



***Traffic Safety Committee Agenda***  
Wednesday, September 23  
2:00 p.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers

**I. Minutes**

- A. Review and Accept February 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes

**II. Old Business**

- A. Review of Parking Ordinances specific to “In-town” area.
- B. Report on The School Zone signs. (Bobinsky)
- C. Signage Railroad Crossing. (Timmons)
- D. Crosswalk lighting, Bartlett Ave at High Street. (Timmons)

**III. New Business**

- A. Requested Handicapped Parking Stall Franklin Street at Broad Street
- B. Request for Signage “Handicapped Child” on Drew Street
- C. Requested Action at Intersection of Grand Street and Highland Street
- D. Tractor Trailer on Indigo Hill Road thru the Brick Yard area

**IV. Correspondence**

- A. Strafford County Regional Planning Commission
- B. Thank you letter from Claire Blaisdell

*Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 28 at 2:00 p.m.*

## ***TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES***

February 26, 2020

### **Attendance**

Captain Russell Timmons, Chairman  
Robert Belmore, City Manager  
Ken Vincent, City Councilor Representative  
Mike Bobinsky, Public Works Director  
Keith Hoyle, Fire Chief  
Shanna Saunders, Director Development Services  
Paul Robidas, Member at large  
Gary Lemay, City Engineer

### **Absent**

Robert Gadowski, School Superintendent  
Jenne Holmes, Member at Large

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The Chairman called the Meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

### **Review and Accept November 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Keith Hoyle motioned to approve meeting minutes, seconded by Paul Robidas. Gary Lemay abstained. Meeting minutes passed.

### **Old Business**

- A. Review of Parking Ordinance Specific to “In-Town” Area.** Shanna Saunders presented map of proposed parking area changes from 1 hour to 5 hour parking areas. Paul Robidas thinks this Committee should not make these parking changes and noted New Durham takes a year to look at their street changes before making any suggestions. After a lengthy discussion, the Committee agreed to have Shanna Saunders update Map to show what we have currently for timed parking and a depiction of what are suggested changes. Shanna made a motion to Table this, seconded by Keith Hoyle. **All in favor to Table.**

### **New Business**

- A. Market Street Railroad Crossing.** Code Enforcement Officer Tim Metivier feels that the Railroad Crossing when vehicles are in traffic passing over bridge to Berwick, ME, thinks we should have a simple sign to let people know not to pass over tracks. Mike Bobinsky will reach out to Northcoast Railroad. Captain Timmons said he will reach out to the Railroad. Keith Hoyle motion to have Chairman contact the Railroad, Shanna seconded. **All in Favor.**
- B. Crosswalk Lighting.** Capt. Timmons said Streets in question are Bartlett Ave., along with Memorial & High Streets. He noted in the world of Lighted Captain Timmons also noted that Bartlett has 1 sign with good proximity to the intersection, maybe we add another overhead Light. Timmons stated not all lighted signs are the same. Prices range from \$1500 - \$4000 plus. Shanna Saunders said we believe we can add 1 overhead light. Mike Bobinsky said then we inherit the electric fee. Captain Timmons suggested Committee Tables this and he will visit these intersections and render his observations. Paul Robidas motioned to Table, Keith Hoyle seconded. **All in Favor to Table.**

Captain Timmons asked if there were additional matters to discuss. Councilor Ken Vincent asked why the School notification signs were lighted at the Maple Wood School when School was not in Session. Mike Bobinsky said currently Public Works in in the process of changing those lights over to PW. When school is not in session during a 1 week school vacation break no changes are made. But during summer break we do stop the lights.

***Shanna Saunders motioned to adjourn, seconded by Keith Hoyle  
Motion to adjourn at 2:45 p.m.***

Respectfully Submitted:  
Brenda Ann Breda, Executive Assistant  
to the City Manager

## Handicap Request

Kevin Wingett 923-0131 the friend

Curtis Marcotte 19 Broad St (Blind) Needs stall to help service provider who is transporting him.

# Signage Request - Drew Road

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**Gary Lemay**

Fri 4/17/2020 2:40 PM

Mark as unread

To: Russell Timmons;

Cc: Michael Bobinsky; Gerald Vachon;

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Hi Russ,

Please let me know if I'm sending this to the wrong person, but I think you're the one. I received a phone call from Heidi Lafountain - a resident on Drew Road (phone number - 422-4724). She indicated that she has a handicapped child that lives with her on the road, and at times there are concerns that traffic goes by somewhat fast. She is requesting that the City consider placing a handicapped child sign (or something similar) on Drew Road to assist in slowing traffic. I am not sure if that is something you would like to discuss any further at a traffic safety meeting, but I thought I would open the discussion between us to decide what response to have.

