

- C. Frank Heald advised that there is no quorum. He said that Act 250 is a big hurdle for this project. He suggests that the board meet again in a few weeks to discuss this further and asked board members to review the proposal. The upside is that the Village would be getting \$55,000 into the coffers now. The project has been approved by the DRB, but still must go through Act 250.

6. **Discuss High Street Traffic Report**

- A. Bob Gilmore advised that a traffic study had been done on High Street. Basically, there is more traffic westbound than eastbound. The average daily count was 603 cars and the average weekend count was 553 cars. The average speed ran between 31 and 32 MPH. The report is broken down into time slots.
- B. Phil Dunwoody said that the sensor was incorrectly placed. It was placed 200 feet from the stop sign, the street is 1,400 feet and people were already slowing down when they passed the sensor. It was not an honest reading. He voiced his concern about the speeding and cars running the stop sign. He said that he has brought this up at previous meetings and wonders why no more action has been taken. They need to do a better study. The traffic poses a hazard and safety threat. This should be of the highest importance. We feel that something should be done for enforcement on High Street. He suggested that the traffic sensor should be more towards the middle of the block.
- C. Frank Heald said that the sensor was put there because the understanding was that people were speeding by Phil Dunwoody's house. He asked Phil Dunwoody where exactly he would locate the sensor. He said it must be by a pole.
- D. David Rose said that he also understood that the cars were speeding by Phil Dunwoody's house.
- E. Phil Dunwoody said they are speeding on our street. Residents are at risk and visitors are at risk. This is a known speeding situation and should be addressed.
- F. Marilyn Dunwoody said that people go flying by and don't stop at the stop sign.
- G. Phil Dunwoody said commuters hours are the worst and for the most part, they are Vermont license plates. Cars run the stop sign by the dozens each day.
- H. Frank Heald said that he has the same problem in Rutland City.
- I. Bob Gilmore said that eastbound traffic is 70% less and most of the cars are in the 26 MPH range. He asked if people also roll through the stop sign heading east.
- J. Marilyn Dunwoody said yes.
- K. Shannon Busey said that he lives at 34 High Street and said that people do speed and pass the stop sign.
- L. Bob Gilmore said they will arrange to have another assessment done and try to resolve this safety issue.
- M. Phil Dunwoody said that he was told by the Sergeant at the Sheriff's Office that towns are entitled to one day per month of sheriff's patrol. He said they were told that Ludlow does not need it.
- N. Bob Gilmore said that was hearsay as far as he is concerned.
- O. Phil Dunwoody said our tax dollars pay for the Sheriff and we are entitled to 1 day per month as are all towns in the county. It is reckless not to accept this if we know that we have a problem.
- P. Bob Gilmore said that the Village is not in charge of the police and he would go through proper channels – the town manager and police chief. He will look into this.
- Q. Shannon Busey said that one place would be by Mary Laramie's house at 28 High Street.
- R. Bob Gilmore said the sensor would be located there.
- S. Phil Dunwoody said that this is a real safety issue and people are speeding all over town. He would like to see some information from the Sheriff's office at the next meeting.
- T. Bob Gilmore reiterated that it is not this board to decide that and he must defer to Frank Heald and Chief Billings.
- U. Phil Dunwoody said if there is no information, have Chief Billings come to next month's meeting.
- V. Bob Gilmore said that speed limits in the village were lowered to 25 MPH 4-5 years ago and it was thought that would help with the speeding. The radar unit by Subway does help lower the speeds coming into town.
- W. Phil Dunwoody said he would like to know how many speeding tickets the Ludlow police give each month. He said he will continue to come to every meeting until this is resolved. This is a serious health and safety issue.
- X. Bob Gilmore said that the board is not oblivious to the issue and we try to keep the focus on the safety issue. We have improved the sidewalks and put in granite curbs.
- Y. Marilyn Dunwoody said that it is amazing that someone walking on Dug Road has not been hurt.
- Z. Phil Dunwoody said one of the Wrong Way signs is down.
- AA. Helen Bostock said the stop sign by the oil company is facing the wrong way.
- BB. David Rose said the wind probably twisted it.

- CC. Bob Gilmore said they will look into those items.
- DD. Shannon Busey said there is a Walking sign down by the river.
- EE. Margaret Jaird asked about the routing for traffic for the Walker Bridge.
- FF. Bob Gilmore said cars will be routed up High and Pleasant Streets. Trucks will be diverted in Chester to Route 11. He said that he lives on Pleasant Street and also has concerns about traffic during that construction. The bridge is unsafe and should have been repaired many years ago. There was a public hearing about it, but nothing is set in stone yet.
- GG. Phil Dunwoody suggested that Dug Road be closed during construction so that people don't get into the habit of using that route. It would be detrimental to businesses. He understands that the detour will be High Street to Depot to the light.
- HH. David Rose said that traffic engineers would determine the routes.
- II. Helen Bostock said it is difficult to see oncoming traffic when you are coming out of the cemetery. They should cut back the grass and foliage there and on Orion.
- JJ. Bob Gilmore said he would get the town crew to look at them. He added that Route 103 is the 4th busiest route in the state.

7. **Consider and Approve Sewer Rate Increase**

- A. Bob Gilmore advised that this was discussed at the last meeting.
- B. Frank Heald said that the staff went through all of the commercial and residential accounts. The Residential 1-3 bedroom 6-month rate will increase from \$102.50 to \$110.00 and the 4+ bedroom rate will increase from \$125.22 to \$128.00. The commercial base rate will be \$220 and \$.40 per gallon. This is based on state tables. The increases are needed to complete the budget and annualized about \$7,000 higher than needed.
- C. Bob Gilmore said the 1-3 bedroom rate increase is \$15.00 per year.
- D. David Rose said the increase is needed and next year's budget included this increase.
- E. **MOTION by David Rose and seconded by Bob Gilmore to approve the rate increases as proposed. Motion passed unanimously.**

8. **Other Business**

- A. **High Street**
 - i. Frank Heald said that the speed data indicators use is based on availability from the commission and he would try to get it back as soon as possible. He would have it located just east of 28 High Street. The next meeting is in just under 30 days and he is not sure he would be able to get the unit and have the reports back in time for the next meeting. He will call tomorrow to try to get the unit back.
 - ii. Bob Gilmore said he would call Phil Dunwoody and let him know this information. He also said that he would be available to help choose the location of the sensor for the next survey.

9. **Set Date for July Meeting**

- A. Meeting set for Tuesday, July 3, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

10. **Adjourn**

- A. **MOTION to adjourn by David Rose and seconded by Bob Gilmore. Motion passed unanimously.**
- B. Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m. p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisha Klaiber

Robert Gilmore, Chairman

David Rose

Jim Fuller