

CITY OF DOVER

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: City Council chambers, second floor City Hall
Meeting Date: **Monday, September 26, 2016**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

Members present: Mayor Karen Weston (Chair), Marn Speidel (Police), Gretchen Young (Community Services), Chris Parker (Planning), Susan Tremblay, David Gray (Alternate)

Dustin Gray arrived at 6:15 during item 3.A.

Peter Schmidt left at 6:35 (Alternate)

Members Absent: vacant(COAST), Dennis Munson, Maurice Olivier

1. Roll Call

Weston called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. Old Business

A. Bellamy Road temporary truck designation – staff update

Speidel informed the Commission that SUR has been using Bellamy Road from Alumnae Drive to Route 155, as a truck route for the last few months during construction, and would like to continue to do so over the course of the next several years until construction of the High School is complete. Speidel recommended the extension of the truck exemption of Bellamy Road east of Alumni Drive through the end of 2019.

Motion: Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Parker, **to approve the extension of the truck exemption.**

Vote: Motion passed 7-0.

B. Review/approval of minutes from May 23, 2016

Motion: Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Parker, **to approve.**

Vote: Motion passed 7-0.

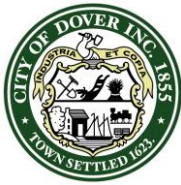
3. New Business

A. Silver Street roundabout crosswalk concern

Patrick Mone of 202 Silver Street addressed the commission. He stated that he is concerned that the location of the proposed crosswalks are too close to the roundabout. He thought that this would cause vehicles stopping for pedestrians to back up into the roundabout while they wait for pedestrians to cross. He also asked the commission to consider using LED flashing crosswalk signs. He also asked if there was anything that could be done to keep the paint in the crosswalks from being slippery.

Terry Pickard of 192 Silver Street addressed the commission. She stated that the current signage on the roundabout is confusing and that she had some suggestions for improvements. Parker stated that the suggestions that she had made had already been approved by the city and state and would be implemented in the final signage layout for the project. Parker said he would follow-up with the state to confirm the suggestions had been incorporated. She asked if speed limit signs would be posted in the roundabout, Parker said he didn't know but would look into it.

Jeff Burnstein of 195 Silver Street addressed the commission. He asked who lets google and the government know about changes in traffic patterns for GPS devices. Parker said he is working with the IT department on this. Mr. Burnstein said that he shared Mr. Mones concerns about the location of the crosswalks.



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Paula Mone of 202 Silver Street addressed the commission. She said that the entrance into Silver Street west of the circle is very narrow, and that a car pulling in cannot make the turn if there is a car sitting at the intersection waiting to take a left on the Spaulding northbound ramp. She also stated a concern that winter plowing of the roundabout and onramp will pile snow at the entrance exit of her street. Parker stated that the city would be taking over ownership of this area, but that DOT and the turnpike will also be using this area any may also be plowing. Parker said that he would ask community services to outline the plan for plowing in this area.

Parker said that he would pass the questions raised tonight onto the design engineer for comment. Weston asked if the lit, or flashing crosswalk signs were considered for this location. Parker stated that he would discuss this with the design engineer, but that the cost for these signs has not been included in the budget for this project, so it would be a \$25,000 change to the project.

Eleanor Feeney of 195 Silver Street addressed the commission. She stated that she had been told that she has to step out into the crosswalk in order to have vehicles stop. Speidel said that the statute technically states that a vehicle is required to yield to a pedestrian in the crosswalk but not at the crosswalk.

No action taken.

B. Request for Back River Road parking restriction (area of #15 Back River)

Speidel summarized the concern about on street parking on both sides of Back River Road in the vicinity of the 15 Back River Road. Nobody from the public was present to address the concern.

Motion: Parker made a motion, seconded by Dustin Gray, **to table.**

Vote: Motion passed 7-0.

C. George Street parking concern – review and reaffirm July 25 motion

Motion: Speidel made a motion, seconded by Parker, **to reaffirm the vote to revise Chapter 166 to restrict parking on the western side of George Street between Henry Law Avenue and Sonnett Street.**

Vote: Motion passed 7-0.

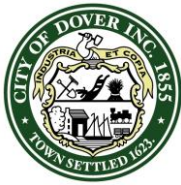
D. Chapter 66 revision (Bicycles, Skateboards, and Scooters) – reaffirm July 25 motion

Motion: Speidel made a motion, seconded by Parker, **to reaffirm the vote to take no action on Chapter 66.**

Vote: Motion passed 7-0.

E. Review and staff update on items previously discussed on July 25

Speidel summarized the discussion items discussed on July 25th. The “No Parking Here to Corner” sign has been installed on Sixth Street at the intersection of Horne Street. There has been no action taken at the intersection of Union Street and Court Street. The Facilities and Grounds Department are



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looking into the cost of creating a special order “No Truck Route” sign for Tolend Road. Speidel stated that they will relocate the existing sign if the cost is prohibitive to the intersection of Glen Hill Road.

4. Citizens Forum

Ray Bardwell of 199 Spur Road addressed the commission. He noted that significant vegetation clearing between his property and the Spaulding Turnpike has been scheduled. He asked if the sound wall would be constructed immediately after the clearing, or if it would be postponed for 3-4 years until the project is complete. Parker said he would reach out to the DOT project manager to ask about the scheduling for construction of the sound wall.

Simon Allie of 66 Stocklan Circle addressed the commission. He stated that the left arrow turning from Central Ave north, onto Silver Street, is never activated. Speidel stated that he would check the timing or controls at this location.

5. Member Comments

Weston stated that the wind has moved the light at Chapel Street.

Speidel noted that the 108 Corridor study is ongoing and that they would be manipulating the traffic light timing between the Burger King and Back River Road intersection. This may temporarily cause some additional traffic issues over the next month.

6. Confirm Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for October 24, at 6:00 pm.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 PM.