Thanks,  
Gary

Gary Lemay, P.E.  
City Engineer

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Victoria Bourque <vbourque44@gmail.com>  
Russell Timmons;  
Dear Mr. Timmons

I am writing to request the consideration of an additional safety measure for the top of Highland Street and Grand Street in Somersworth.

I am a homeowner at 34 Highland Street. Foot traffic continues to increase in the area with young families, children and residents out daily for walks in the neighborhood and also on their way to the Noble Pines play area. With the addition of the Chinburg apartments and the daily use of Highland Street as more of a main thoroughway for locals, I am requesting either an additional stop sign (a 4-way stop versus a 2-way stop) at the intersection of Grand and Highland or at the very least, the installation of a "Go Slow Children" sign.

I do note living here and from what I see and hear, that those using Highland tend to "speed up" as they get to the top of the hill versus slowing down. It is an accident waiting to happen and I am hoping it would be deemed a good safety measure to install some kind of deterrent to the more reckless drivers who speed straight across Grand to continue on Highland St. Extension and/or coming from Highland Extension down the hill as well without even slowing down. So many people use this area for walking, pushing strollers, riding bikes etc. I think it would continue to enhance the culture of a safe place to be.

I also attended the town hall meeting last year when discussions with Chinburg representatives about the new apartments on Grand were heard by residents and I brought up the speeding concerns and also the poor condition of Highland Street. Chinburg had agreed to re-pave the extension portion of Highland Street which as you know is in incredibly bad shape with potholes and lifting pavement. I am following up on that as well.

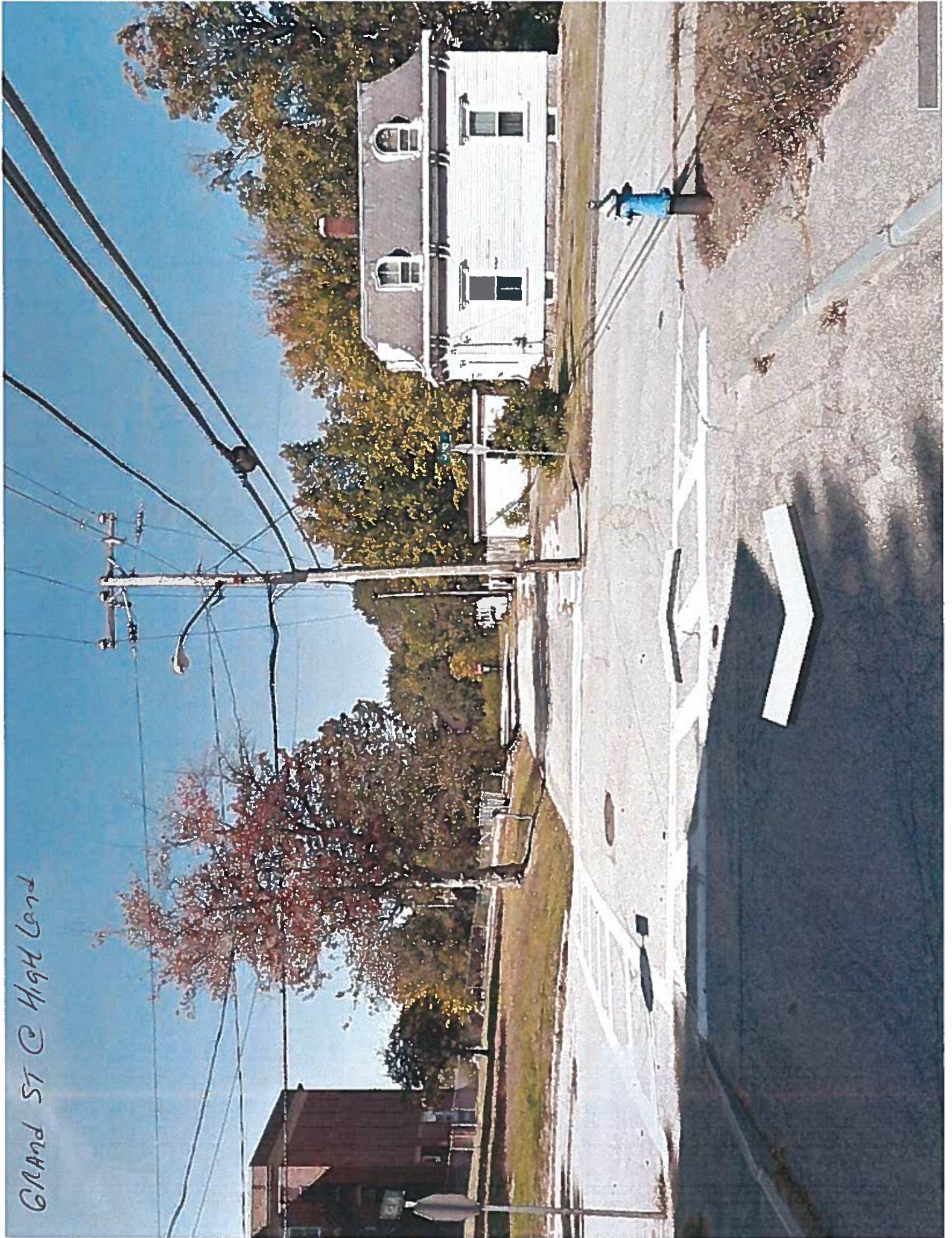
I appreciate your attention and consideration in my attempts to make the street a safer, more family oriented one and to benefit all the people who take advantage of walking the streets in the area.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Victoria Bourque  
34 Highland Street  
Somersworth, NH 03878  
603-205-5702

