

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 18, 2017

Attendance

Russell Timmons, Police Captain & Chairman of Traffic Safety Committee; Dave Witham, City Council Representative; Robert Belmore, City Manager; Shanna Saunders, Director of Planning & Community Development; Jenne Holmes, Member at Large; Mike Bobinsky, Public Works Director; Keith Hoyle, Fire Chief.

Absent

Jennifer Soldati, Mayor Representative; Paul Robidas, Director of EMS; Harold Guptill, Member at Large.

Meeting called to order at 2:04 pm.

I. Minutes

Motion to amend minutes per Dave Witham. Re-write: under Miscellaneous, change signals to say crosswalks. Motion made by Mike Bobinsky to approve minutes after amendments, seconded by Jenne Holmes. Keith Hoyle abstained.

II. New Business

- 1. Intersection of Willand Drive and Route 108 (Letter Presented by Captain Timmons).** Captain Timmons read letter from Linda Merullo a resident of Dover regarding her concern with this intersection. Captain Timmons looked back at the accidents over the past 10 years; there have been 19 accidents, not terrible by stats. Councilor Witham noted he knows this intersection well, line of site is good. Maybe when 108 corridor gets rebuilt we can address it. Nothing for us to do at this point. Director Bobinsky has alerted State District of this intersection and State is aware. Councilor Witham asked Timmons if he would get back to resident. City Manager Belmore asked that he explain the Corridor updates coming up in the future to Merullo. All in favor.
- 2. West High Street at High Street Intersection Project (Saunders).** Director Saunders stated that the City's part is done it now goes to Governor & Council. Councilor Witham notes that Councilor Sprague was stating that we have other intersections that need attention. Director Bobinsky said Blackwater Road is in the queue for separate funding. City Manager Belmore stated we do nothing, let it sit and review this in 2 years. All in Favor.
- 3. Street Light Request, Letter from Resident – Francoeur Drive.** Captain Timmons read letter to members, from a resident on Francoeur Drive. Timmons provided stats and in 17 years there's been 1 accident. This accident was a car backing out of driveway. Councilor Witham asked what it would cost to add a single streetlight.

Director Bobinsky said Eversource would install upon receiving the request. The City would have to take on the cost of the light. City Manager Belmore said let's just look at the stats, minimal accidents; Additional resident may not want a light. We should start by looking at the criteria listed in the City Ordinance. Councilor Witham brought up that a few years ago we looked at removing street lights. Captain Timmons will reach out to resident and explain the stats found regarding accidents. Also noting the people that use the road are people who live there and delivery trucks, not a high traffic area. Motion to deny street light by Councilor Witham, seconded by Jenne Holmes. All in favor.

III. Old Business

- 1. Stackpole Road at Green Street. Line of Sight Concerns.** Director Bobinsky said they made progress clearing brush. Eversource clearing brush also.
- 2. Trimming of Trees at Memorial Drive at High Street.** Director Bobinsky noted this is completed.
- 3. School Zone Signage (Bobinsky).** Director Bobinsky noted this is completed.
- 4. No Parking Noble Street area and Main Street at River Street.** Painted lines are effective. Councilor Witham noted signs should be at the edge of driveway towards Rollinsford.

Captain Timmons asked if anyone had any other new business.

- Captain Timmons read email from Jenne Holmes regarding lack of Crosswalks at Blackwater Road-Route 108. These are State roads and we are not in position to spend this amount of money. Councilor Witham said this intersection is going to be looked at in more detail down the road. The City's application for a Road Audit has been submitted to NHDOT. These requested will be reviewed in December
- Councilor Witham noted the traffic at the new Cumberland Farms. Director Saunders has had conversation with DOT about light timing at Blackwater. They are waiting 6 to 9 months to observe the traffic at Cumberland Farms. Director Saunders stated she will put this on her radar for down the road to remind DOT to relook at this.

Councilor Witham motioned to adjourn, seconded by Keith Hoyle. Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 15th at 2:00 p.m.