

CITY OF DOVER

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Transportation Advisory Commission
Meeting Location: **Auditorium, City Hall** 288 Central Ave, Dover, NH 03820
Meeting Date: **Monday, August 27, 2007**
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

1. Main Street Parking Space/restriping Issue-Bruce Woodruff gave status and background. Rizzo and a surveyor are working on an accurate baseplan and a couple of alternatives for City consideration. Speidel noted public outreach/notice signal timing update.

Karen Weston – has 589 signatures on petition. Feels engineers make errors. Feels Rizzo should be reviewed and vetted again before any more implementation. Feels fire trucks won't be able to navigate town easily, that it wasn't considered. Contends caused greater backups. Crosswalks there are too dangerous – traffic pattern can't be gotten used to. Bypass ideas, read all three hundred or so pages of Rizzo Report.

Glenn Grasso – feels that this may have been done prematurely – it would work if done in concert with rest of the solid Rizzo study recommendations, but maybe not alone.

Chair noted that at the next regular meeting Rizzo should come to present alternatives (if ready).

Scruton – traffic calming needed; we are missing boat – can we draw this?

Woodruff – spoke about the status of the Oak St. bridge rehab project.

2. Bruce Woodruff gave background on the Horne Court truck restriction request by a resident. Pertinent maps passed out to the members.

Horne Ct:

M. Snowe – there was a closed gate chain link fence gone now. More traffic of all kinds. Cumberland Farms especially. Their address is 23 Horne St. by their commercial driveway – Tractor trailers too big and stick into the street when at the loading dock.

Carol Robinson – fence removed about 5 years ago. Also owner paved up to 1 – 3 Horne Ct. where it wasn't before.

Contends using RM-10 portion of lot for parking all the time. Truebo/car 26/7. Switch out, idling all the time. Noise too loud. Verbal abuse. Cumberland Farms over 30 cars parked there. Using for meeting & training. Pipe w/ black discharge out of window. How about rocks blocking the end of the street?

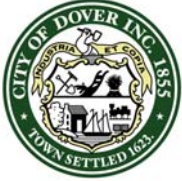
Grasso – why not put fence back up? Zoning issues are not in our purview. Thinks all of this is appalling – something should be done.

Woodruff – fence issue. Tell Clark.

Schmidt – aware of area. Know of fence. Concerned about idling vehicles. What can we do? Regulations?

Scruton – other places have air quality standards and the trucks of 1st storage are too loud.

Speidel - ask City atty about the potential truck traffic restriction idea.



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Grasso – This then is an argument for returning site to way it was.

Chair what can residents do to move process along? Would plug/bldg meet with abutters and owner to discuss?

Woodruff – speak with Parker/Clark in morning. He is making no promises.

They have an access on Horne Street, don't need two – M. Snowe

More abutter comments:

- Resident – should be hours of operation spelled out for all the tenants.
 - R. Callaghan – lived 30 years, was a fence chained & locked, idling trucks on Horne has been a problem. I'm a ZBA Chair – have contacted Tom Clark the Building Official. Now have photos showing violation. Spoke about 2005 subdivision, brought & showed plat. Talked about speed, truck traffic, no stop signs either side of road. Notification issues. Go to Tom Clark regarding the dead end street issue? Notified of future meeting action.
 - Schmidt - steps taken for business convenience. Trucks blocking hydrant & access is a safety hazard, this is one of 2 competing interests. Owner must comply with all codes/regulations. Important to meet! Unsafe use of Horne Crt. May be able to be handled by this commission. City should explore all issues and get fixes.
 - Chair – timeframes for code changes.
3. Eric Stettzer Chair of Dover Energy Advisory Committee. Last year Council signed on to foot city initiative. Since then, committee formed create action plan to reduce energy users, greenhouse emissions. He Explained resolution, asked for recommendation. Tie in 11 Master Plan recommendations to resolution. Review this and bring back 9/24 meeting.
 4. Other
 - Hebbard – avoiding a traffic signal – fits here, No but does at Janetos.
 - Beth set ___ letter to members (add to record).