

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 19, 2016

Attendance

Russell Timmons, Police Captain & Chairman of Traffic Safety Committee;; Jennifer Soldati, Mayor Representative; Dave Witham, City Council Representative; Keith Hoyle, Fire Chief Member at Large; Jenne Holmes, Member at Large; Mike Bobinsky, Public Works Director.

Absent

Robert Belmore, City Manager, Harold Guptill, Member at Large, Shanna Saunders, Director of Planning & Community Development.

Meeting called to order at 2:05 pm.

I. Minutes

Jeni Mosca motioned to accept minutes from September 21st meeting seconded by Mike Bobinsky. All in favor, minutes accepted.

II. New Business

- A. **Request to Add a Crosswalk on Washington Street.** Resident Sharon Brown submitted a petition signed by resident regarding concerns of the crosswalk on Washington Street. Mike Bobinsky met with Sharon and 4 other Residents to better understand the petition. The petitioners describe existing crosswalks and sidewalks as unsafe and uneven. Immediate and long term response were discussed. Bobinski will review The MUTCD (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices) for guidance and insurance of compliance. We will add speed limit signs and relocate the current crosswalk signage, to be closer to the actual location of the painted crosswalk. Coordinate cost with Somersworth Housing. Review the merits and cost to add a light at midblock. Jennifer Soldati thinks it is good to have guidelines but we also need to look at who is using crosswalks, the elderly. I have always felt that the crosswalk was not in proper location. Russ Timmons feels we need to re-adjust and add signage, perhaps a light to re-evaluate in the spring. Mike Bobinsky it will be a monthly charge from Eversource. Paul Robidas said maybe look into solar and share cost with Housing. Jeni Mosca motioned to re-evaluate in the spring. Dave Witham seconded, all in favor.

- B. **Line of Sight Issue Memorial Drive and High Street Intersection.** Mike Bobinsky said we need to trim back shrubs, this is on his list of things to do and he will have staff complete.

- C. Mike Bobinski discussed a concern with Waste Management trucks. The drivers have issues getting onto Union Street from Kings Lane or onto Kings Lane from Union Street. The problem is caused as cars are parking on both sides of the intersection making it difficult to turn the larger Waste Management trucks safely. Jeni noted maybe we need no parking here to corner? Dave Witham said we don't need Council action to have a "no parking here to corner". Russ Timmons doesn't see a problem with putting this signage up as it is covered by state law.

III. Old Business

- A. Review Signage No Parking from Here to Corner, at River St and Main Street.** Dave Witham and Jeni Mosca noted that signs are not up yet. Mike Bobinsky said he will get signs up ASAP.
- B. Maple Street "No Parking" Ordinance.** Ordinance past at last council Meeting on October 17. Signs will be erected.

Miscellaneous Discussion

- Dave Witham said there were not adequate road closure signs for the Pumpkin Festival. We need to be better at this. Russ said that these organizations need to reach out to Highway and we need to provide adequate barricades. Mike Bobinsky said Public Works should be involved at these Committee meetings. Jennifer Soldati and Jeni Mosca like the idea of permits for these types of events.

Jeni Mosca motioned to adjourn, seconded by Jenne Holmes. Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 16th at 2:00 p.m.