

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

February 23, 2021

As Chair of the Somersworth Traffic Safety, I, Captain Russell Timmons find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically. Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by roll call vote. We are utilizing Zoom for this electronic meeting. All members of the Committee have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform. The public was asked to submit comments via email to [jslaven@somersworth.com](mailto:jslaven@somersworth.com) or [bblmore@somersworth.com](mailto:bblmore@somersworth.com) by Tuesday February 23, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

**Attendance:** Captain Russell Timmons, Chairman; Robert Belmore, City Manager (Non-Voting); Ken Vincent, City Councilor Representative; Michelle Mears, Director of Planning & Community Development; Mike Bobinsky, Public Works Director; Amber Ferland, City Engineer; George Kramlinger, Fire Chief; Paul Robidas, Member At-large

**Absent:** Robert Gadomski, School Superintendent; Jenne Holmes, Member At-large

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The Chairman called the Meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

**Approval of October 28, 2021 Meeting Minutes:** Mike Bobinsky motioned to approve meeting minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Vincent. Minutes Approved.

### **Request for Two (2) Additional Street Lights on Willand Drive**

Captain Timmons stated the reason why this was brought to Committee is Chapter 15 indicates Traffic Safety Committee will review any proposed street lights considerations.

Mike Bobinsky said recommendations were made by Eversource to install one (1) lights at intersection of Commercial & Willand Drive and the second light midway close to Route 108.

Captain Timmons noted this is the right thing to do.

Ken Vincent believes that two (2) lights are a must. Going towards Home Depot lighting is poor, definitely needed.

Paul Robidas asked are these lights needed because of the Warming Shelter. Is this something the City should incur alone.

Ken Vincent said he drives that area a lot. He indicated he has seen a lot of foot traffic coming and going from the Shelter. Questioned, if maybe we shouldn't be the one to pay for all of this?

City Manager Bob Belmore Rochester agreed to pick-up any overage on Shelter. City of Somersworth's responsibility is Police, Fire and Ambulance Support.

Michelle Mears stated I thought we were shuttling people to the Shelter and didn't realize the amount of foot traffic.

Captain Timmons you can't control pedestrian foot traffic. They come at night and leave in the morning.

After further discussion Captain Timmons asked for a motion on the matter. Ken Vincent motioned to accept the recommendation as presented, Paul Robidas Seconded. The Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

***Ken Vincent Motioned to Adjourn, 2nd by Mike Bobinsky, the Motion carries by a 6-0 roll call vote at 1:20 PM.***

Respectfully Submitted: Brenda Ann Breda  
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to the City Manager