



CITY OF DOVER

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: City Council chambers, second floor City Hall
Meeting Date: **Monday, July 17, 2017**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

Members present: Mayor Karen Weston (Chair), Marn Speidel (Police), Gretchen Young (Community Services), Chris Parker (Planning), Michael Williams (COAST), Dennis Munson (Clerk), Maurice Olivier (Vice Chair), Peter Schmidt (Alternate), Susan Tremblay

Members Absent: Dustin Gray, David Gray (Alternate)

1. Roll Call

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

2. Old Business

A. Review/approval of minutes from January 23, 2017

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

Vote: Motion passed 9-0

B. Watson Road school zone proposal

Speidel stated that he has not received any follow-up from the School Board or other representatives from the Seacoast Charter School.

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

Vote: Motion passed 9-0

3. New Business

A. French Cross Road Commercial Concern

Weston noted that the “No Through Trucks” sign on the Madbury side of French Cross Road is in poor condition, and that the first Dover sign is not until someone turns onto Tolend Road. She noted that there are large trucks regularly traveling in both directions on French Cross Road. Speidel stated that recently the Town of Madbury was using Brox Industries to pave many of their roads, and at that time French Cross Road provided the most direct route. He stated that the Dover Ordinance does not prohibit trucks from taking the most direct route. Weston said that she would reach out to Madbury road agent about restricting travel on French Cross Road.

Motion: Parker made a motion, seconded by Munson, **to take no action pending follow up from Weston.**

Vote: Motion passed 9-0

B. Hill Street Commercial Vehicle Concern

Speidel stated that people on Hill Street have seen large amounts of commercial vehicle traffic. Speidel stated that the truck traffic is most likely originating from the commercial buildings at 121 Broadway. He said he has been in touch with three of the managers of companies, as well as the property manager, asking them to not use Hill Street. As the nearest truck route is Route 108, therefore it is actually legal per ordinance to use Hill Street as the most direct route.

Motion: Parker made a motion, seconded by Munson, **to amend the list of truck routes in Chapter 166-5 section 2(b) to include Oak Street from Central Avenue to Broadway, and Broadway, and Pierce Street from Broadway to Central Avenue.**



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Discussion ensued.

Amended Motion: Parker made a motion, seconded by Munson, to amend the list of truck routes in Chapter 166-5 section 2(b) to include Oak Street from Central Avenue to Broadway, and Broadway, and Pierce Street from Broadway to Central Avenue. Also do housekeeping to revise the list to extend Indian Brook from 6th Street to Weeks Crossing.

Discussion ensued. Parker withdrew his motion.

Motion: Parker made a motion, seconded by Munson, to table until staff has a revised list.

Vote: Motion passed 9-0

C. Parking concern – Middlebrook Road

No member from the public was present to speak.

Amended Motion: Parker made a motion, seconded by Munson, to table.

Vote: Motion passed 9-0

D. Parking Concern – Woodman Park Drive and Parker Street

Speidel stated that during the summer when the fields at the Woodman Park School are being used, people park on both sides of the streets making it difficult to pass. No member from the public was present to speak. Parker suggested that staff reach out to Fire Chief Hagman regarding fire access.

Amended Motion: Parker made a motion, seconded by Munson, to table.

Vote: Motion passed 9-0

E. Hotel Drive Pavement Markings – Correspondence Review

Parker stated that the Hotel Drive project was approved by the Planning Board with pavement markings. He has reached out to the property owner to let them know that they are required to maintain the markings; otherwise, they are in violation of site plan approval. The property owner intends to restripe the markings as shown on the approved plans.

Amended Motion: Parker made a motion, seconded by Schmidt, to take no action.

Vote: Motion passed 9-0

F. Traffic Speeding Concerns – Newly Paved Roads

Weston stated that she has been contacted by residents on County Farm Cross Road regarding the speeding on the recently paved roads. Speidel stated that police do have enhanced patrols on some of the recently paved roads. He also noted that they are going to do some traffic counts on Bay View Road to determine what the speeds and volumes are.



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4. Citizens Forum-None

5. Member Comments

Olivier asked how many paving projects were underway in the city. Young stated that the gas company is under a mandate to improve all high pressure lines by 2018. Until has been working throughout the city which makes it seem like more construction. Speidel noted that there are locations where the city work abuts the gas work making it more disruptive. Young also noted that there were a number of city projects including the Central Avenue Bridge reconstruction, Whittier Street Bridge Reconstruction, reconstruction of Nelson Street and the top of Atkinson Street, reconstruction of the Keating and Birchwood neighborhood, and reconstruction of Old Stage Road and Richardson Drive. Speidel noted that there was also a large amount of private development including Severino making lane adjustments at the Exit 7 south on ramp.

Schmidt asked if anything was being done through the downtown to alleviate the traffic congestion. Parker stated that a comprehensive study was completed a few years ago, and the first action item, which is to do a round-about at the Third Street and Chestnut intersection, is currently programed in the CIP for 2021. He said the city has also applied for several grants to alleviate the congestion.

6. Confirm Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for September 25, at 6:00 pm.

7. Adjournment

Motion: Williams made a motion, seconded by Munson, **to adjourn.**

Vote: Motion passed 9-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.