

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes of May 25, 2018

PRESENT: Commander Sheldon, James Rotondo, Ted Gillen and Dave Sears

ABSENT: Jeffrey Wennberg and Bradley LaFaso of LaFaso Electric

The meeting was called to order by Commander Sheldon at 9:03 A.M. hours. Minutes from the April 20, 2018 meeting were accepted as written. Today's meeting Agenda was approved. No further discussion.

New Business:

1. Request for a "Cross traffic does not stop" sign at Forest Street – Sarah Roy

This request would actually be on South Street, not Forest Street. Commander Sheldon doesn't think there are any issues at this location and would be inclined to say no to this request. Dave mentioned that we can't fix everything with a sign. Jim stated that he currently doesn't have an opinion on this request. Commander Sheldon will have Bradley GoodHale run data & he will bring this request up at our next meeting.

2. Request for a faded "one-way" sign on Engrem Avenue to be replaced and another to be installed on Engrem Avenue – Shawn Moore, Rutland Mental Health

Pictures were shared, showing that there currently isn't a one way sign at the intersection of East Street and Engrem Avenue and the one-way sign that is currently in place about three quarters of the way up from the intersection of East Street and Engrem Avenue and extremely faded. Dave Sears stated that he didn't realize there wasn't a sign at the East and Engrem intersection. He will make a project of this to put up a new sign and replace the faded one. They may put up a wrong way sign as well. He will take care of this.

3. Crosswalks at the Farmer's Market – Dave Sears

Dave mentioned that a couple of vendors park their vehicles in the crosswalk. ADA has been taking pictures. This is at the intersection of Evelyn Street and Merchants Row (Walmart side to the island) Our solution was to put cones out on both sides. Dave told Maura to keep cars out of the crosswalks. a couple of our DPW guys went by later on and someone had pushed the cones out of the way. Dave stated that outside of putting up concrete blocks, it becomes an enforcement issue. Maybe we could have the Police go by and mention to our vendors that they can't block the crosswalks? The Vendors are set up by 8:00 A.M. Commander Sheldon said that he will talk to our Officers and ask them to do this.

Old Business:

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

Commander LaChance spoke to Officer Morgano and also took a look at the area. A "Do Not Enter" sign would be helpful. Jeff said that we can put it up. Trucks may take it out. Dave said that we will try something, there.

At our 5/25/18 meeting, Dave mentioned that he can't figure out where to put the sign. There's a no left turn sign on the Corner. Not sure where to put the sign. Commander Sheldon will have Bradley

GoodHale look up accidents. It was stated that it is such a small area right there. Jim will take a look at it, again.

2. School zone speed limit

At our 2/23/18 meeting, we went over the map and located areas that we want designated as school zones.

At our 4/20/18 meeting - The ground is currently frozen, so we haven't had a chance to do anything. Commander LaChance asked if a traffic study was ever done. Jeff stated, no. He suggested that we could put up the school zone signs and after 5 years, it would be enforceable. Chief Kilcullen asked if we need an ordinance change to establish school zones. Jeff stated that he'd say to go ahead and do it. Laws have changed. Do permanent 25 mph around the schools, 1 block out, including VAC, Christian school and Christ the King.

Jim will take a look at the signs out there now and standardize everything. Police could write warning after 5 years. Mayor David Allaire asked where this emphasis came from. Jeff stated he thought it was in regards to Rutland Intermediate School signage and that it should be consistent and it just seemed sensible to do it for all the schools. Chief asked if "School zone" is defined by statute? Jeff replied with no. That's why I'm wondering if City Attorney should take a look at this and see if a new ordinance should be done. Chief asked Commander LaChance if there's a separate school zone speed violation in Vermont. Commander LaChance said that you can't put the speed lower than 25 mph.

At our 5/25/18 meeting – Dave Sears mentioned that he didn't think it was legal to have school zone's during school hours, like it currently is at Northwest. Commander Sheldon will follow up with Chief Kilcullen regarding this.

