

**PORTSMOUTH
TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
8:00 a.m. – Thursday, May 13, 2010
City Hall – Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

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

II. ROLL CALL: Members Present:

Councilor Ken Smith, Chairman	Ted Gray, Member
David Allen, Deputy Public Works Director	Ron Cypher, Member
Fire Chief Chris LeClaire	Christina Westfall, Member
Deputy Police Chief Steve DuBois	Harold Whitehouse, Member
John Connors, Member	Kent Kirkpatrick, Member

Absent: Steve Parkinson

The Chair welcomed new members Harold Whitehouse and Kent Kirkpatrick to the Committee.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

IT WAS VOTED on a Motion made by John Connors to accept the minutes of the February 11, 2010 meeting. Seconded by Ron Cypher. Motion passed.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- (A) **Dennett/Maplewood Ave., Request for “No Parking Here to Corner” sign** – Ted Gray referred to the on-site where they saw a sight distance problem with people coming out of Dennett St. It was the Committee’s decision to make “No Parking” from the northern side of the intersection up to the first telephone pole approx. 40’ from left side of Maplewood. **MOTION** made by Ted Gray to make that approximate 40’ area “No Parking” from the telephone pole to the intersection of Dennett St. and Maplewood Ave. Seconded by Harold Whitehouse. Motion passed.
- (B) **Route 1/Lafayette Rd. – Safety Concerns** (letter dated April 8, 2010 attached) – Dave Allen referred to the letter regarding the timing of the pedestrian cycle crossing at Wilson Rd. As this is a State Road, we have contacted the State to address this, there may be an issue with the timing, it shouldn’t be as long as ten minutes. The second concern was the tarp on the Yoken’s sign which Mr. Allen has been removed. **MOTION** made by Dave Allen to communicate with DOT with a report back from Department of Public Works. Seconded by Fire Chief LeClaire. Motion passed.
- (C) **Pamela Drive – Safety Concerns** – Request for Stop Signs (Map and e-mail dated May 3, 2010 attached) – Ron Cypher referred to the on-site for stop signs approaching Pamela Drive stating that it was decided this needed to be referred

to Department of Public Works to check the warrant for stop signs for this area. **MOTION** made by Ron Cypher to refer to Public Works Department to check warrants. Seconded by John Connors. Motion passed.

- (D) **Wentworth School – Softball Field - Relocation** (Letter dated May 6, 2010 and Plan attached) – Brian Anderson, Vanasse Hangen Breslin retained on behalf of the School Dept. to do civil engineering for the proposed relocation of Alumni Field from its current location at the Middle School to the new location at 25 Granite St, the old Wentworth School site. Mr. Anderson referred to a plan explaining the proposal of the new softball field with associated parking and concessions building. They are proposing 60 parking spaces for cars and 6 for motorcycles for a total of 66 spaces with an access onto Granite St. and removing the end piece at Granite St. as shown on their plan which is currently a dead end road and basically maintaining a pedestrian access and bring the drive out close to the lot line along the western boundary of Granite St.. They have looked at the potential trip generation introducing Meredith Graham Traffic Engineer. Ms. Graham referred to the ITE handbook and looked at the worse case condition at this site. Based on their estimates there would be approximately 30-40 trips going in during peak time and 30-40 trips going out at peak time. Additionally they looked at site distance at this location and field measured approximately 400 ft. of site distance. The recommended speed limit of 25 MPH is 280 ft. of site distance. Brian Anderson reported an emergency exit has not been proposed at this time. The City may be looking at that potential piece to subdivide off at some point in the future and in the meantime try to keep that area kind of clean for that potential. In addition, in the interim, curbing is not being proposed other than along the sidewalk (referring to the plan) so there will be an exiting pavement for an emergency vehicle to get through if needed. Harold Whitehouse stated that there are three abutters concerned about pedestrians cutting through on their property. Brian Anderson referred to their plan showing the proposed chain link fence. Deputy Police Chief DuBois reported that this was addressed at TAC. John Connors referred to the adequacy of the number of parking spaces if there was an overflow. Perhaps Rite-Aid would agree to allow the overflow to park in their lot. **MOTION** made by Fire Chief LeClaire to accept the proposal as presented. Seconded by Christina Westfall. Motion passed.

V. **INFORMATIONAL:**

- (A) **1 Gosling Road – Access/Egress from Saturn/Motel 6** – (Memo and Letter dated March 11, 2010 attached)

VI. **ADJOURNMENT: MOTION** to adjourn made by Ted Gray, seconded by Ron Cypher. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine E. Boucas, Recording Secretary