

**PORTSMOUTH  
TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
8:00 a.m. – Thursday, January 11, 2007  
City Hall - Council Chambers**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Ken Smith, Chair called the meeting to order at approximately 8:00a.m.

**II. ROLL CALL: Members Present:**

Councilor Ken Smith, Chairman	Ted Gray, Member
Steve Parkinson, P.E. Public Works Director	Jonathan Bailey, Member
Deputy Police Chief Len DiSesa	John Connors, Member
Asst. Fire Chief Steve Achilles	Eric Spear, Member
Deborah Finnigan, P.E., Traffic Engineer	Christina Westfall

**III. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:**

**IT WAS VOTED** on a Motion made by Ted Gray to accept the minutes of the December 14, 2006 meeting. Seconded by Jonathan Bailey. Motion passed.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

- (A) Porter Street - Edible Arrangements** – Request for Loading Zone – Parking Committee referral – Steve Parkinson recommended to continue to allow them to use a loading area on Porter Street without putting up signs or marking it in any way as we do not want permanent parking there off hours of loading zones. Suggested monitoring to see what usage it gets and if there is an issue with larger trucks getting in there obstructing traffic flow.

**MOTION** made by Steve Parkinson to continue to allow them to use a loading area on Porter Street without marking it or putting up signs. Monitor for usage and large trucks impeding traffic flow. A report back from the Police Department at the May 2007 meeting. Seconded by Asst. Fire Chief Achilles. Motion passed.

- (B) Sheffield Rd @ Melbourne St.** – Requests for Replacement of Stop Signs (e-mail attached) Police Department Referral – Debbie Finnigan reported this was looked at a few months ago and requested a stop sign be put up. There is a stop sign but is missing a stop line. In the spring will ask for a stop line, but is a non issue at this time.

**MOTION** made by Ted Gray to place on file. Seconded by Jonathan Bailey. Motion passed.

- (C) Sims Ave/Melbourne St.** – Request for Replacement of Stop Sign – Police Dept. referral – Debbie Finnigan reported it is a “T” intersection and did not look like there had been a stop sign there. Suggested either putting one up or leave it as it

is. Deputy Police Chief stated with the traffic flow being what it is, did not see an issue.

**MOTION** made by Ted Gray to leave it as it is. Seconded by Christina Westfall. Motion passed.

- (D) **Barberry Ln/Islington St.** - Request for Replacement of Stop sign – Police Dept. referral – Debbie Finnigan reported there is a stop sign there, not necessarily in the correct MUTCD location. May need a redesign as there is an island together in the center of the roadway and the bushes block the sight distance. Design the center section so people go around the island correctly as opposed to what is being done now. Recommended putting up some “Do Not Enter” signs and stop bar at the right hand leg. Steve Parkinson suggested waiting until the Rte.1 By-Pass Improvements which will replace bridge at Islington St. over the by-pass and will come back into this intersection. A suggestion was made to put up “keep right” signs on the island.

**MOTION** made by Steve Parkinson to refer this to the Public Works Department for a report back with some kind of improvements. Seconded by Ted Gray. Motion passed.

- (E) **Peeverly Hill Rd/Middle St.** – Improvement to right turn from Middle to Peeverly Hill Rd – Debbie Finnigan reported several telephone calls from a gentleman concerning the right turn from Rte.33 Middle St. onto Peeverly Hill Road. He stated there is not enough room for the trucks to make the right hand turn onto Peeverly Hill Rd. and he suggested moving the stop bar back for more room or to move the stones on the corner back. Steve Parkinson stated there was two lanes on Peeverly, unsignalized intersection, when the signal was installed the intersection was widened to the current three lanes on Peeverly Hill Rd. and at the same time put in the right turn lane on Rte.33. It is designed appropriate, but the tractor trailers tend to ride over the curbing. Suggested referring this to Public Works to see what improvements would be needed to make it a smoother right turn. Debbie Finnigan added the Rte.33 project includes this intersection and further improvements at this location are part of the project. Construction will start in the spring of 2008.

**MOTION** made by Ted Gray to refer to Public Works for a report back. Seconded by John Connors. Motion passed.

- (F) **Greenleaf Ave/Peeverly Hill Rd** – Sight distance – Debbie Finnigan stated there is a sight distance issue when stopping at the actual stop bar stop line as you cannot see through the bushes. Vehicles pull up to the curb line where the sight distance is good. A signal was requested and has not done the actual warrant analysis. Steve Parkinson reported the bushes were trimmed back this past year.

**MOTION** made by Steve Parkinson to place on file. Seconded by Ted Gray. Motion passed.

**V. OLD BUSINESS:**

- (A) **Maplewood Ave./Rte.1 Bypass off-ramp** – Request for Signage – Report back Department of Public Works – Steve Parkinson stated the City right-of-way is back in there quite a way, there is still room for a small car to park if it was parked at the corner of the building on Prospect. Suggested laying out the right-of-way line and along this line put two “No Parking” signs between them so there is clear indication that if you are beyond those lines you are in a no parking area.

**MOTION** made by Steve Parkinson to lay out right-of-way line and put two “No Parking” signs between the lines. Seconded by Deputy Chief DiSesa. Motion passed.

- (B) **Woodbury Ave/Durgin Lane – Christmas Tree Shop** (report attached) – The Chair received an overnight letter last night requesting they be tabled until the next meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION** made by Ted Gray to take this off the table. Seconded by Steve Parkinson. Motion passed.

**MOTION** made by Ted Gray to put back on the table. Seconded by Steve Parkinson. Motion passed.

- (C) **Springbrook Circle Condos** – Request for Signage and Clarification of Signage on Rte.1 (letter dated 10/17/06 attached) together with Dept of Public Works’ response and letter to DOT) – Debbie Finnigan reported three hospital signs have been placed on Route.33 westbound pointing people to Borthwick Ave. for the Hospital. The left turn yield on green at Shaw’s Plaza has not yet been installed. Debbie Finnigan left a message and has not had a return call. There is nothing in the Ordinance stating that section of Route 1 is 20 MPH so the signs will come down.

**MOTION** made by Steve Parkinson to accept the report. Seconded by John Connors. Motion passed.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourned at approx. 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

---

Elaine E. Boucas, Secretary