

PARKING and TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

CONFERENCE ROOM A
CITY HALL, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, 1 JUNKINS AVENUE

Members of the public also had the option to join the meeting over Zoom.

8:30 AM

April 6, 2023

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Andrew Bagley called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

II. ATTENDANCE

Members Present:

Chairman Andrew Bagley
Public Works Director Peter Rice
Deputy Police Chief Mike Maloney
Stefanie Casella, Planning Department
Erica Wygonik (Alternate)
Harold Whitehouse
Mary Lou McElwain
Mark Syracuse

Absent

Steve Pesci
Fire Chief William McQuillen

City Staff Present:

Parking Director Ben Fletcher
City Engineer – Parking, Transportation and Planning Eric Eby

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

[00:05:56] Harold Whitehouse moved to accept the Financial Report dated February 28, 2023, and place it on file, seconded by Mary Lou McElwain. **On a unanimous vote, motion passed 8-0.**

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (15 MINUTES)

This is the time for all comments on any of the agenda items or non-agenda items.

[00:07:07] There were three speakers: Elizabeth Bratter commented on several subjects

including the Islington Street speed limit, Islington cross streets, and Woodbury Avenue. Tom Kunysz and Ben VanCamp spoke regarding loading zone parking.

[00:29:23] Peter Rice moved to suspend the rules to take up item B under New Business on the agenda first, seconded by Mark Syracuse. **Motion passed on a unanimous vote 8-0.**

V. PRESENTATIONS

None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

(No public comment during Committee discussion without Committee approval.)

- A. [00:29:27] Loading zones, request to lengthen time limits to 1 hour, by business owner. Mark Syracuse moved to refer to staff for report back, seconded by Mary Lou McElwain. **Motion passed on unanimous vote, 8-0.**
- B. [00:31:08] Islington Street and Bartlett Street intersection, request for pedestrian improvements, by resident. Mary Lou McElwain made a motion to refer to staff for report back at next meeting, seconded by Mark Syracuse. **On a unanimous vote, motion passed 8-0.**

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. [00:33:06] Woodbury Avenue, request for traffic calming, by residents. Report back on neighborhood meeting, changes to plan. Peter Rice moved to approve revised traffic calming plan, with speed cushion trial for 2023, seconded by Mary Lou McElwain. **Motion passed on a unanimous vote, 8-0.**
- B. [00:43:33] Dennett Street, request for traffic calming, by residents. Report back on proposed bump out, discussion of alternatives. Peter Rice moved to install a speed feedback sign and report back, seconded by Mary-Lou McElwain. **Motion passed on a unanimous vote, 8-0.**

VIII. INFORMATIONAL

- A. [00:50:48] Monthly Accident Report from Police.
- B. [00:51:15] Bartlett Street at Thornton Street, update on temporary roundabout trial. We are waiting for the asphalt plants to open.
- C. [00:51:42] Market Street, update on closure for utility project. Market Street will be closed between Bow Street and Market Square for 4 weeks beginning Monday. It will be open nights and weekends.

D. [00:52:52] Outdoor dining barrier placement update. We will begin placing barricades the last week of April.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

[00:53:24] There is a Rail Trail preconstruction meeting taking place this morning.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Harold Whitehouse moved to adjourn at 9:20 a.m., seconded by Peter Rice. **On a unanimous vote, motion passed 8-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Department of Public Works