



**CITY OF DOVER**

## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting  
Meeting Location: City Hall Auditorium  
Meeting Date: **Monday, February 28, 2011**  
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

### 1. ROLL CALL

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

**Members Present:** Karen Weston (Chair), Jack Flick, John Scruton, Dennis Munson, Maurice Olivier, Marn Speidel (Police), Bruce Woodruff (Planning), Ben Clark (Asst. City Engineer)

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Jeremy LaRose (COAST), Marc Ambrosi (Strafford Regional Planning Commission), Peter Schmidt (late arrival)

### 2. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Review/Approval of minutes from September 27 and December 13, 2010 and January 24, 2011

Munson moved, Olivier seconded, to approve all three versions as drafted. Motion passed.

#### B. Crosswalk inventory and review – staff update

Ben Clark gave overview of the project and used a laptop to share samples of information that was captured in the inventory sheets. Clark stated that there are 206 crosswalks which do not include state-maintained locations. Discussion ensued on the next steps. Clark answered questions from committee members. Speidel stated that staff, with Engineering as lead, will maintain the data and ensure that safety improvements are undertaken. Munson moved, seconded by Olivier, to approve the report from Clark and entrust the inventory to City staff for further action as appropriate. Motion passed.

### 3. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Discussion on proposed closure of Old Rochester Neck Road, Class VI highway

Woodruff stated that this topic should be amended to include only a limited closure of one end of the Class VI portion. Woodruff stated that a resident had voiced a concern regarding activity in the area, especially long-term camping. Discussion ensued. It was noted that the police department has performed a number of directed patrols in this area in the past year and only limited evidence of camping has been found. It was noted that the property owner for the area in question is not the resident who raised the concern. Woodruff stated that the TAC's purpose was to vet the idea of closing only one end of the road, on a seasonal basis, as a measure that might discourage the activity. Flick moved, seconded by Munson, to table discussion to the March 28 meeting to allow the concerned resident to voice the concern. Motion passed.



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#### 4. MEMBER COMMENTS

**Woodruff:** discussed the Strafford Regional Planning Commission's solicitation of project priorities. Woodruff handed out the priorities list that had already been reviewed and ranked by City staff in accordance with public input provided at TAC's August 23 Transportation Forum. Marc Ambrosi of SRPC explained the priorities list and answered questions from committee members. Flick suggested that the section on Bridges be amended from a "2" priority to a "1". Discussion ensued. Flick moved, seconded by Munson, to amend Dover's response to the SRPC document for Bridges. Motion passed. Scruton stated he is concerned with distinction between sidewalks and shoulders and stated that planners are placing too much emphasis on sidewalks, which among other things creates drainage issues. Flick stated he would like to see sidewalks built with no barriers or obstruction so that they can be easily plowed with wing plow. Scruton stated he is concerned with sprawl, strip malls, and reducing curb cuts and suggests these be included in future documents. Ambrosi acknowledged and stated he would try to have SRPC integrate some of these issues into future priority lists.

**Scruton:** concern raised by resident with speeders on Old Rochester Road. Resident has filed report with police department. Speidel acknowledged receiving the concern.

#### 5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

March 28, 2011 @ 6:00 PM

#### 6. ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM