

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2016

PRESENT: Jeff Wennberg, Jim Rotondo and Sgt. Prouty

GUESTS: Susan Schriebman, Cindi Wight and Shelley Lutz

The meeting was called to order by Sgt. Prouty at 9:08 A.M. Minutes from the December 18, 2015 meeting were accepted as written and today's meeting agenda was approved. No further discussion. All voted in favor.

New Business:

1. Signs to lead people who are coming to Rutland to mountain bike in Pine Hill Park – Pine Hill Partnership

Shelley Lutz, a volunteer in the park, mentioned that they would like to have people utilize Pine Hill Park and it would be great if they had some signs leading people to the park. She also mentioned a survey that was done for park users. Their suggestions were to put up signs for people to find their way to Pine Hill Park. She spoke with Susan Schriebman and received guidelines from Vtrans.

Susan talked with John Kaplan & Rob Failey to see what types of signs would be appropriate and their fees. These State signs would have a first year fee of \$175.00 and then a yearly fee of \$125.00.

John recommended using brown & white signs and show signs for camping and hiking. They don't have a sign for a bicyclist. A phone call was made to Vt. Correctional Industries and their sign fee usually depends on the size of the sign. It could vary from \$25.00 - \$45.00 per sign. This fee doesn't include hardware or the pole.

Mr. Foley has given permission to use his trail system on his property. There are trails for biking, hiking and trail running.

Shelley Lutz provided us with maps and also where they would like the signs.

Jeff Wennberg will check the proposed location of signs to see if there may be an existing sign that we could add a smaller sign to.

Shelley mentioned that there is a tourist information sign near Christ the King. Maybe we could replace with a new sign. We're trying to direct people from all the directions.

Jeff mentioned that a lot of people do come into the city looking for Pine Hill Park. We could also be dealing with problems created by GPS's. Having physical signage to encourage a particular route makes sense.

Shelley mentioned that in 2007, 2008, a trail counter averaged about 700-800 people a week. Sgt. Prouty stated that it's more than that. Shelley also mentioned that the suggestions from the survey were 99 % positive. Mainly, people are asking for signage.

Jeff Wennberg mentioned that it would be helpful to get graphic of what is there. What do you think, Cindi?

Cindi asked where you draw the line on graphics? May have too many items on sign.

Sgt. Prouty mentioned that the people who have trouble finding it, may be from the Mountain.

Shelley mentioned that if we could help eliminate traffic going to Evergreen Avenue, that would be great.

Jeff Wennberg will have the sign guy fo out and evaluate the sign locations. Sgt. Prouty will review for any traffic issues and come up with something that everybody is comfortable with. It's not a huge expense for 11 signs. We can order these.

Shelley asked what she needs to do to follow up on this. Asked if she should hope to have a report back a month from now, get comments to us for discussion? It was stated that we would revisit this in the Spring or Summer. Shelley left her contact information with Nora. She asked to be told if she needs to come to the next meeting.

2. Other new business

No other new business was discussed.

Old Business:

1. Other old business

Park Street intersection – Jeff Wennberg

At our meeting on December 18, 2015, two proposals were made in regards to this intersection.

Proposal 1 – Remove the right turn on red and see how it goes.

Proposal 2 – Put up a blank out sign with no right turn on red, during peak time of 6 am – 9 am and 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm.

We are waiting to hear back from Brad Lafaso, if the controller could handle proposal number 2.

To close out the meeting, Sgt. Prouty asked if there were any other issues to discuss. No further issues were raised at this time. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Nora J. Moore
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