GRAND ST @ HIGH LAND



BARRINGTON  
BROOKFIELD  
DOVER  
DURHAM  
FARMINGTON  
LEE  
MADBURY  
MIDDLETON  
MILTON



NEW DURHAM  
NEWMARKET  
NORTHWOOD  
NOTTINGHAM  
ROCHESTER  
ROLLINSFORD  
SOMERSWORTH  
STRAFFORD  
WAKEFIELD

April 29, 2020

*Traffic Count*

Dear Municipal Public Works, Police, and Planning Staff:

As spring makes its way to New Hampshire, the Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) is looking forward to another summer full of data collection. Most of the snow in our region has already melted which would normally mark the beginning of our data collection season. Unfortunately, with the recent events related to COVID-19, SRPC staff will not be conducting data collection until the Stay at Home order is lifted and guidance from the CDC deems it safe for staff and those in our communities to do so.

When we do begin, expect to see SRPC employees wearing high visibility vests and using traffic safety precautions wherever necessary, including traffic cones. There will be rubber pneumatic tubes across all lanes of traffic with 3-inch steel nails anchoring them to a paved shoulder, or a radar device secured on a nearby utility pole. Counting equipment is chained and locked to the nearest fixed object (street sign, utility pole, etc.) and each device includes a label with our contact information should an issue arise. These units are used to record both traffic volume and vehicle classification and SRPC maintains a database of this information and is available upon request.

These counts are part of a contract SRPC holds with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDT). We have 320 locations across the region that are collected on a three-year rotating schedule. A subset of this total will be conducted this year.

You will find a list of the 2020 count locations for your community on the back of this letter. Notice in advance of potential conflicts (construction, maintenance work, paving, etc.) helps us to do our job more efficiently and is greatly appreciated. We will contact DPW staff directly to coordinate specific installation dates.

This summer's data collection season will likely be shorter than in the past, so please submit supplemental count requests as soon as possible to allow for field season scheduling. This service is included in community dues and can be arranged through a service contract for non-dues paying communities.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions regarding the data collection or would like to request supplemental counts for your community, please contact Stefanie Casella at [scasella@strafford.org](mailto:scasella@strafford.org), or Colin Lentz at [clentz@strafford.org](mailto:clentz@strafford.org).

Sincerely,

Stefanie Casella  
Regional Planner

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Regional Transportation Planner

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2020 Somersworth NHDOT Traffic Count Locations

Counter ID	LOCATION
824150310000	WASHINGTON ST WEST OF GREEN ST

March 22, 2020

Dear Mr. Belmore,

At a "coffee with a cop" last fall, I met you and brought up the traffic safety issue at the corner of Blackwater Road and Old Rochester/Dover Road. I appreciated hearing an update about that matter.

I also called your office shortly after the trees came down ... with a thank you. However, every day, while "sheltering", I hope to write a note with a card to someone or for something special... as long as the USPS will continue working. I like our postal carrier and I want to keep him working! Thus, this note.

Several weeks have passed since the trees on the intersection have come down. What a huge difference this action has made on that intersection. I am grateful to the city and property owner and all involved for making this corner that much safer for all us drivers. Please pass along my gratitude to all responsible for seeing this project come to fruition.

Sincerely,

  
Claire Blaisdell

Somersworth NH

CC: Mayor Dana Hilliard