



CITY OF DOVER

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: City Council chambers, second floor City Hall
Meeting Date: **Monday, January 22, 2018**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

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

Members Absent: Maurice Olivier (Vice Chair), Michael Williams (COAST), Dustin Gray (Alternate)

Weston asked Parker to run the meeting.

1. Roll Call

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

2. Citizens Forum

No citizens spoke.

3. Old Business

A. Review/approval of minutes from November 27, 2017

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

Vote: Motion passed 8-0

B. Tolend Road traffic concerns – Staff update

Speidel reviewed the citizens' concerns. The police department reviewed traffic counts in the area but found that none had been conducted following the road reconstruction project. The police department will schedule counts in strategic locations in the spring. Item tabled until counts are available.

C. Watson Road traffic concern (Seacoast Charter School) – Staff update

Parker stated that staff continue to work with the school to improve drop-off and pick-up operations at the school. Improvements, including a walking path from the trailhead parking to the school, have already been made. The school is aware that any off-site improvements, including signage, would be at the schools expense.

4. New Business

A. Chapter 166 Revision – stop intersection Central @ Birchwood

Young summarized that as part of the neighborhood reconstruction project, staff noticed that there was not a stop sign at the base of Birchwood Place at the intersection with Central Avenue. Speidel noted that stop signs are not necessary at all locations, however, if there is a collision, the presence of a stop sign makes it easier for the Police Department to assign fault.

Motion: Speidel made a motion, seconded by Weston, to endorse the revision to Chapter 166, to permit a stop sign at the intersection of Birchwood and Central Avenue.



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B. Chapter 166 Revision – Hanson Street parking restriction

Speidel summarized that the city plans to reconstruct Hanson Street in the spring. The improvements will include water, sewer, drainage as well as adding curbing and sidewalks to both sides of the road. This will create a narrower travel way. Staff recommends prohibiting parking on both sides of the street.

Motion: Munson made a motion, seconded by Weston, **to endorse the revision to Chapter 166, to restrict parking on Hanson Street.**

Vote: Motion passed 8-0

C. Stark Avenue correspondence review

Parker summarized the residence request. He noted that expanding sidewalks on Stark Avenue would require extensive improvements to the roadway including drainage. The requested crosswalk at Governor Sawyer would be a mid-block crosswalks which are not supported by the city's crosswalk policy. He did note that staff will review the crosswalk at Hawthorn in the spring to see if any improvements are appropriate.

Motion: Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Munson, **to take no action.**

Vote: Motion passed 8-0

D. Crosby Road Traffic Concern

Young summarized the request for guardrail along two portions of Crosby Road totaling approximately 1,400 linear feet. Staff has reviewed the area and found that the configuration according to AASHTO standards, does not generally warrant a guardrail based on slope and fill height. There are some additional items to consider, including the presence of some standing water, and the curve in the road in these locations. Speidel stated that the police department did a 15-year query of all accidents on Crosby Road, and found that there were six incidents that involved a vehicle going off the road, four of which were at the curve near 173 Crosby Road. Most incidents occurred during conditions when the roads were slippery. Schmidt asked what the estimated cost would be to install the guardrail. Young stated that the installed cost is approximately twenty-two dollars per linear foot. Speidel stated that there are other options, such as installing chevron signs on the curves to make drivers more aware of curve or at a minimum curve warning signs. Weston asked if trees could provide a natural buffer. Speidel stated that there is not enough room on the shoulder for a vegetated buffer.

Motion: Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Munson, **to install chevron signs along the curves on Crosby Road.**

Vote: Motion passed 8-0



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E. Newington-Dover project update – NHDOT public meeting

Parker stated that there will be an update from NHDOT on Tuesday, January 30th, discussing the Newington-Dover project.

F. Election of Chair 2018

Motion: Munson made a motion, seconded by Schmidt **to nominate Mayor Weston as chair of the Transportation Advisory Commission.**

Vote: Motion passed 8-0

G. Appointment of Vice Chair, Clerk

Weston appointed Olivier as Vice Chair, and Munson as Clerk.

5. Member Comments

6. Confirm Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for March 26th, at 6:00 pm.

7. Adjournment

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

Vote: Motion passed 8-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.