

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2018

Present: Commander Sheldon, Jeffrey Wennberg, Jim Rotondo and Dave Sears

Absent: BOA – Rebecca Mattis and Brad Lafaso of Lafaso Electric, Inc.

Meeting was called to order at 9:03 A.M. by Commander Sheldon.

New Business:

1. Request for a three way stop at Lafayette and Killington Avenue – Anne Roy

Commander Sheldon and Chief Kilcullen went up and looked at this. It doesn't make sense to do this and we don't have a lot of accidents, there.

2. Request for a stop sign at the intersection of Morse Place and Madison Street – Alderman Matt Wickham

Commander Sheldon mentioned that Chief Kilcullen recommends that we put up this stop sign. Jim mentioned that there are a lot of intersections that don't have stop signs. We should do a review of the entire City and install the ones that are needed.

It was mentioned that there is a Yield sign at Royce Street and there may also be a Yield sign at Clover Street. Why?

Jeff asked if we should start with the streets that intersect with Strongs Avenue. Dave Sears mentioned that this isn't a cut through and there hasn't ever been a stop sign at this location. Jim inquired as to what this is telling the motorist. Jeff stated that we can't put stop signs everywhere at every single intersection. Jim would like to look at this, further and mentioned to Jeff that he disagrees with the fact that we can't put stop signs at every intersection and think they're necessary.

Jeff stated that we will evaluate this and right now will do the streets in this area that intersect with Strongs Avenue.

Old Business:

1. Proposed Guardrail and Alignment of Rutland Creek Path Segment 5 – Susan Schreibman

At our 8/17/18 meeting, Susan explained the challenges in regards to this Agenda item. Susan will have the area looked at to see how much distance they have between the guardrail and side of road. There were also concerns about where DPW would put snow. She will report back to us at our next meeting.

At today's meeting (9-21-18), Susan stated that she met with the Recreation Department's Director regarding snow removal from the edge of the road to the path. Kim Peters said the Recreation Department will handle the snow removal, here. Susan talked with Vtrans to see if the path needs to be plowed or not. The man she spoke to there, said it depends on how it functions. Between State Street and West Street, it functions as a path. Dorr Drive will function as a sidewalk which leads her to believe that we should be plowing this part of the path. She stated that she is here today, to get our ok to have the path separated by a guardrail, it's really close to the road.

Proposed Guardrail and Alignment of Rutland Creek Path Segment 5, continued

Commander Sheldon stated that he doesn't think it's a Safety hazard as long as the guardrail is there. It was stated that the Streets division would have a buffer of 3 feet and it was stated that this corner ices up. Jim mentioned that Susan has shown us two different designs and as long as it is MUTCD compliant, he has no issues with it. Susan indicated that it would be a metal guardrail on the road side. Susan thanked us.

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

At our meeting on 8/17/18, the speed cart was currently at this location recording data.

This is no longer a pending item.

3. School zone speed limit & One Way section of Killington Avenue showing 3 different speed limits

A two week test of a “pop-up” traffic design on Killington Avenue at the crosswalk closest to CKS School was run at the beginning of this school year.

Jeff Wennberg asked Dave Sears how this test went. Laura MacLachain from Vermont Energy Efficiency Program had called Dave to bring a sign to get people to slow down the first couple of days and at that point, the test was going well. A week or so later, Dave saw cars lined up in the street.

This is no longer a pending item.

4. Handicapped parking in front of MSG

At our meeting on 8/17/18, this was on the list to be done. It was asked if we cared where the spots are. Commander Sheldon stated that we just need to make sure that it meets ADA requirements.

It was reported that 2 signs were installed and 2 parking stalls were painted.

5. Rutland City's plans for East Center Street and their potential impact on the Chaffee Art Center – Dimitri Ampatiellos, President of the Chaffee Art Center

At our 8/17/18 meeting, Dimitri mentioned that they will be working on having two plans on how they would like to reconfigure traffic flow at the property, so they can present these to the public. Their goal is to bring all parties together to see what we can do together.

Jeff Wennberg reported that we were going to be doing curbs here, but that is suspended for now, as we wait for their revised plan.

6. Request for RRFB's on Allen Street & Stratton Road – Dean Pierce, RRMC

At our 8/17/18 meeting, we supported a Rapid Flashing Beacon at the Freeman Avenue intersection. Figures will be worked out and presented to Dean for his approval. In regards to Allen Street, this is a pending item.

Jim Rotondo emailed Dean Pierce regarding the improvements, as we would like it to meet

our specifications. Jim also mentioned that we should do some improvements at the Freeman Avenue intersection. Jim will put something together and will send to Jeff Wennberg and Dean Pierce at RRMC.

Other old business - No other business was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 09:23 A.M. by Commander Sheldon.

Respectfully submitted by,
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