

**PORTSMOUTH
TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
8:00 a.m. – Thursday, December 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:

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| Councilor Ken Smith, Chairman | Ted Gray, Member |
| Steve Parkinson, Public Works Director | John Connors, Member |
| Fire Chief Chris LeClaire | Christina Westfall |
| Deputy Police Chief Steve DuBois | Ron Cypher, Member |
| Debbie Finnigan, Traffic Engineer | |

III. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

IT WAS VOTED on a Motion made by Ted Gray to accept the minutes of the November 12, 2009 meeting. Seconded by Ron Cypher. Motion passed.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- (A) Greenleaf at Lafayette** – Request for Crosswalk (letter and e-mail attached) – Ron Cypher referred to on-site reporting that at this time we do not know what the state is doing with this area as it will be refigured and recommended referring to DPW for report back

MOTION made by Ron Cypher to refer to Public Works Dept. for a report back. Seconded by Steve Parkinson. Motion passed.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

- (A) Bottomline Technologies/Great Bay Community College** – Report back – Debbie Finnigan handed out a picture of the existing conditions there. The corners of the driveway at the college are ADA compliant; the ramp at 325 Corporate Dr. is not. The posted speed limit is 35 MPH and minimum stopping sight distance for this speed is 250 ft. The existing sight distance is less than the minimum required. To construct a safe crosswalk at this location the speed would need to be reduced and this would require traffic calming measures. Crosswalks can give pedestrians a false sense of security. Recommend traffic calming measures be reviewed and stealth stat to determine the 85th percentile speed be preformed in the spring.

MOTION made by Fire Chief LeClaire to place a stealth stat, traffic calming and possible applied application of new lighting style crosswalks. Seconded by Ted Gray. Motion passed.

- (B) Thornton/Ruth Streets** – Report back – Steve Parkinson stated that this particular intersection together with Austin and Middle and intersections have come up as issues throughout the City, were included in the capital improvement

plan starting next year. As monies to do these improvements throughout the City become available they will be done and do not have a date or time as to when this will be done.

MOTION made by Ted Gray to accept the report. Seconded by Ron Cypher. Motion passed.

- (C) **Water Country** – Report back – Ted Gray referred to the on-site reporting that the current sign is confusing and suggested when existing onto Constitution Drive a sign Rt. 1 south be placed indicating turning left onto Rte.1. Rte.1 north and 95 turn right and at Banfield at Constitution another sign be placed indicating Rte.1 north and 95. The sign showing the arrows the wording on it be eliminated.

Steve Parkinson stated when Water County was first developed the traffic plan for existing traffic especially to 95 was to send them down Banfield to Ocean, the sign has disappeared. The ideal way is to send Rte.1 south traffic to the left coming up Constitution, Rte.1 north to Banfield, I-95 towards Ocean and R te.1 towards Peverly Hill.

MOTION made by Chief LeClaire to work with Water Country and Public Works to improve signs for existing traffic from Water Country and the sign on Banfield at Constitution the paint needs to be blacked out or removed or the entire sign replaced. Seconded by John Connors. Motion passed.
The Chair recused himself.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine E. Boucas, Recording Secretary