

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 14, 2018

2:00pm

Attendance

Russell Timmons, Police Captain & Chairman of Traffic Safety Committee

Edward Levasseur, City Council Representative

Robert Belmore, City Manager

Shanna Saunders, Director of Planning & Community Development

Mike Bobinsky, Public Works Director

Keith Hoyle, Fire Chief

Gary Lemay, City Engineer

Mayor Dana S Hilliard (2:10 entered)

Kelly Gagne, Deputy City Clerk

Robert Gadomski, School Superintendent

Paul Robidas, Member at large

Also in attendance:

Brenda Breda, Executive Assistant

The Chairman called the Meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

Review and Accept August Meeting Minutes

Paul Robidas motioned to approve meeting minutes of September 12, 2018, seconded by Mike Bobinsky. Meeting minutes passed.

New Business Request to add Street Light on Interstate Drive

Captain Timmons received an email from a manager of Contitech. He is requesting that the City review putting in a street light due to employee safety because of operations that run around the clock at Contitech. Timmons stated that he investigated traffic accidents from 2013-present, there has never been an accident involving a pedestrian to date. There have been 20 motor vehicle accidents.

He noted there are 2 large pine trees that block security lighting that would illuminate the crosswalk. The best place to put a light would be on an existing telephone pole. Gary Lemay has some estimate cost of around \$2500, per light for the new LED light. Shanna Saunders stated that some site plans require shading of parking lots and those trees may be a part of that plan. If so, that would require waivers to be given from the planning board. Chief Hoyle suggested that Contitech pay to put the light in.

Paul Robidas suggested that before we take any action we should see what Contitech will do.

Paul Robidas made a motion, seconded by Chief Hoyle to reach back out to the Contitech manager to see what they are willing to do before the City does anything. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS Memorial Drive, Safety Options (PW Director Mike Bobinsky & City Engineer, Gary Lemay)

Mike Bobinsky stated that at the last meeting he was asked to take a look at Memorial Drive. Gary Lemay passed out a packet speaking to the proposed traffic calming measures on Memorial Drive. They studied different options from traffic islands, speed tables, one-way traffic patterns and eliminating through traffic. They concluded that the speed table option made the most sense at this point. Rough estimate of costs are around \$12,000-\$15,000 per speed table and are asking for at least 3. We would also suggest seeking a change order from Brox as they are doing work in the spring on High St and that may decrease the estimated cost as well.

Mayor Hilliard questioned using multiple components such as using speed tables and also a one-way. He would recommend speed tables and one way.

General discussion about one-way and spacing of speed tables located on Memorial Drive.

Paul Robidas made a motion, seconded by Chief Hoyle that we forward the Traffic Safety Committee recommend supporting speed tables onto City Manager for more study before bringing to full Council. Motion Passed.

OLD BUSINESS Request to Adjust the Time Parking on Washington St from 3 to 4 hours. Test period October Signs were Bagged.

During the time that the parking signs were covered there were no calls to the police station regarding any pros or cons of the temporary change. Councilor Levasseur stated he just moved to that area and has not seen anyone abusing it. Paul Robidas stated that the Somersworth Hosing Authority has received many thank you calls from residents.

Paul Robidas made a motion, seconded by Robert Gadomski to eliminate all time timed parking limits along Washington St. Motion passed.

Councilor Levassuer and Mayor Hilliard will sponsor a Resolution to be brought to full Council.

Chief Hoyle, seconded by Paul Robidas, made a motion to adjourn at 2:40 pm, Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kelly Gagne, Deputy City Clerk