

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2017

PRESENT: Jeffrey Wennberg, James Rotondo and Gary Donahue

ABSENT: Commander Prouty and Bradley Lafaso of Lafaso Electric

Per the request of Commander Prouty, the meeting was called to order and chaired by Jeffrey Wennberg at 9:20 A.M. Minutes from the March 17, 2017 meeting were accepted as written. Today's meeting Agenda was approved. No further discussion.

New Business:

There were no New Business agenda items for this month's meeting.

Old Business:

1. Request for audible crossing at the intersection of Wales Street and Center Street – Chad Erickson

Jeff Wennberg stated that the estimate he received was close to \$20,000.00 that it will cost. He said he is currently over budget on this line. Jeff is wondering if there would be any benefit if they put the signal, all way flashing at this location, instead. We could test this and see if there are any issues and see what happens to traffic. Could flash red on continuous, maybe it would provide safer crossing situations.

Gary Donahue asked if this was for one person. Response was yes.

Jeff said that if flashing red works and we don't get traffic back ups and it provides a higher level of safety for all directions, then we could make it a 4 way stop. He said controller is a good controller at this location. Gary asked if we could move the controller. Jeff said not unless it is buried. We could do an engineering study that might cost around \$7,000.00 or just try the all way flashing to see if it works. Jeff will ask Connie Sue Erickson if they think a 4 way stop would be more beneficial as an interim relief.

2. Request for there to be "no parking on one side of Park Avenue and allow parking on the other side – Geraldine Burke from the Rutland Dismas House

Chief Brian Kilcullen spoke with Geraldine Burke from the Rutland Dismas House to let her know we wouldn't be changing the sign that is located on Park Avenue in front of the Rutland Dismas House. It will remain as is.

3. Illegally parked trailer – Jeffrey Wennberg

It was mentioned that 2 tires of one of the utility trailers are sitting on the traveled portion of the roadway on Forest Street. This would be a violation of the winter parking ban.

Jim mentioned that parking in the green spaces is a problem throughout the city in several areas. For example, like on Prospect Street. This is now a small paved parking lot.

Jeff Wennberg will talk with Commander Prouty to see if the Police Department supports putting a couple of 2 Hour Parking between signs up at this location. If the Police Department supports it, he will ask Louise Harrison if this will help.

Gary Donahue mentioned that he is the Chair for the Charter and Ordinance committee. He doesn't have a copy of ordinances, yet. He will examine it for laws and rules that might be there that we could use. Jeff suggested that Gary talk with Sharon Davis, as she had worked a lot on these items in year of 2000.

Other Old Business:

Door opener at the Police Station

Gary Donahue mentioned that he is a member of the CAIR committee (Committee on Accessibility in Rutland) and he had tried for a couple of years to get a Door opener for the Police Station. He talked with our previous Mayor Louras and has talked with Mayor Allaire regarding this. He said our Police Station needs to be accessible by wheelchair.

Jeff Wennberg mentioned that the planter area in front of the Police Station hasn't been done over yet because of the cost that we'll need to spend to make it ADA accessible. Gary asked if Jeff could address the door opener at the same time he addresses the sidewalk and stairs. Jeff Wennberg said that once a plan gets put together, they will send it to the CAIR committee.

Jeff Wennberg asked that the following items be put on the Agenda for next month's Agenda:

1. Request to remove sidewalk in front of Rutland Discount Food – Tracy Taylor
2. Request to close Forest Street at West Street end – Ernest Smalley

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Nora J. Moore
Records Clerk

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Board of Alderman
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