

Public Safety Committee
Council Chambers
June 21, 2017
7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilor Donald Hamann, Chair
Councilor Ray Barnett
Councilor Robert Gates
Councilor James Gray
Councilor Peter Lachapelle

OTHERS PRESENT

Michael Bezanson, PE, City Engineer
Deputy Chief Gary Boudreau

Minutes

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

1. Approve Minutes from May 17, 2017

Councilor Lachapelle made a motion to approve the May 17, 2017 minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gates. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

2. Public Input

There were no members of the public present.

3. Tebbetts Road-Speed Limit Sign Relocation

Councilor Hamann summarized the issue. The resident that asked for the relocation of the speed limit sign lives by the overpass on Tebbetts Road. Deputy Chief Boudreau stated that there are 35 MPH speed limit signs at both ends of the road. It was noted that vehicles turning onto Tebbetts Road from Blackwater Road will not see the signs. Deputy Chief Boudreau stated that 35 MPH is the appropriate speed limit, since it's a rural area. Councilor Gray asked if there were many accidents. Deputy Chief Boudreau said there were accidents, but most of them occur at the intersection of Old Dover Road and Tebbetts Road. He said he would have the speed trailer set up in this area. The request was held in committee until next month; Deputy Chief Boudreau will supply the data at next month's meeting.

4. Highland Street- Speed Limit/Flashing Yellow Light

Councilor Hamann summarized the issue. Councilor Hamann asked Mr. Bezanson if this part of Highland Street was State jurisdiction and Mr. Bezanson said yes. Deputy Chief Boudreau said this area is on the list for the speed trailer.

5. No Parking-Driveway Signs Posted-State Farm Insurance-Wakefield Street

Councilor Hamann summarized the issue. The request came in because of the difficulty entering and exiting the driveway when vehicles are parked so close and obstructing sight lines. He said he was not aware of a big problem. Mr. Bezanson said it is a school area, a lot of people park in that area. Wakefield Street is scheduled to be paved in the next fiscal year, so it will need to be re-stripped. Deputy Chief Boudreau said he has not seen the driveway blocked. Councilor Gray suggested that they take up this request again in the September meeting when school is back in session; a lot of the parking related to the school. Councilor Gray asked that DPW look at options for repainting the fog lines on Wakefield Street. Mr. Bezanson said he would prioritize the Wakefield Street paving work.

6. Leonard Street/Harrison Ave-Speed Data Update

Councilor Hamann summarized the issue. Deputy Chief Boudreau said there have been no accidents in the area. The speed trailer was placed on Harrison and Leonard Streets for a week each. On Harrison Avenue there were 517 vehicles and 73.3 percent of them were going 1 to 10 mph each and 20 percent were going 11 to 20 mph. On Leonard Street there were 1,012 vehicles and 81.2 percent of the vehicles were going 11 to 20 mph. Councilor Gray said he wouldn't mind having a stop line painted on Harrison Avenue. Councilor Hamann said it is not needed.

7. Other

Salmon Falls Road/Portland Street Speed Trailer Update

Deputy Chief Boudreau said that he had the data from the speed trailer for the Salmon Falls Road and Portland Street area near Tara Estates. He said the trailer was placed in the area for a week and there was 10,227 vehicles 72.2

percent were going 31 to 40 mph and 16.2 percent were going 41 to 50 with a couple going 71 to 80.

Salmon Falls Road Highway Safety Improvement Project

Mr. Bezanson said they had a final walk through for the Salmon Falls Road Highway Safety Improvement project with the contractor, consultant, and NHDOT. The project is substantially completed with only a few minor punch list items to be completed before the end of the month. He also noted that a letter had been received from a resident in the area thanking them for the much needed safety improvements.

Washington and Sylvain Streets Parking Issue

Councilor Hamann said that vehicles were parking on Washington Street right up to the edge of Sylvain Street blocking the line-of-sight for vehicles turning onto Washington Street. He suggested that the area should be marked for “no parking”. ***Councilor Hamann made a motion to place a "no parking here to corner" sign or paint diagonal crosshatch markings on Washington Street near Sylvain Street at the discretion of the Public Works Department. Councilor Lachapelle seconded the motion. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.***

Councilor Lachapelle made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM. Councilor Gates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Laura Miller, Secretary II.