A special meeting requested by a petition signed by more than 25 registered voters was held on July 3, 1953 to "discuss, clarify, and approve the duties and powers of the Older Safety Committee," with Trustee Van preceding.

After a quorum was declared present, Mr. Kenneth Alibaru, Chairman of the Safety Committee, presented the report as follows:

The first meeting at a town meeting held in May (at which there was no quorum) suggested that the trustees of the three communities meet with the safety committee to discuss reckless driving problems. This meeting was held on July 1, 1953, at this time it was suggested that since the Olden road was private, the trustees deny the use of the road to anyone who had been denied the privilege of driving on other roads recklessly. The Safety Committee does not endorse this proposal because they do not feel residents can be denied access to their homes.

The Safety Committee recommends:

1. Right to set speed limit of 20 miles per hour
2. Right to restrict parking in certain areas
3. Control of vandalism should be the responsibility of the parents
4. If town decides that safety committee is responsible for this, then they should have right to subpoena witnesses

Members of the Committee are Kenneth Alibaru, Olm, Ma, Frank Carroll, Mary Cooper, and Emily. Edna Page and Ruth Dolmetsch asked to help committee.
A motion was made and later withdrawn that the Town Assembly accept the proposal that the Safety Committee be empowered to request that complaints to appear before a magistrates to testify against violators.

The Safety Committee stated that they do not want police power nor do they want to attempt to control vices. It was pointed out that the duties and powers of the Safety Committee have never been definitely outlined. After considerable discussion concerning what power could be legally delegated to the Safety Committee, Mr. J.B. Hunklestein said that he felt we needed legal advice as to what rights we have to enforce laws in the town in respect to drinking.

Mr. Samuel Freeman proposed the following motion that was passed unanimously: "That a legal committee be selected to get a legal interpretation of the powers of the Town Assembly and the Trustees to enforce safety regulations and to find out what service the police can be employed to give the town. Also in the meantime the Safety Committee should refer to the Trustees complaints violated and name of witnesses and the Trustees shall swear affidavits and take action against offenders and that authority be amplified by support of the Town Assembly. The legal Committee shall consist of three people. Following people were suggested to serve on the Committee: Samuel Freeman, John Walker, Jacob Bulike, Ernst Wilson, Harold Fishum, Philip Cohen, Wm. Taylor, Caleb Fote."
It was suggested that the Safe Committee ask the State Highway Department to place stop signs at all intersections of that road and Harris Road. It was also suggested that they check all blind corners and have them corrected.

Mr. Eugene Shaw stated that the Sherwood Road might be a state road because the Deerfield school is located on it. This will be checked.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Mary E. Moody