

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2017

PRESENT: Commander Prouty, Jeff Wennberg and Jim Rotondo

GUEST: Joseph Giancola, Peter Giancola and Michael Coppinger

The meeting was called to order by Sgt. Prouty at 9:07 A.M. Minutes from the September 16, 2016 meeting were accepted as written. Today's meeting Agenda was approved. No further discussion.

New Business:

1. Requesting signage for truck traffic into the Howe Center – Joseph Giancola

Joseph Giancola mentioned that he's been having problems with GPS systems routing trucks to the front entrance of the Howe Center where there is only 12 foot clearance. Then, our Police Officers have to direct these trucks as they have to back up and then enter from Porter Place. Mr. Giancola mentioned that he has a new business that will be bringing 40 new jobs to this area and would love for the truck traffic to be under control, so as not to cause any problems to the new tenant or any more problems to existing tenants.

Mr. Giancola also mentioned that last year, the City forester came to see if the tree needed to be trimmed at the location of Porter Place and Park Street, because you couldn't see the street sign. He chose not to trim the tree. Now, a truck took out the street sign and Mr. Giancola made sure to put the street sign back up.

Mr. Giancola asked if a sign could be put up, coming from Route 4 in Rutland Town, so people know where to turn for entrance to the Howe Center. Like, truck traffic, use Park Street. Maybe need a few more signs for along the way. Jeff Wennberg mentioned that we might be able to do overhead signs on the traffic lights, maybe at the traffic light at the intersection of Route 7 and Allen Street and also on the one at the intersection of Route 7 and Cold River Road. Jeff will check with the Department of Transportation and see what the rules are regarding this.

Mr. Giancola mentioned that there used to be signs at the intersection of Madison Street and Strongs Avenue. We might also need 2 signs coming from the north, to instruct truck traffic to use Park Street to enter the Howe Center. It was decided that Joseph and Peter Giancola will work with the City DPW guys to find good locations for the signs.

Jim Rotondo will talk with District 3 and get the OK to do this ahead of time. He will also talk with the City Forester to have him trim the tree at the location of Porter Place and Park Street.

2. Request to move "The Bus" stop that is located on top of West Street near Berkshire Bank to be moved toward the East, near Main Street Park – Michael Coppinger of the Downtown Rutland Partnership

Michael Coppinger mentioned that the Berkshire Bank called him at the Downtown Partnership in regards to this bus stop. The stop is in front of the bank, people hang out on the sidewalk and look in their windows and the Bank needs to make sure that people aren't able to see any customer's information on the computer screens. Mike called "the Bus" to look into moving this stop. He also called the City Recreation Department and spoke with Cindi to see if she had any concerns with moving the stop, maybe put a bench there and a receptacle for trash.

It was asked if we could have it moved so it wouldn't block the intersection of Court Square. Jim Rotondo agreed that it makes sense to make sure this intersection isn't blocked. Maybe the Bus can pull into the right lane, for this bus stop. Commander Prouty is wondering if there is a concern with the Bus pulling to the left, after it picks up the people at the bus stop. Jim asked if we need approval from "the Bus".

Mike Coppinger thinks there are still some benches with pads that can be put at this bus stop. He will talk with the “the Bus” about the desire to move the bus stop to get their input and approval.

Jim Rotondo asked Mike to have “the Bus” contact him. He will send an email to “the Bus”. Then, we should set a time to have Cindi from the Recreation Department, Dave and someone from “the Bus” meet in the park to discuss the moving of the bus stop and a new location for it.

This item is being referred to the City Recreation and Parks Department.

3. Christ the King School parents/staff driving over the City sidewalk to park on the south side of the building next to South Main Street – Commander Prouty

Jeff Wennberg will talk to Christ the King School to see what their thoughts are about trying to come up with a plan to prevent people from driving over the City sidewalk to park here. Commander Prouty had mentioned that Christ the King School had called because they were concerned with car traffic here and the children crossing the street at this location.

4. Other new business

No other new business was discussed.

Old Business:

There wasn't any old business discussed.

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No other old business was discussed.

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,

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