

**August 20, 2015 Public Safety Committee Meeting  
New Gloucester Meeting House**

**Members in Attendance:**

John Randall, Chairman

Frank Chambers, Secretary

Nat Berry

Tim Joy, Emergency Management Director

7:05pm - Meeting called to order by John Randall, Chairman

- Meeting was held @ the New Gloucester Meeting House. The meeting was televised on NGTV 3
- Tonight's speaker is Tim Joy, Emergency Management Director.
- Tim has been a resident of New Gloucester since 1960.
- Tim pointed out that has been various citizens that have been Constables:
  - a) Late 60s to Mid 70s: Merl Fields, Constable & Animal Control Officer
  - b) Mid 70s to Late 80s: Herb Thompson, Constable & Animal Control Officer & Donna Thompson, Dispatcher from home.
  - c) Late 80s: Art Long, resigned after a short period of time.
- After Art Long, the Town of New Gloucester needed to decide upon Town law enforcement or State Police law enforcement
- The Cumberland County Sheriff's Department has improved their present within New Gloucester.
- Do we have a problem with crime in New Gloucester: it's been mainly break-ins, etc.
- People moving into New Gloucester from towns & cities with police department do not see law enforcement vehicles with police emblems on the side of the vehicles in New Gloucester.
- Tim pointed out the need to educate the citizens of New Gloucester on crime.
  - a) Neighborhood Crime Watch – Red Flag would be that if you see an unfamiliar car.
  - b) You can get a Constable to write speeding tickets vs. the State Police or Cumberland County Sheriff in the Lower Village.
  - c) Have cross walks in the Lower Village.
- Nat pointed out that since he was on the Board of Selectmen, only 1 or 2 people commented about law enforcement.
- Tim has heard from only a few people for a need of law enforcement in New Gloucester
- Nat mentioned that there has been of a present of the Cumberland County Sheriff's Dept. on the road in New Gloucester vs. the State Police.
- Hazmat – trains and trucks carrying hazardous material. In case of an incident, the fire department will be on the scene to determine what happen.
- Trains carry oil & liquor to Form Fiber & International Paper.
- The Royal River is nearby and is susceptible to hazardous material
- Hazardous material placards: Emergency Response Guide
  - 1203–gasoline
  - 1994–inhalants

A hazardous materials placard is a diamond-shaped sign that must be affixed to any motor vehicle or rail car that carries hazardous materials. Ordinarily, it has a four digit number in the middle of the placard and a one digit number at the bottom that shows the hazard class and specific material being carried. Placards play a critical role in communicating the presence of hazardous materials to:

  - a) emergency responders in the event of a hazardous materials incident such as a spill,
  - b) transport workers who need to identify hazmat shipments so that they can be handled appropriately, and
  - c) regulatory enforcement personnel who ensure that hazardous materials shipments are transported in a safe manner consistent with the regulations.

- John asked about railroad track inspection.
  - a) DOT – done by the State
  - b) Town – done by Ted Shane
  - c) Railroad – they have trucks with wheels that can travel on the railroad tracks. The railroad companies do not divulge information to the towns.
- With train transportation expanding out, perhaps a train stop can be located in New Gloucester. A good location might be off Intervale Road across from the ball fields.
- In New Gloucester, we have a water district and natural gas. Nat mentioned that you need a certain population for natural gas.
- Tim mentioned the pro side of law enforcement: he has seen more motorist speeding, texting & OUI (forms of distracted driving).
- Emergency Management: Ann Marie Brett has resigned.
- If there is a large gathering at Pineland Farms for an event (Ex: Open Farm Day), Pineland may notify the Fire Chief & County Sheriff. Pineland is not required by law to notify them because they are a private entity. Dale Maschino is in charge of Security at Pineland Farms.
- During the Governor's visit to New Gloucester this past Spring, the State Police were under cover.
- Tim mentioned that drugs have been coming up from Southern New England to Maine.
- The next New Gloucester Public Safety is schedule for September 03, 7:00pm at the New Gloucester Meeting House.
- Meeting Adjourned at 8:05pm