

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 16, 2017

Attendance

Russell Timmons, Police Captain & Chairman of Traffic Safety Committee; Dave Witham, Jennifer Soldati, Mayor Representative; City Council Representative Robert Belmore, City Manager; Jenne Holmes, Member at Large; Harold Guptill, Member at Large; Mike Bobinsky, Public Works Director.

Absent

Paul Robidas, Director of EMS; Shanna Saunders, Director of Planning & Community Development Keith Hoyle, Fire Chief.

Meeting called to order at 2:06 pm.

I. Minutes

Motion to amend minutes per Harold Guptill, Dave Witham was not in attendance at the June 21st meeting.

II. New Business

- 1. School Zone Indicator Signs High Street Entering & Exiting.**
- 2. School Zone Indicator Light for Cemetery Road.**
- 3. School Zone 20MPH Memorial Drive from Cemetery Road.**

Captain Timmons noted that all 3 of these Agenda items are in-twined. Currently we have static signs entering and exiting. No entering school zone sign on Memorial Drive. No sign on either side of Cemetery Road. Cemetery Road has no sign on either side of Cemetery Road and it does not have a flashing light indicator for School Zone. Councilor Soldati asked about the history of accidents? Timmons said maybe an occasional bump but nothing significant. Timmons noted that we need to have speed limit signs they are missing from Cemetery to Memorial.

Councilor Witham suggested waiting for the TAP Grant maybe we weave all of these into it. Mike Bobinsky agreed that we should and felt that this was appropriate for the TAP Grant and this Committee can look at all of these components when work begins. Timmons mentioned maybe we should look at Electronic Lighting.

Councilor Witham stated we should be consistent at all School zones. I would support enter and exiting School zone signs and make a motion. Harold Guptill seconded. All in favor.

Captain Timmons asked if anyone had any other new business.

- Councilor Witham noted Councilor Messier raised concern at the Monday's (8/14) Council meeting about placing curbing on Indigo Hill Road and people parking on the street.
- Councilor Dumont also noted at Council meeting about the parking at Noble Pines, people are parking on the street and parking all the way to the intersections. We have "no parking here to corner at Grand/Noble and Grand/Hamilton, we need to be more consistent and have "no parking" on the upper hill area.
- Also mentioned that crosswalks need to be repainted at Schools
- City Mgr. Bob Belmore also is concerned about having too many signs "sign pollution". Maybe we should look at line painting and repaint every year. Mike Bobinsky agrees, yellow line painting every year.

III. Old Business

1. **Stackpole Road at Green Street. Line of Sight Concerns. Continuing Issue.** Mike Bobinsky stated there is a new culvert going in. We also need to attend to vegetation. I did talk to property owner, I am not sure he will be cooperative with cutting some of his shrubs. Councilor Soldati said she travels this road often. Why don't we just make it a priority in the spring and then again mid-summer to just prune back, we don't have to worry about this in the fall and winter. Councilor Witham stated intersection is not squarely aligned, utility pole is poorly placed. Jenne Holmes said it is a different perspective depending on what type of vehicle you are driving. Councilor Soldati said why not think about a stockade fence.
2. **Prohibited Turns Tractor Trailers.** Signs are up. Councilor Witham did witness a tractor trailer turning down Station Street from High Street took a picture of license plate and Russ will investigate. City Mgr. Belmore noted that a truck did hit and snapped off one of our City banners on the pole.
3. **Trimming of Trees Memorial Drive at High Street.** Mike Bobinsky has made contact with property owner. Goal is to expedite before School starts.

Miscellaneous

- Jenne Holmes said that we still do not have signs that say "no parking from here to corner. Makes it really hard pulling out of River Street to Main Street with cars parked there, and they are there all the time. Captain Timmons said he will correct this.
- Councilor Witham said that we need to do painting of pedestrian crossings and tip downs, High Street and Tri-City Plaza. The new Liquor store coming in is contributing to the cost.

Councilor Witham motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mike Bobinsky. Meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 20th at 2:00 p.m.