

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

July 6, 2023

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Andrew Bagley called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

II. ATTENDANCE

Members Present:

Chairman Andrew Bagley
Vice Chairman Steve Pesci
Public Works Director Peter Rice
Fire Chief William McQuillen
Stefanie Casella, Planning Department
Erica Wygonik (Alternate)
Harold Whitehouse
Mary Lou McElwain
Mark Syracuse

Absent

Deputy Police Chief Mike Maloney

City Staff Present:

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

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

[00:09:40] Harold Whitehouse moved to accept the Financial Report dated May 31, 2023, and place it on file, seconded by Mark Syracuse. **On a unanimous vote, motion passed 9-0.**

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (15 MINUTES)

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

[00:09:56] There were nineteen speakers: Randall Leach, Claire Prout, Nancy Johnson (Z), Anna Leijon-Guth (Z), and Teresa Hill (Z), gave feedback on the mini roundabout at Bartlett and Thornton Streets. Ann Swan, Julie Higgins, Trisha Anderson, Cindy Hart, Debra Mayer, John Ross, Jerry Smith, and Carl Diemer spoke regarding speeding on Aldrich Road. Rob Capone expressed concerns regarding speeds on Elwyn Road. Kelly Shaw spoke regarding truck traffic on Banfield Road. Liza Hewitt and Peter Harris expressed concerns regarding the jersey barriers downtown. Bill Blum (Z) spoke regarding the mini roundabout on Bartlett Street and the speed bumps on Woodbury Ave.

V. PRESENTATIONS

None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

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

- A. [00:55:16] Overnight parking on City Streets, discussion with City Councilor Kate Cook on issues and concerns.
- B. [01:05:38] Lafayette Road, request for RRFB at crosswalk near Greenleaf Avenue, by resident. Peter Rice moved to refer to staff for evaluation and report back, seconded by Erica Wygonik. **Motion passed on a unanimous vote, 9-0.**
- C. [01:05:57] Marcy Street, concerns regarding speeding between State Street and Pleasant Street, and crosswalk and intersection safety at Court Street, by residents. Erica Wygonik made a motion to refer to staff for evaluation and report back, seconded by Mark Syracuse. **Motion carried 9-0.**

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. [01:06:51] Bartlett Street, report back on mini roundabout at Thornton Street, byDPW staff.
- B. [01:13:11]. Middle Street, report back on 25 MPH speed limit. Peter Rice made a motion to approve permanent change of speed limit to 25 mph and install speed feedback signs in each direction, seconded by Harold Whitehouse. **Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.**

VIII. INFORMATIONAL

- A. Monthly Accident Report from Police was postponed until next month due to Assistant Chief Maloney's absence.
- B. [01:14:13] Woodbury Avenue temporary speed cushions installation update.

- C. [01:17:41] Suzanne Drive speed bumps installation update. Speed bumps tentatively may be installed tomorrow.
- D. [01:18:21] 15-minute parking space utilization update.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

[01:19:02] Discussion regarding outdoor dining barriers downtown.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mark Syracuse moved to adjourn at 9:48 a.m., seconded by Steve Pesci. **On a unanimous vote, motion passed 9-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Leila Birr
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Department of Public Works