

Public Safety Committee
Council Chambers
July 20, 2016
7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilor Donald Hamann
Councilor Ray Barnett
Councilor Robert Gates
Councilor James Gray

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilor Peter Lachapelle (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT

Owen Friend-Gray, PE, Assistant City Engineer
Jenny Brown, Olde Farm Lane
Brian Brown, Olde Farm Lane
Betty Stevens, Olde Farm Lane

Minutes

Councilor Hamann brought the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. Approve minutes from June 15, 2016

The first order of business was to approve the June 15, 2016 minutes. Councilor Gray **MOVED** to **AMEND** the Public Safety Committee minutes of June 15, 2016 as follows: Councilor Gray **MOVED** to exit non-public session at 7:40 PM. Councilor Lachapelle seconded the motion. The **MOTION** to **AMEND** the minutes **CARRIED** by unanimous voice vote.

2. Public Input

The public that were present were there for an item already on the agenda.

3. 72 Olde Farm Lane-"Deaf Person" new signage request

Councilor Hamann summarized the issue. Jenny Brown, Betty Stevens and Brian Brown were present to discuss installing a "deaf person" sign near 72 Olde Farm Lane. Ms. Stevens said the woman that lives at 72 Olde Farm Lane is deaf and mute, she likes to walk and it can be dangerous because some of the vehicles do not stop completely at the two stop signs. *Councilor Gates recommended to have 2 "deaf" person signs installed at the discretion of DPW. Councilor Barnett seconded the motion. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.* Mr. Friend-Gray said they have two

different "deaf person" signs in stock at DPW, so once motion is approved there would be no problem putting them up quickly.

4. 372 Portland Street-"Deaf Child" signage removal/relocation-possibly move to Daniel Ct.

Councilor Hamann summarized the issue. Councilor Gates asked Mr. Friend-Gray how the city knows when a person who has had a sign installed for them moves, he wanted to know if the new GIS system once installed would help with sign location. Mr. Friend-Gray said yes it can be set up to help with sign location. ***Councilor Gray made a motion to remove "deaf child" sign near 372 Portland Street. Councilor Gates seconded the motion. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.***

5. Chamberlain Street/Franklin Street-Crossing Dangers

Councilor Hamann summarized the issue. Deputy Chief Toussaint said this intersection was no more of a danger than any other intersection. He will have an officer chat with the person who made the request to let her know that she can take a license plate number down and call it in to the police station. The issue will be dealt with on a case by case basis. This will be kept in committee until September's Public Safety Committee meeting after school starts.

6. St. Leo Church- Handicap Parking Request

Councilor Hamann summarized the issue. Councilor Hamann said there was no curb cut. There is no guarantee that the handicap spot will be used by the person that it is requested for; any handicap vehicle can park in the handicap spots. Councilor Hamann said there is nothing that can be done without curb cuts. This was kept in committee so committee members can look at the area.

7. Lupine/Heritage- No Parking Sign Request

Councilor Hamann summarized the issue. School is not session at this time so there is no problem at this time. This was kept in committee until after school starts in September.

8. Ten Rod Road/Tebbetts Road- Horse Crossing Signs (kept in committee)

Councilor Hamann summarized the issue. He stated he had no new information on this request. Kept in Committee to see if the committee could get more information regarding the signs. Councilor Gray asked if DPW could find out where the current Horse Crossing signs are on Ten Rod Road.

9. Tebbetts Road- Speeding (update)

Councilor Hamann summarized the issue. Deputy Chief Toussaint said the speed trailer was placed in the Tebbetts Road area for five consecutive days. There was no problem in the area. The speed limit is 35 mph and the average speed was 36.5 mph. No action taken.

10. Other

Graffiti Ordinance

Mr. Friend-Gray said that the City Attorney Terrence O'Rourke was creating an ordinance for compliance-graffiti. Currently the city has no authority to go on someone's private property to clean up graffiti, if the homeowner cannot be reached. There was an incident that occurred recently where there were profanities painted at the entrance of a development in Rochester. The developer took care of the issue quickly but if he hadn't the city has no authority to go on private property to take care of it. Having an ordinance in place will help if another issue occurs.

Ordinance for Overnight Parking and Camping in City Parks

Mr. Friend-Gray said the City Attorney Terrence O'Rourke was working on changing the ordinance for overnight parking and camping in city parks. He stated there have been some issues lately with people parking, camping and defecating in the city parks and the City has no authority to do anything at this time. Councilor Gray said the parks can be posted with no parking and camping at this time. Councilor Hamann said Maple Street school is posted that it is closed after dusk. Mr. Friend-Gray wanted the committee to be aware of this, it's going to the codes and ordinance committee.

202/Estes Road Thank You Letter

Mr. Friend-Gray said that Mr. Bezanson sent out the Thank you letter to the NHDOT commissioner for the work done on 202/Estes Road for site distance.

Mobile Home Park-Little Falls /Chestnut Hill Road

Mr. Friend-Gray said there is dirt and trees by the entrance to the park which is creating a site line issue. This is the park and the power lines responsibility. He said that Ken Henderson the Highway/Fleet Maintenance supervisor went out to look at the area to see

if DPW can help, the job is bigger than they thought. Mr. Friend-Gray was looking for guidance regarding helping with private property. Eversource said they are willing to help the park but wanted to wait until one of their other projects began. Councilor Gates said a warning sign placed on the city's right of way may help. Councilor Gray said the city can take care of what's on the city's right of way. Councilor Gray requested having a letter sent to Eversource asking them to have the dirt and trees removed by the end of Fall, and to have the representative from the mobile home park send a letter to Eversource as well.

Gerrish Street-No Parking Signs

Mr. Friend-Gray said the "no parking" signs have been placed on Gerrish Street.

Parking Signs- "Parking" Signs in front of City Hall

The parking signs in front of City Hall are scheduled to be put up this week.

Hansonville Road No Through Truck Signs

Mr. Friend-Gray said the "no through trucks" signs have been taken down.

Councilor Gates made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 PM. Councilor Barnett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Laura Miller, Secretary II.