



CITY OF DOVER

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: CITY HALL AUDITORIUM
Meeting Date: **Monday, May 24, 2010**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

1. ROLL CALL

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Meeting notes were recorded by Munson.

Members Present: Karen Weston (Chair), Ed Wentworth, Dennis Munson, Jack Flick, John Scruton, Peter Schmidt, Marn Speidel (Police), Chris Parker (Planning), Ben Clark (Community Services).

Members Absent: none

Others Present: Ray Bardwell (citizen), Keith Cota (NH Department of Transportation)

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review/Approval of meeting minutes from April 26, 2010 Meeting

Parker moved to adopt, seconded by Munson. Motion passed 9-0.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Newington/Dover bridge project – Dover Point layout (citizen concern)

Councilwoman Weston gave a brief talk about project. Ray Bardwell cited his concerns and complaints with the State's plans for the new road as follows: Red lights, design problems, etc. Keith Cota, project manager, spoke about why the State wants to give Boston Harbor Road back to the City to maintain after all the upgrades.

Ray Bardwell would like the City to take a close look at the entire design. Peter Schmidt also shared his concerns with the design. Chris Parker stated which areas the city will be asked to accept for the future maintenance when the City does in fact take over. Jack Flick and John Scruton motioned that the City should not accept the maintenance of Boston Harbor Road from the state because of all the vehicles - including large trucks - that go to the State Division of Motor Vehicle Department facility. Councilwoman Weston also has concerns as well. Keith Cota will see if the State will accept responsibility for the road up to the DMV Building. John Scruton made a statement in support of the roundabout concept. Seconded by Dennis Munson. VOTE: All in favor.

B. Chestnut St @ First St intersection traffic signals (citizen concern)

Ray Bardwell wants to put an advance green arrow here. Marn Speidel presented the City's view on this issue of travel north up Chestnut Street – turn at Goodwill –



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Left Turn at Third Street, Left at 4th Street, Left at 5th Street, etc. Chris Parker in favor of keeping it the same. Ray Bardwell says he will withdraw his concern.

C. Central Av @ Exit 7 NB intersection traffic signals (citizen concern)

Marn Speidel shared the view of this intersection – the City will review to see if light is working properly. Ben Clark will check into this. Councilwoman Weston made a motion for Ben Clark to do this. Motion seconded by Ed Wentworth. VOTE: All in favor.

D. Hanson Street parking

Marn Speidel stated that police have received a concern that the parking restriction on the south side of Hanson Street, from #33 to Henry Law Avenue, is not being consistently enforced. Speidel stated that there is a demand for short term parking in this area, especially with the entrance to apartment building at 93 Henry Law Avenue being a walkway at grade from the Hanson Street side. Discussion ensued on the width of the roadway and whether to support a loading zone. Speidel stated there is also occasionally a concern about the visibility of the signs due to overhanging branches. Parker moved to request that Facilities, Grounds and Cemeteries trim back branches as necessary and that issue to be revisited at a future date if requested. Seconded by Weston. Motion passed 9-0.

4. MEMBER COMMENTS

Scruton raised two concerns:

- 1) Intersection of Back River Road at Durham Road (Route 108) has overgrown or overhanging branches that interfere with the line of sight.
- 2) Sixth Street at Hillside Drive school bus stop is an unsafe location due to insufficient sight distance, especially where children approach the stop and cross Sixth Street on foot before the arrival of the bus. Chris Parker will send a memo to the bus company to look into this.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

June 28, 2010 @ 6:00 P.M.

6. ADJOURN

Munson moved, Clark seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M. Motion passed.