



**CITY OF DOVER**

## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting  
Meeting Location: City Council Chambers, City Hall  
Meeting Date: **Monday, February 27, 2011**  
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

### ROLL CALL

Weston called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

**Members present:** Councilor Karen Weston (Chair), Dennis Munson, John Scruton, Maurice Olivier, Jack Flick, Jeremy LaRose (COAST), Chris Parker (Planning), Marn Speidel (Police), Peter Schmidt (Alternate).

**Members absent:** Ben Clark (Community Services)

**Others present:** Rick and Mary Hebbard  
Dustin Gray (School Department)

Weston recognized Schmidt as a voting member this evening in the absence of Ben Clark.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### **Review/Approval of minutes from January 23, 2012**

Munson moved, LaRose seconded, to approve with no amendments. Motion passed 9-0.

#### **Yield or stop sign request – Spruce Lane Extension at Spruce/Garrison**

Parker gave overview of input he had received from 2 residents with whom he had conversed. Speidel read an electronic communication from another resident who stated she was in favor of a yield sign on the former Spruce Lane Extension and in favor of other measures to reduce the speed limit in the area to 25 mph. Speidel stated that the police department is in favor of the yield sign simply as a measure to clarify the right of way at the three-way intersection. Speidel stated that traffic calming, design, and other factors here are not directly connected to the yield sign and should be addressed separately. Weston asked Gray if he had any input, and Gray stated that parents have voiced concerns regarding this intersection. Schmidt stated we should consider other issues including the speed concern. Weston asked Speidel if any other measures had been considered. Speidel stated that PD would support appropriate curve warning signs with supplemental advisory speed placards. Mary Hebbard stated she is opposed to a yield sign. Rick Hebbard was critical of Parker and Speidel, stated he believes the committee is making a big thing out of nothing, and says he feels there is no need for a yield sign.

Discussion continued. Olivier stated he believes this issue is not as clear as he first thought and wants more time to consider it. Olivier moved, Munson seconded, to table this item to allow time to collect more information. Motion passed 8-1 (Speidel opposed).

#### **Portland Avenue traffic concerns**

Parker stated he had spoken with the City Engineer and confirmed that the City is not restricted from making infrastructure changes. Parker listed some options, including narrowing of lanes and construction of median refuge island near crossing points. Parker stated that the City Engineer is opposed to the use of blinking lights. LaRose asked about bike lanes, and Parker said he would add those to the list of considerations. Scruton said he is in favor of center islands – not



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everywhere, but where needed. Schmidt made reference to the recent pedestrian collision and said it's not possible to solve against driver negligence.

Schmidt stated that people wearing dark clothing are invisible. Mary Hebbard stated she agrees with Schmidt and she thinks this is much ado in response to one incident in an area with low accident data. Rick Hebbard stated that it is documented that a certain type of crosswalk marking (shown by hand sketch) is better than the design that Dover uses to mark its crosswalks. Weston asked for copies of crosswalk standards. Parker stated he would email PDF's of the policy to committee members.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Discussion regarding school transportation issues**

Weston invited Principal Gray to discuss any other matters affecting school transportation. Gray gave overview of concerns near the Garrison School. Speidel gave overview of the police department's measures to address concerns surrounding parent pick-up at the Garrison School, pedestrian safety at the Garrison School crosswalks, student pick-up and drop-off at Woodman Park School, school zone speed concerns on Horne Street, Rutland Street, Bellamy Road, Durham Road, and Dover Point Road.

Rick Hebbard raised a concern regarding the position of the school bus picking up students at Spruce/Garrison. Gray stated he would follow up with the bus company.

### **MEMBER COMMENTS**

Scruton asked for the topic of "shoulders vs. sidewalks" to be placed on a future agenda.

Weston stated that a constituent had raised a concern for replacement of a yield sign with a stop sign at Pierce/Broadway and asked for this to be placed on a future agenda.

Scruton spoke about keeping Dover's roadways scenic and with no additional strip malls.

LaRose spoke about a traffic safety concern related to access and egress at a Sumner Drive facility used currently by Prime Time All Stars gymnastics. Parker stated that the use may be restricted and stated he would follow up once he had checked the zoning regulations. Parker also offered to work with LaRose on this issue to reach out to the property owner.

Rick Hebbard addressed questions to the Chair regarding the time frame for posting of minutes.

### **CONFIRM NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2012 at 6 PM.

### **ADJOURN**

Olivier moved, Munson seconded, to adjourn. Motion passed 9-0.