctuations allowing use of the State Bid. The bid pricing has allowed all the projects previously proposed to be programmed with some expansions. For reference, the 7 pages of mapping are attached. The project roads are as follow:

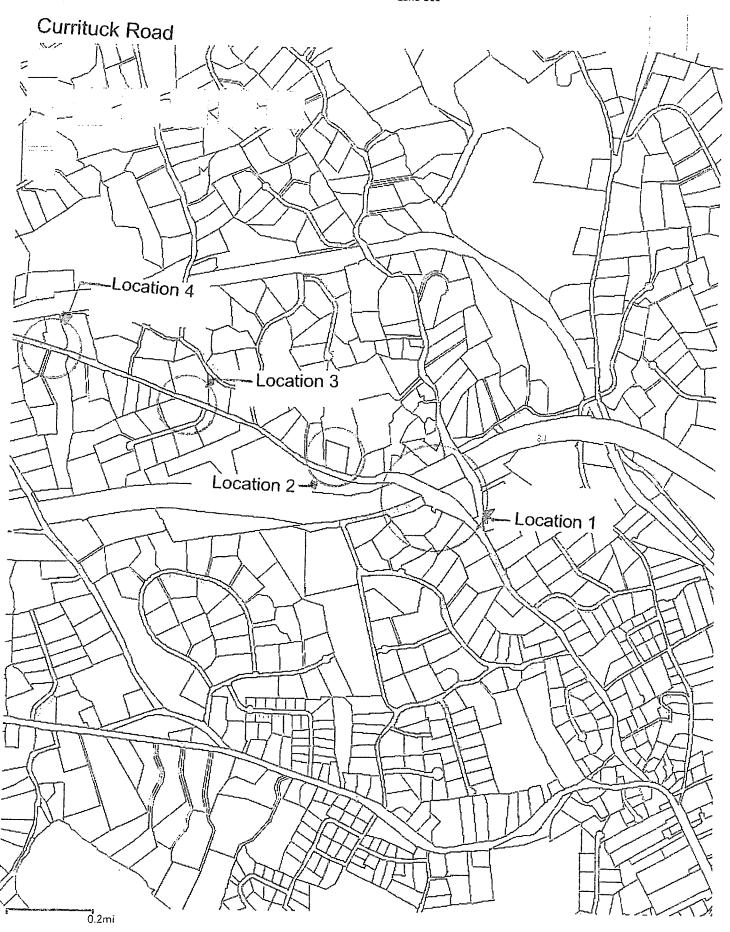
Botsford Hill – 2 locations
The Boulevard Bridge – 1 location
Currituck – 4 locations
Hanover – 2 locations
Hattertown – 3 locations
Toddy Hill – 1 location

C. Speed Signs

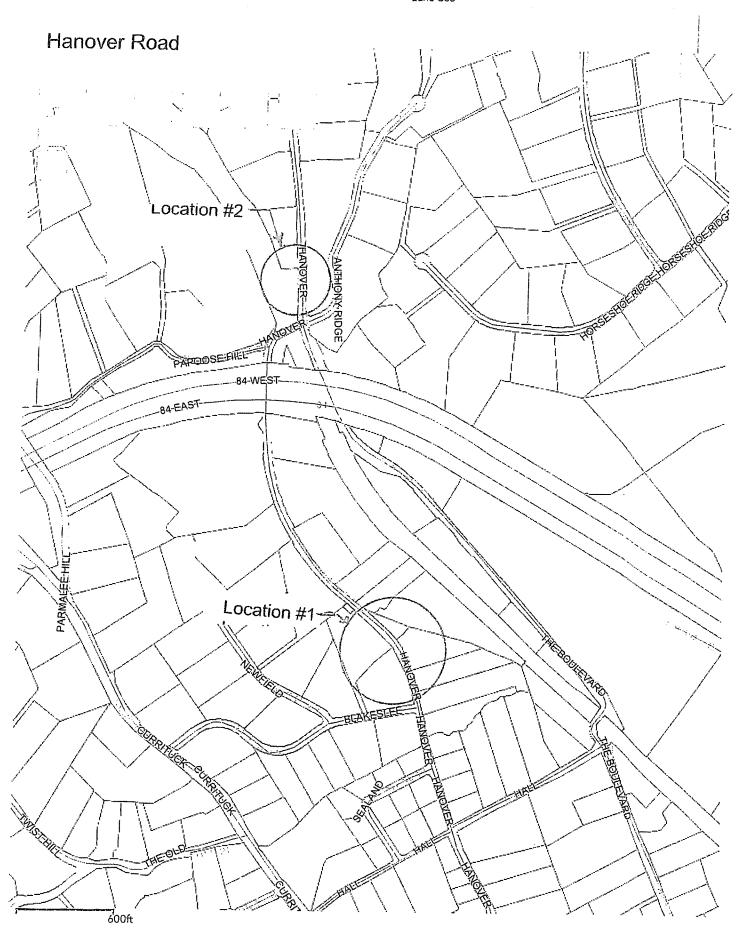
The State has provide another pair of solar/battery radar speed signs. We recommend working thru the Traffic Division to place them. There also is the possibility of receiving more of these units either as a grant item or a low cost bulk purchase.











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Hattertown Road

Location #1

Location #2

Location #3

