

**TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes of June 29, 2018**

PRESENT: Chief Kilcullen, Commander Sheldon, Dave Sears and Ted Gillen

ABSENT: Jeffrey Wennberg, James Rotondo & Lafaso Electric

The meeting was called to order by Commander Sheldon at 9:02 A.M. hours. Minutes from the May 25, 2018 meeting were accepted as written. Today's meeting Agenda was approved. No further discussion.

New Business:

1. Request for a speed limit sign to be put on Haywood Avenue and to have it enforced – Jeffrey Fredette

Ted Gillen mentioned that Jeff Wennberg had spoken with Jeffrey Fredette regarding this. Dave Sears mentioned that the only traffic here is when Genesis gets out of work. Chief Kilcullen suggested that we move our speed cart to this location and see what the speeds are. Commander Sheldon will speak with Officer Blongy to get the speed cart moved.

2. Inquiring why the traffic light at State St & Merchants Row isn't a blinking one – Donald Billings

Commander Sheldon said that Mr. Billings doesn't want the light to be blinking. There's been like 17 or 18 accidents. Mr. Billings indicated that there was an accident a week and a half before. Commander Sheldon stated that they're not between the times of 2 – 6 a.m., which is the time frame that Mr. Billings is concerned with. There is a flashing red across Merchants Row and a flashing yellow across West Street. Ted Gillen stated that he felt that the data and volume speak for themselves.

3. Inquiring why the traffic light at Library Ave & Grove St isn't a blinking one – Donald Billings

Commander Sheldon asked why we can't make it flashing one way red and flashing one way yellow. Dave Sears said that he's not sure they have timers on them. Dave will have to talk with Brad of Lafaso Electric. Dave also mentioned there might not be a clock system on it.

Old Business:

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

This request was discussed again, briefly. We will not be approving this request.

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

Dave Sears reported that this has all been taken care of.

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

Dave Sears stated that he hasn't received any more complaints about people parking in the crosswalks.

4. 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.

It was decided that there isn't a lot of space there to put a sign. We will not be approving this request.

#### 5. 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 today's meeting (4/20/18) - 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 today's meeting (6/29/18) – Chief Kilcullen stated that we can't put the Speed limit below 25 Mph. Chief will talk with our City Attorney regarding this. Dave mentioned that the issue we have On Killington Avenue, near Christ the King School, where there are 3 different speed limits posted is what started the School zone speed limit with him.

#### 6. Edgerton Avenue

From the minutes of 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 today's meeting (4/20/18) – 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 today's meeting (6/29/18) – Notices were put in all the doors of the homes on the upper portion of Edgerton Avenue, signage was installed on the North side, to indicate no parking and bags were put on these signs. A new notice was put in the doors saying when the bags were coming off of the

signs. The bags came off this past Monday and the no parking is now enforceable on the North Side.

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

From the minutes of 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.

At today's meeting (6/29/18) – Dave indicated that the no parking signs were actually removed. He will see that these signs get put up.

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

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At today's meeting (6/29/18) – Dave said that he's not sure what side of the street. He will stop to take a look and see which side of the street the signs need to be put.

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

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

10. Handicapped parking in front of MSJ

From the minutes of 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 today's meeting (4/20/18) – 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 today's meeting (6/29/18) – Chief Kilcullen stated that it's not a big deal to designate a spot or two. There's so little traffic, there. Commander Sheldon said that we will have two spots designated for Handicapped parking.

11. Signage "All Way" to be added below the stop sign at the intersection of Center Street and Wales Street

We had a brief discussion regarding this. All seems to be working fine at this location with the current signage that we have.

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

From the minutes of 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.

From today’s meeting (4/20/18) – 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.

This item is still pending.

Other Old Business:

From today’s meeting (4/20/18) - 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.

This item is still pending.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m. hours.

Respectfully submitted by,  
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Records Clerk

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Police Commission  
Board of Alderman  
City Clerk  
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