

**PORTSMOUTH
TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
8:00 a.m. – Thursday, November 18, 2010
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
Steve Parkinson, Public Works Director
Deputy Police Chief Steve DuBois
Asst. Fire Chief Achilles
John Connors, Member
Absent: Christina Westfall

Ted Gray, Vice-Chair
Ron Cypher, Member
Harold Whitehouse, Member
Kent Kirkpatrick, Member
Jon Frederick, Parking & Transportation

Also present was Mark McNabb.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

IT WAS VOTED on a Motion made by Ron Cypher to accept the minutes of the October 14, 2010 meeting. Seconded by Ted Gray. Motion passed.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

(A) Intersection Court and Pleasant Streets – Safety Hazard – Request for Four-Way Stop or Light – (e-mail dated October 20, 2010 attached) – Asst. Fire Chief Achilles referred to on-site. There were a couple of issues at that intersection, including the demand requires some additional stop signs. Recognized crosswalks should be added, not sure where and feels something needs to be done.

Deputy Police Chief DuBois reported there were three accidents within the past year.

MOTION made by Asst. Fire Chief Achilles to refer the issue to Public Works. Seconded by Deputy Police Chief DuBois. Motion passed.

(B) Martingale Wharf – Request to permanently remove four parking spaces (Information attached) Mark McNabb presented the members with an approved site plan showing their proposal to eliminate four parallel spaces on the southerly side of Bow St. in favor of making sidewalks on the north side much wider. The sidewalks are currently too narrow there. The plan adds one new angled space and puts in a 60 ft. loading zone, allowing for three spaces for parking after 7pm. Would like to modify the existing site plan in favor of a much wider sidewalk and landscaping in favor of the loading zone and additional space angled parking space.

The Chair stated if it is illegal to make that left hand turn would they be willing to pay the City for placing a pork chop there to stop that movement.

Mr. McNabb responded they would not have a problem with this type of limitation.

MOTION made by Steve Parkinson to approve with the stipulation of the addition of the pork chop if it is illegal to make that left hand turn. Seconded by Deputy Police Chief DuBois. Motion passed.

Steve Parkinson will check the Ordinance regarding this left hand turn.

John Connors referred to approving a crosswalk from the Dolphin Striker area down Penhallow onto Bow all the way up that street and had discussed putting a crosswalk as many people cross there.

Steve Parkinson stated it may be something, if in fact we have the developer work with us on that intersection, we could put a crosswalk there that's safe with a landing in the middle between the two.

Mr. McNabb stated they would support the City, if the City wanted a crosswalk at either end of Martingale Wharf across Bow St.

The Chair reminded Mr. McNabb to put in the missing ramp.

V. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- (A) **Daniel Street at Market Square** – Request for “Do Not Enter” sign – Request for another site walk – Harold Whitehouse referred to the on-site where it was determined there is a problem with cars making a left hand turn onto Daniel St .and coming from Pleasant St. entering Market Sq. making a right hand turn onto Daniel.

MOTION made by Harold Whitehouse that a “Do Not Enter” sign be placed on the back of the existing sign on Daniel St. so it can be viewed coming up Market St. and a “Do Not Enter” sign that can be viewed coming up Pleasant St. so cars can't go down Daniel St. Seconded by Steve Parkinson. Motion passed.

- (B) **Rte 1/Lafayette Rd and Wilson Rd/Wilson Rd Extension** – Traffic Light Timing – Safety Issue (letter dated November 1, 2010 attached) – Steve Parkinson stated this is a similar request received in the past.

MOTION made by Steve Parkinson to send to the NH DOT Traffic Bureau. Seconded by Ted Gray. Motion passed.

VI. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Referrals from City Boards and Commissions

- (A) **White Cedar Blvd/Lafayette Rd** – Request for Traffic Controlled Cross walk (letter dated October 23, 2010 attached) – City Council Referral-Steve Parkinson referred to a letter received from the Cedars Condo Association who have been in contact with the NH State DOT for a controlled crosswalk at this particular intersection. DOT responded they need to get our permission first and then the State will proceed.

MOTION made by Steve Parkinson recommending a letter be drafted to NH DOT, Bureau of Traffic stating the City of Portsmouth has no issues

with the State installing a controlled crosswalk at this location. Seconded by Ted Gray. Motion passed.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION made by Ron Cypher to adjourn. Seconded by Harold Whitehouse. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine E. Boucas, Recording Secretary