

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

August 15, 2018

### **Attendance**

Russell Timmons, Police Captain & Chairman of Traffic Safety Committee; Ed Levasseur, 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**

Kenneth Vincent, City Council Representative; Paul Robidas, Member at Large

Meeting called to order at 2:07 pm.

### **I. Minutes**

Keith Hoyle motioned to approve meeting minutes of June 20<sup>th</sup> second by Ken Vincent. Meeting minutes approved. Councilor Ed Levasseur abstained.

### **II. New Business**

- 1. COAST Bus Change to Route 108 Corridor Stop Locations.** Captain Timmons informed our committee that COAST Bus requested to change some of their bus stops on Route 108 corridor. Director Saunders explained COAST has 2 new customers at Colonial Village that are in wheelchairs. COAST is requesting to move a designated stop back to the Works and 2<sup>nd</sup> stop just south of the Second Street entrance to the Colonial Village Trailer Park. Currently these folks have been cutting through Somersworth Storage, parking lot to reach the bus stop. The storage facility has asked them not to cross their parking lot. They continue to cross the lot to access the bus stop. In addition Coast would like to remove their Blackwater Road stop, on a trial bases. If approved, the new stops will be just south of the entrance to The Works and south of the Second Street entrance. The committee jointly expressed that we need to make sure that the bus does not block the driveway/entrance to the Works or cause other traffic concerns.

City Manager Belmore asked Shanna or Mike to have COAST submit this in writing. It was suggested that we and members of Coast conduct a site walk to evaluate distances. Captain Timmons asked if there was a rush to act on this request? Director Saunders said no but currently we have 2 handicapped people traveling up busy Route 108, towards the bus stop. Jenne Holmes said maybe we grant Second Street stop and wait on the other. City Manager Belmore stated we should not rush on either of them. Director Saunders motioned to assign staff to finalize the plan based

on Traffic Safety recommendations. This motion was second by Chief Hoyle. Vote: All in Favor.

2. Sober Sisters Request. Captain Timmons said he just heard from Monet at Sober Sisters regarding vehicles traveling too fast on the Malley Farm Road. She presumed the traffic was caused by folks accessing the leaf drop. She would like assistance with posting of signage to help slow down traffic. Mike Bobinsky was not sure of what kind of signage we would use. He will look at signs available and make some suggestions. Jenne Holmes motioned to have Mike Bobinsky research signage, Chief Hoyle seconded. Vote: All in favor.

**Captain Timmons asked if anyone had any other new business.**

- Councilor Levasseur brought up his concern at the crosswalk at Beacon & High Street. People are ignoring this crosswalk and he is concerned someone will get hurt. Director Saunders agreed this area is dangerous. City Manager Belmore said what about a sign that says "State Law Requires You Stop at Crosswalks" he also asked Councilor Levasseur is there a specific time? Councilor Levasseur said no it is all different time. City Manager asked Captain Timmons for more patrol. Captain Timmons will inform the patrolman of the concern, and increase patrols when possible.

Keith Hoyle motioned to adjourn, seconded by Jenne Holmes. Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

***Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.***