



CITY OF DOVER

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: Council Chambers - 288 Central Avenue Dover NH
Meeting Date: **Monday, September 23, 2013**
Meeting Time: 6:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sgt. Marn Speidel (Police), Maurice Olivier, Councilor Karen Weston (Chair), Brian Deguzis (COAST), Christopher Parker (Planning), Ben Clark (Community Services), Jack Flick

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dennis Munson, Dustin Gray, Peter Schmidt (Alternate)

The meeting was convened at 6:00 PM. The audio recorder was set up but it was later determined to be not functioning.

1. ROLL CALL

- a. New COAST representative Brian Deguzis was welcomed.

2. OLD BUSINESS

a. Approval of Minutes

C.Parker moved to approve the minutes of 7/22/13 as presented, J.Flick seconded. Vote: 6-0 (Deguzis abstained).

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Traffic Concerns – Intersection of Back and Middle Roads

Chairwoman Weston explained the email request to have a stop sign installed at all legs of the intersection.

M.Speidel summarized a review performed by the Police Department of all accidents at the location over a previous ten year period. Findings indicated that 3 accidents, all involving single vehicles crashing into fixed objects occurred where excessive speed was involved. Additionally, 2 of the 3 were due to impairment, and 2 of the 3 were related to driver inexperience. M.Speidel discussed AASHTO criteria for sight distance and stated that the police department had performed a site review to confirm that AASHTO requirements are met. M.Speidel reviewed the MUTCD warrant requirements for multi-way stops. None of the criteria has been met here.

Discussion ensued around whether stop signs would have prevented any of the accidents.

C.Parker moved that based upon facts presented, no action be taken, M.Olivier seconded. Vote: 7-0

b. Proposed change from a Yield Sign to a Stop Sign – Glen Hill and Tolend Roads

M.Speidel explained that this is a staff request, from the Police Chief. The request is due to the changing nature of the intersection, based upon the reconstruction of Tolend Road. The intersection is an awkward angle and motorists should stop before proceeding onto Tolend Road.



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C.Parker moved to update Chapter 166, Vehicles and Traffic, to reflect a Stop sign at the intersection, and not a Yield Sign, M.Speidel seconded.

Discussion ensued over the need to install warning signage to motorists, as well as the process and timing of the installation of any change.

Vote: 7-0

M.Speidel to draft ordinance change for Chair to sponsor at City Council.

c. **Traffic/Parking Concerns – Charles Street at Central Avenue**

C.Parker explained that during the site plan review of the Aroma Joes, there was discussion about asking the TAC to support a prohibition of parking along Charles Street in the area of Aroma Joes.

Jim Ellis, representing 5/7 Charles Street supported the request. He explained the issues that residents of Charles Street have witnessed and also clarified that the restriction would be solely in front of Aroma Joes.

C.Parker motioned to update Chapter 166, Vehicles and Traffic, to that parking is prohibited 150 feet from the corner of Central Avenue, on Charles Street, M.Olivier seconded. Vote: 7-0

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4. **Member Concerns**

C.Parker explained that a consultant has been retained for the Downtown Vehicular/Pedestrian Access Study. They will attend the October TAC meeting.

J.Flick asked about a School Representative. Discussion ensued regarding the bylaws for the TAC.

J.Flick asked about the Silver Street project, expressing concern about parking and bike racks at bus stops.

C.Parker reviewed the project's timeline urging members to convey comments to the City Engineer.

M.Olivier asked for an update on Chestnut Street sidewalks and crosswalk improvements.

5. **Next Meeting Date**

October 21, 2013

6. **Adjournment**

C.Parker moved to adjourn at 6:47 PM, B.Clark seconded. Vote: 7-0