

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2016

PRESENT: James Rotondo, Jeff Wennberg and Commander Prouty

The meeting was called to order by Sgt. Prouty at 9:10 A.M. Minutes from the June 17, 2016 meeting were accepted as written and today's meeting agenda was approved. No further discussion. All voted in favor.

New Business:

1. Request for signage warning motorists of a blind or hearing impaired individual crossing at the location of Tremont Street & Woodstock Avenue – Rutland Housing Authority, Kevin Loso

Jeff Wennberg mentioned that there is a person in a wheelchair coming from Templewood that crosses from Tremont Street to Woodstock Avenue . There are 2 driveways, motorists turning off and on Woodstock Avenue. It's somewhat hazardous to be moving across the street in a wheelchair. There isn't a crosswalk at this location. Based on the request, it looks like they're asking for signage. Jeff Wennberg said we could put signage there. It just doesn't mean it will be read or make the location safer. It would be great if we could install a sidewalk to connect Woodstock Avenue to Temple Street (East side). It may be safer to go through the Templewood complex to the corner of Temple Street to Tremont Street. (we don't currently have a sidewalk on Tremont Street)

Jeff Wennberg mentioned that it would be good to talk with Kevin at the Rutland Housing Authority about some infrastructure projects in his area. We will start with putting up signage to begin with. We could refer to complete streets for long term planning in the near future. If reconstructed in complete streets, it would be a safer location.

2. Other new business

Crack sealing

Crack sealing will be done all around the city, \$20,000.00 budget. This is a new treatment for the City. We've never done it before. Jim will send us the list of streets. We'll want to do this on Route 4 & &. The contractor is supposed to take care of traffic control. Jim asked Commander Prouty if he's ever seen this. He has. It was stated that it is cost effective to do this if the pavement is in a certain condition.

Rutland County Head Start was supposed to send in a letter regarding crosswalk request. There's no curb there.

Old Business:

Parking kiosk

On August 31st, the parking kiosk will go live. They will put a bag on the meters, then a sign with an arrow to say to pay at the kiosk.

Paving

Jeff Wennberg mentioned that in the past when DPW has done the pavement markings, it usually takes a few months. By subcontracting this out, lining arrows, lines, crosswalks can be done within 2 weeks by the contractor. Eventually, we will be having this done in the Spring, rather than just before school starts in August.

Merchants Row

Portions of sidewalks will be resurfaced this year. Will cold plane it, scarify it down. From West Street to Shopping Plaza, it will be done during the day, maybe on Sundays. Trying to negotiate with them. Cold planning is dusty and loud. Will need some help from the Rutland Police Department officers during the week. Maybe close off ½ of the street at a time or do one way and then switch for other direction.

Jim wondered if we milled on one Sunday and then paved one week later. He asked Commander Prouty what he felt about doing it this way. Commander Prouty said he wouldn't be worried about that. He just mentioned that if they could do the spray can arrows atleast for that time frame, that would be helpful. Jeff Wennberg mentioned that it's weather dependent. Wilk is quite reliable to show up when they say they will or call to say if there will be a delay.

Granger Street bus stop

DPW will reach out to Vt Railway to fix road at the tracks.

Library Avenue

Parking signage on Library Avenue that would allow parking on alternate days. This would allow residents to have on street parking in front of their respective residence for half of the week. It was mentioned that this option would be a great benefit on Park Avenue as well.

Other Old Business:

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 9:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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