

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 15, 2021

Attendance: Captain Russell Timmons, Chairman; Michelle Mears, Director of Planning & Community Development; Mike Bobinsky, Public Works Director; Amber Hall, City Engineer; Paul Robidas, Member At-large; Jenne Holmes, Member At-large; Robert Belmore, City Manager; Ken Vincent, City Councilor Representative

Absent: Lori Lane, School Superintendent; George Kramlinger, Fire Chief

The Chairman called the Meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

1. **Approval of August 4, 2021 Meeting Minutes:** Paul Robidas motioned to approve meeting minutes, 2nd by Mike Bobinsky. Jenne Holmes abstained. Minutes Approved.

2. **Addition of Streetlights (area of the Homeless Warming Center, 30 Willand Drive)**

Captain Timmons said we are here to address the concern of the lighting situation at Willand Drive. Timmons noted that he has been doing some driving through the area and the foot traffic is high and feels the need for additional lighting exists. Paul Robidas said we do not have poles to hold light fixtures and feels that come April this building will be sold does it make sense to spend money on these lights? Mike Bobinsky said he is in the process of speaking with Eversource to see about cost and schedule availability.

Bob Belmore said cost is not the concern of this Committee, it should be safety. The cost aspect will be that of the City Council. Belmore stated that he thinks more towards Willand Drive than Commercial Way. There are poles on Willand Drive suitable to mount street lights. There are no suitable poles along Commercial Way making the cost more reasonable to place lighting along Willand Drive these poles will only need light fixtures. Commercial Way we will need both poles and light fixtures.

Timmons said he drove by on several occasions, the area in front of the Homeless Center is well lit, Lighting is good at the intersection of Willand Drive and Commercial Way. There is some lighting that comes from Home Depot and provides some illumination. Timmons asked the Committee are we all agreeable that there is a need for more lighting.

Bob Belmore said timing is of essence, with winter months ahead. Paul Robidas thinks the timing doesn't make sense, seeing as the Shelter will be closing in April. Mike Bobinsky said the lighting could happen quickly within a month or so. Bob Belmore said we need 2 light fixtures at Willand, no pole needed. 1 pole needed at Commercial and a light fixture.

Motion: Paul Robidas motion to move this to City Council. Jenne Holmes seconded.

The Vote: All in favor

***Motion: Paul Robidas motion Adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Jenne Holmes:
All in favor Motion carries meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm***

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