

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

August 3, 2023

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Andrew Bagley called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

II. ATTENDANCE

Members Present:

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

Absent

Harold Whitehouse
Fire Chief William McQuillen

City Staff Present:

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

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

[00:05:41] Peter Rice moved to accept the Financial Report dated June 30, 2023, and place it on file, seconded by Mark Syracuse. Chairman Bagley commented that this is the first time that Parking revenues have exceeded \$10 million on an annual basis.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (15 MINUTES)

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

[00:06:06] There were seven speakers: Francesca Marconi Fernald spoke regarding parking concerns in the South End, as well as overnight camping on Peirce Island. Justin Richardson provided feedback on the speed bumps on Woodbury Avenue. Liza Hewitt expressed concern regarding the removal of the flashing speed indicator sign on Middle Road. Kathleen Boduch expressed concern about RV overnight camping and space for emergency vehicles on Pickering and Mechanic Streets. Paige Trace spoke regarding several topics, including the flashing speed indicator on Middle Road, overnight camping, and parking at the McIntyre Building. She requested that this revenue be listed separately in the Parking revenue report. Kelly Shaw (Z) expressed concern regarding trucks on Banfield Road. Denise Todd (Z) requested a flashing light for pedestrian crossing at Lafayette Road and Greenleaf Avenue.

V. PRESENTATIONS

None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

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

- A. [00:30:57] Sagamore Avenue, request for bicycle lane markings and No Parking signs on both sides, from Shaw Road to Wentworth House Road, by Seacoast Area Bicycle Riders. Erica Wygonik moved to refer to staff for evaluation and report back, seconded by Mark Syracuse. **Motion passed 8-0.**

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. [00:31:39] Marcy Street, concerns regarding speeding between State Street and Pleasant Street and crosswalk and intersection safety at Court Street, by residents. Mary Lou McElwain moved to continue discussion at next month's meeting, seconded by Mark Syracuse. **Motion carried 8-0.**
- B. [00:43:12] Lafayette Road, request for rectangular rapid flashing beacon (RRFB) at crosswalk near Greenleaf Avenue, by resident. Erica Wygonik moved to table the discussion and reevaluate when school year data is available, seconded by Peter Rice. **Motion passed 8-0.** Reconstruction of this intersection will be included in the CIP.

VIII. INFORMATIONAL

- A. [00:51:57] Pickering Street/Pickering Avenue/Mechanic Street parking restrictions. Signs will be posted.
- B. [00:53:46] Woodbury Avenue temporary speed cushions update. Speed cushions will be moved to a new location on Monday.

- C. [00:57:56] Aldrich Road speed bump update. Locations have been marked for two more speed bumps.
- D. [00:59:48] Suzanne Drive speed bumps update.
- E. [01:00:30] Middle Road traffic calming program update. The speed limit has been lowered permanently. Staff will collect speed data since the flashing speed sign was removed.
- F. [01:07:46] Monthly Accident Report from Police. The police department will be enforcing no overnight camping on Peirce Island.
- G. [01:12:37] Downtown Parking Utilization Study update.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

[01:13:40] Discussion whether police officers would direct Peirce Island campers to another location.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bagley adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Department of Public Works