

**PORTSMOUTH
TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
8:00 a.m. – Thursday, June 10, 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	Christina Westfall, Member
Steve Parkinson, Public Works Director	Ron Cypher, Member
Deputy Police Chief Steve DuBois	Harold Whitehouse, Member
Ted Gray, Member	Kent Kirkpatrick, Member

Absent: John Connors and Fire Chief LeClaire
Also present were David Moore, Ralph Norwood Gorrill Palmer, consulting Engineers.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

IT WAS VOTED on a Motion made by Ron Cypher to accept the minutes of the May 13, 2010 meeting. Seconded by Harold Whitehouse. Motion passed.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- (A) **McKinley Rd at Rte.1 Intersection** – Request for Traffic Light (e-mail dated May 24, 2010 attached) – Steve Parkinson stated there have been a few accidents lately and a resident is concerned this is a main point to Dondero School and he suggested referring this to the State.
MOTION made by Steve Parkinson to refer this to the State for a warrant analysis. Seconded by Christina Westfall. Motion passed.

Harold Whitehouse asked the status of Rte.1 update, turning lanes and median strips being proposed by the State?

Steve Parkinson responded there was a ten year plan back in 1980 and is not now aware of anything other than 10 years out, the stretch from Wilson Rd. to Walmart. Other than that project, not aware of any schedule or funding for that corridor. There is money set aside from the developer of Walmart for the intersection of Constitution and Rte.1 which will not be utilized until something is done in that area.

- (B) **Concord & Porpoise Way Streetscape Improvement Project** – (Memo dated June 1, 2010 and Draft Preliminary Layout Plan attached) – David Moore presented the streetscape improvement project explaining the process and the history of these projects. This is the latest in a series of streetscape projects taken place in this neighborhood. We are maintaining the one-way traffic pattern, which is not a large change from the pattern and standards used throughout the several streets in the neighborhood. We have made sure that throughout these projects we were closely involved

with the neighborhood having had three neighborhood meetings attended by himself, other City Staff and Consulting Engineers. In addition there were two on-sight field days where residents could make appointments with our consulting engineers and City staff to discuss specific property concerns in front of their homes. Also mailed out a Homeowners Observation Report form for people who couldn't attend the meetings to submit via mail or City's website. This is 100% funded with Federal funds and/or water/sewer capital funds. We are at the end of the process after these two streets are designed and constructed. David reported that he and Ralph Norwood met with members of the Traffic & Safety Committee in advance and turned the meeting over to Ralph Norwood. Mr. Norwood summarized the project referring to a plan in front of the Committee. Saratoga and Kearsarge are two-way streets where they intersect with Concord and are stop controlled intersections, either three or four-way stops. Concord is one-way from Crescent Way towards Preble Way; Porpoise Way is one-way from Saratoga towards Crescent. A parking study was completed in March for on-street parking needs. On Concord Way from Crescent Way to Saratoga Way will be parking on both sides of the street. From Saratoga to Kearsarge parking will be on one-side and the block from Kearsarge to Preble Way there will be a couple of spaces on either side. We tried to keep on street parking on the same side as the sidewalk. On Porpoise Way there is on-street parking on the northerly side. The travel lane is the same as the Raleigh Way improvement, a 14ft travel lane and parking areas 9 ft in width. Bump outs are being provided at the beginning and end of each block as well as a couple of bump outs scattered in the middle of Concord Way to help calm traffic as well as to help improve visual streetscape of the roadway. No changes are proposed to the existing traffic patterns at intersections and no changes to the existing signage. There will be new sidewalks on each of the streets except for the short dead end block on Porpoise Way. Period lighting will not be provided as part of this project but we are installing conduits and junction boxes for future lighting installation.

MOTION by Steve Parkinson to accept the proposal for the Concord and Porpoise Way streetscape improvement project. Seconded by Ted Gray. Motion passed.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- (A) Ted Gray referred to the tree plantings on Sagamore Ave. by Sagamore Apts. that have grown and need pruning as there is about 3 ft of walk space and people have to walk in the street.
- (B) Coakley Road – Ted Gray stated that eighteen wheelers have been using Coakley Rd mistaking it for Borthwick Ave. Steve Parkinson suggested sending a letter to the State DOT briefly outlining the issue and suggesting they may want to put in an advance street sign.

- (C) Miller Ave. – Ted Gray reported there are several places where the patches have dropped a couple of inches below pavement in the Lincoln Ave and Rockland St. area.
Steve Parkinson responded the next phase project is out to bid and will be starting approximately the end of July. If they are trench issues now will have DPW address it. This work was done by the Gas Co.
 - (D) Harold Whitehouse referred to a Thornton St. resident requesting a “No Outlet” sign. Steve Parkinson responded it will be taken care of.
- VI. ADJOURNMENT: MOTION** to adjourn made by Ted Gray, seconded by Harold Whitehouse. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine E. Boucas, Recording Secretary