

**PORTSMOUTH
TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
8:00 AM – Thursday, April 15, 2004
City Hall - Council Chambers**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Alex Hanson, Chairman called the meeting to order at approximately 8:00 a.m.

II: ROLL CALL:

Members Present:

Alex Hanson, Chair, Asst. Mayor
John Burke, Dir. Parking & Transportation
Steve Parkinson, Public Works Director
Deputy Police Chief Dave Young
Fire Chief Chris LeClaire

Ralph DiBernardo, Vice Chairman
Herb Bunnell, Member
Ron Cypher, Member
Ted Gray, Member
Jonathan Bailey, Member

III. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

IT WAS VOTED on a Motion by Ted Gray to accept the minutes of the Traffic & Safety Committee meeting of March 18, 2004. Seconded by Ron Cypher. Motion passed.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

- (A) Crossroads House Sidewalk Project – 4/5/04 Letter of thanks to Portsmouth High School attached - Informational, letter to be placed on file.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

- (A) 3201 Lafayette Road – Proposed Office Building – TAC referral – proposed plan modification from 3/18 T&S Meeting approval (attached) – Dennis Moulton of Millette, Sprague & Colwell referred to the revised plan showing a NHDOT-required deceleration lane leading to the north entrance. Mr. Moulton proposed that only one drive be modified so that both did not require deceleration. Alex Hanson asked when the driveway would be completed. Mr. Moulton stated it would be done at the time of the office building construction. Ralph DiBernardo stated his concern that the deceleration maybe being placed at the wrong entrance. Ted Gray asked the size of the new building. It was determined that it will be twice the size as the current one.

MOTION made by Herb Bunnell to approve the plan as revised. Seconded by Ted Gray. Motion passed. Ralph DiBernardo opposed. Ron Cypher abstained.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- (A) 126 State Street – Proposed Building Addition – plans attached – Attorney Alex McEachern was present on behalf of the applicant. The applicant is proposing a driveway at the rear of the property on Court Street. Steve Parkinson referred to the on-site review. One concern is that the developer work with the City's Public Works Department to properly locate the new sidewalk. Ralph DiBernardo stated that the second concern was

to make sure that the proposed heated driveway is not only installed but maintained and operated.

MOTION made by Steve Parkinson to approve with the stipulations. Seconded by Ted Gray. Motion passed.

- (B) Greenleaf Avenue/Peeverly Hill Road – Resident request for review of intersection geometrics – 4/1/04 email attached – A resident is requesting that the Greenleaf/Peeverly Hill Road intersection radius be tightened up to slow down turning traffic. Chairman Hanson explained to the Committee that truck traffic uses the road to access the auto dealership among other places.

MOTION made by Herb Bunnell to place this on next month’s on-site. Seconded by Ralph DiBernardo. Motion passed.

- (C) Incident Management Plan for the Little Bay Bridges – Police Dept. Referral – presented at meeting – Deputy Police Chief Young stated that a study was done by DOT to determine how the state will deal with incidents on the Little Bay Bridge. The Police Department met with Steve Parkinson, John Burke and the NHDOT to review the state plan and to develop a future plan for the City. The Fire Chief and Ted Gray volunteered to be on a Committee with DPW and PD staff to develop the plan.

Alex Hanson asked when the plan would be developed. Deputy Police Chief Young stated in the fall.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS:

- (A) Granite & Woodbury Avenues – Traffic Lights - Ralph DiBernardo stated that the lights at Granite and Woodbury Avenue are tripped when vehicles cross the wires – even when making a right turn onto Woodbury. He asked John Burke to look into whether there is a need to stop all traffic in this situation.
- (B) Miller/Middle Streets – Traffic Lights - Ted Gray stated that the Miller/Middle Street lights were hit by a trailer truck. John Burke stated that the lights are scheduled for replacement this summer.
- (C) 32 Miller Avenue – Robert Chaffee, owner of Governor’s House Bed & Breakfast requests to add a second driveway on side street. Chairman Alex Hanson asked if he had been to the BOA. Mr. Chaffee responded that no variance was needed, but he needs to get a driveway permit from the City for a second curb cut. The Public Works Department referred the request to Traffic & Safety Committee.

MOTION made by Ted Gray to refer to on-site. Seconded by Steve Parkinson. Motion Passed.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: _____
Elaine E. Boucas