3. Edgerton Avenue

At our 2/23/18 meeting –

We will put notices in all the doors of the homes on the upper portion of Edgerton Avenue, letting them know that we will be changing to street to no parking on the North side. In April, we will install signage on the North side, to indicate there is no parking and will have bags on these signs. Then, a new notice will be put in the doors to say when the bags will be coming off of the signs. Then, hopefully, we can have the Police department issue warnings to people, if they see any cars parked on the North side. Commander LaChance stated that this sounds good.

At our 4/20/18 meeting – Jeff got approval. Just waiting on the weather. Dave asked if we have a time frame. Jeff stated that the frost is out of the ground. You can do it, now.

At our 5/25/18 meeting – Dave Sears said that he will mark this up today.

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

At our 11/17/17 meeting –

Brad LaFaso mentioned that Buddy Miles stated that the No parking signs on St. John Street are faded and asked if we could put up new ones. Dave will have these put up. Jeff asked for him to add Temple Street, starting at Main Street. He would like the whole road taken care of.

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

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6. One Way section of Killington Avenue showing 3 different speed limits

At our 5/25/18 meeting – This will be a pending item until we determine what needs to be done, here.

Once we determine what we're doing in regards to "school zones", this item will be taken care of.

7. Handicapped parking in front of MSJ

At our 2/23/18 meeting –

Mount Saint Joseph Academy has requested multiple handicap signs to be installed on the right side of Convent Avenue. Jeff stated that it's the Police Department's jurisdiction to put these signs in. Commander LaChance asked Jeff how many signs he thinks will work. Jeff stated that 2 signs should do it. Commander LaChance has no problem with this. Jeff will have the 2 signs installed.

At our 4/20/18 meeting –

Chief Kilcullen asked why we are getting requests for handicap parking in front when places have parking lots. He mentioned that he has an issued with handicap spots in the road. Jeff will find out who sent the email request for this and ask why one in the parking lot wouldn't work.

At our 5/25/18 meeting –

Jim will talk to Jeff regarding this.

8. Signage "All Way" to be added below the stop sign at the intersection of Center Street and Wales Street – Jack Trainor

At our 2/23/18 meeting –

Jim asked if we would still want the flashing red light with the stop signs. Jeff stated that he wouldn't take the flashing red light out of there, yet. It's hard to miss. We need to add more permanent signage. Jeff was wondering if all way is to appease the motorists. It wouldn't create a dangerous situation. It makes it more, safe. Jim stated that we'll put in a stop bar and all way stop signs as a permanent route and will leave the flashing red light, temporarily.

At our 4/20/18 meeting –

Jeff will have them look at this area and see what needs to be done

At our 5/25/18 meeting –

Commander Sheldon and Dave Sears feel that the current signage at this location works smoothly. Leave this item on the Agenda under Old Business for next meeting. Jim thinks everything was to leave this as is. He will talk with Jeff about this.

9. Installation of a “Do Not Enter” sign facing south on Wales Street

At our 2/23/18 meeting –

This would be at the intersection of Center Street & Wales Street. Jeff will look at the area to see what we can do to improve the signage. Maybe we don’t need new signs. Jeff will also take a look at the intersection of West St., Center St. & Washington St to see if signs are needed at this location, as well. We want to be sure that we have proper signage to discourage people from going the wrong way.

At our 4/20/18 meeting –

Mayor David Allaire mentioned that he has noticed when he has been out walking, that there isn’t a “Do Not Enter” sign, here. Jeff will look at this and see if maybe a no left turn or no right turn would work.

Mayor David Allaire mentioned that a request came in to him for “No Parking” signs to be put up on East Washington Street between East Washington Street and Butterfly Avenue from a resident of Butterfly Avenue. The crossing guard brought it up. The street is very narrow through there. They have a hard time getting through. Jeff stated that he will have the Police & Fire Departments take measurements and see if it’s justified.

At our 5/25/18 meeting –

The sign would be at the Center Street, Wales Street intersection and would face North. Commander Sheldon doesn’t recall any accidents, here.

Other Old Business:

No other business was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m. hours.

Respectfully submitted by,
Nora J. Moore
Records Clerk

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Police Commission
Board of Alderman
City Clerk
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