

**PORTSMOUTH
TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
8:00 a.m. – Thursday, September 10, 2009
City Hall – Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Councilor Ken Smith, Chairman called the meeting to order at approximately 8:00 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL: Members Present:

Councilor Ken Smith, Chairman
Public Works Director Steve Parkinson
Deputy Police Chief Steve DuBois
Asst. Fire Chief Steve Achilles

John Connors, Member
Ted Gray, Member
Brendan Cooney, Member
Ron Cypher, Member
Christina Westfall

III. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

IT WAS VOTED on a Motion made by Asst. Fire Chief Steve Achilles to accept the minutes of the July 9, 2009 meeting. Seconded by Ron Cypher. Motion passed.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- (A) South Mill St.** – Request for “No Parking” on corner (Photo and e-mails dated August 27, 2009 attached) – Brendan Cooney referred to the site walk. The Committee was met by the resident who made the request to look at the intersection and pointed out the spot he was concerned about. A car parked in the spot that would restrict traffic flow around that corner in both directions and also has a concern about pedestrian safety here. A suggestion to make this a no-parking spot on the corner of Pickering and So. Mill.

MOTION made by Ted Gray to place on file with the stipulation it come back to the Committee at a certain point during the final design phase. Seconded by Asst. Fire Chief Achilles. Motion passed.

Asst. Fire Chief Steve Achilles stated the reason he seconded the motion was we understand that section will have some construction, some design, would like to see this as it moves forward. Would support keeping on file and under consideration as Public Works moves forward with the project.

Steve Parkinson suggested it be placed on file with a stipulation it come back to the Committee at a certain point during the final design phase.

- (B) Intersection of Union/Middle** - Change location of “No Parking Here to Corner” (e-mail dated August 28, 2009 attached) – Asst. Fire Chief Achilles referred to the on site and it appeared that the no parking on both sides of Middle from Union going in both directions were more than appropriate. A way to improve some site distance is to require that the owner of the property trim back the hedges to improve site distance. Recommended that we place the letter on file and refer to Legal

Department to send the property owner a letter at 499 Middle to trim back the hedges.

MOTION made by Asst. Fire Chief Achilles to place on file and refer to the Legal Department to send the property owner a letter at 499 Middle to trim back the hedges to help site distance.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

- (A) **Intersection of Monroe St./Middle Rd.** – Reconsideration for reinstallation of crosswalk from Kensington St. (see attachments) – Steve Parkinson stated that Mr. Katz was present and that he and the City Manager sat down with Mr. Katz to discuss the situation. In looking at the situation and what we plan to do there proposed to get some sort of crosswalk there is to build a landing area at the corner of the park with a landing area with curbing on the corner to allow the sidewalk to go across to the other sidewalk.

MOTION made by Steve Parkinson to refer to Public Works to construct a landing area on that corner along with the appropriate crosswalk. Seconded by Brendan Cooney. Motion passed.

Mr. Katz referred to the area, young children going to the playground, it is a commuter route and traffic sometimes attains highway speed. The crosswalk was there but over the years has been gradually worn away and believes it's time to have a crosswalk there. Mr. Katz thanked the Committee.

Ron Cypher thanked the Committee for the cards and well wishes during his recent surgery.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine E. Boucas, Recording Secretary