

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2018

PRESENT: Commander David LaChance, Jeffrey Wennberg, Jim Rotondo and Dave Sears

ABSENT: Brad LaFaso of LaFaso Electric and Gary Donahue

The meeting was called to order by Commander LaChance at 09:12 Hours. Minutes from the December 15, 2017 meeting were accepted as written. Today's meeting Agenda was approved. No further discussion.

New Business:

1. Request to put a "Wrong Way" or "Do Not Enter" sign on the entrance to Merchants Avenue from Evelyn Street – Officer Morgano

Jeff Wennberg stated that it had been previously proposed to extend Merchants Avenue to the sidewalk but this wasn't approved. Jeff said that they could put up a wrong way sign at this location. Dave Sears mentioned that he thought that there was a "No trucks" sign there. Dave will take a look at this location to find the best spot for a wrong way sign to be put up.

2. One Way section of Killington Avenue showing 3 different speed limits – Dave Sears, City of Rutland

Dave indicated that he wanted to bring this up because there is a flashing light for school and 3 different speed limits there. He's not sure how it is expected to work. Commander LaChance stated that the speed limit of 25 mph is part time for school, when the light is flashing the speed is to be 15 mph and then past the intersection of Killington Avenue and East Street, the speed limit is 35 mph. Commander LaChance asked if we could designate this as a school zone. Jeff stated that 25 mph would be the standard speed it should be and then when flashing, could be 15 mph. Jeff stated that we're pretty inconsistent with relation to schools. Maybe set 25 mph on adjacent streets for blocks around the school. He also stated that to make it enforceable, there is a process you have to go through. Commander LaChance stated that the Police could do some enforcement to warn people, initially. Maybe we could get rid of the flashing lights on Killington Avenue and leave the flashing lights on North Main Street. Dave Sears mentioned that there used to be a flashing light at Pierpoint Avenue and they took it down and everything seems to work fine, now.

Jeff said they he would ask the school if they care if we change the speed limit to 15 mph. The flashing light is helpful on North Main Street for the children crossing, there.

Jeff stated that we could put together a map for all schools and designate an area around the school for it to be a school zone. He felt that we should make it uniform that the blocks around the school be 25 mph.

Jeff feels we should back it out another block for the Rutland Intermediate School & Rutland Middle School. A one block buffer would be helpful for these two schools.

Jim Rotondo will make a map for all the City schools and propose it at the next meeting.

Commander LaChance said that we could maybe do a campaign where we set our Police Officers up to give out warnings to let people know of the change.

Old Business:

1. Edgerton Avenue – A letter was sent to the residents on the upper dead end portion, asking the 23 houses, which side of the street they wanted as designated parking. One of our City firemen live received the letter and brought it to the Fire Chief. The Fire Chief said we shouldn't have sent the letter because of where the fire hydrant is located. The letter gave these 23 houses until February 15th to send a response to us and made it possible to respond electronically. One resident didn't want anything to change. Jeff will report back to us at our next meeting with what the responses were. Jeff feels the North side should be no parking, because that is the side of street where the fire hydrant is located.

Jeff stated that when we made a parking change on Mansfield Place, there were no problems.

2. Request for parking meter to be replaced that was in front of 38 Wales Street

Dave Sears reported that this meter has been reinstalled.

3. No parking signs to be installed on St. John Street

Dave Sears reported that they may be able to get these signs installed in the Spring.

4. No parking signs to be installed on Temple Street, starting at Main Street

Dave Sears reported that these signs will be installed in the Spring.

5. Barrier to be put back down on Park Street off of South Main Street, near Clear Choice

Dave Sears reported that there is a brand new fire hydrant that needs to be replaced so would make sense to put the barriers up, then.

Other Old Business:

No other old business was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 hours.

Respectfully submitted by,
Nora J. Moore
Records Clerk

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Police Commission
Board of Alderman
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