

ACTION SHEET
PARKING AND TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER

FROM: CYNTHIA HUYGHUE-FANCY, SECRETARY TO THE COMMITTEE

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH PARKING AND TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2014, AT EILEEN DONDERO FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, ONE JUNKINS AVENUE, PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE.

PRESENT: COUNCILOR LOWN, CITY MANAGER BOHENKO, DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF HEINZ, POLICE CAPTAIN WARCHOL, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR RICE, AND MEMBERS: CYPHER, GRAY, WHITEHOUSE, DONNERMEYER AND ALTERNATE MEMBER: MCELWAIN.

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- [1] **Acceptance of Minutes – September 11, 2014** – No minutes available.
- [2] **Acceptance of Financial Report - October 2014** - **Voted** to accept the October 14, 2014 Financial Report.
- [3] **Action Item: 118 Maplewood Avenue parking problem - David Schopick**
Voted to table items and contact Mr. Schopick regarding his parking concerns.
- [4] **Action Item: Request for Residential Handicap space at 263 Hanover Street** – Resident Debra Baptista stated her name and address as 263 Hanover Street. Mrs. Baptista is a disabled veteran and requests a spot in front of her home to be marked handicapped. **Voted** to have the space outside 263 Hanover marked as handicapped.
- [5] **Action Item: Request on Aldrich for stop signs- Vince Lombardi** – **Voted** to place raised cross walks at the intersection of Aldrich and Boss.
- [6] **Action Item: 2-Hour parking signs returned to Islington Street - Dr. Angela Lambert** – 2 Hour parking sign will be returned per ordinance.
- [7] **Action Item: Wibird Street parking inset- Susan Dixon** – Susan Dixon at 68 Wibird addressed the committee regarding the need for a driveway and parking space in front of their residence. **Voted** to have curb cut with a driveway apron placed at 68 Wibird.
- [8] **Action Item: Additional taxi stand spaces** - **Voted** to have a taxi stand on State Street at 69 Pleasant Street. Additionally, a letter will be sent to the Taxi Commissioner regarding the approved location and to gather information as to their need for more taxi stands.
- [9] **Old Business:**
Haven Road - Report back on this issue in December-Councilor Lown

Portwalk Place – Determine if Portwalk Place is being used as a valet service road, and report back on valet agreement for road.

Islington/Congress traffic light – A request for review of Islington/Congress intersection traffic light was presented to Public Works staff. Staff to review and determine if improvements can be made and report back.

[10] **Public Comment:**

Sherry Brandsema, 865 Woodbury Avenue, addressed the committee with safety concerns when backing out of her driveway, and when residents are trying to cross the street. Cars traveling at high speeds pose a safety issue. Mrs. Bradshaw offered the following suggestions to address her concern: increase speed traps, increase fines for speeding, and install more effective signage.

Mr. Joe Calderola, 170 Dennett Street said since the Maplewood Bridge has been closed traffic has increased, and he feels a speed sign would help cut down on speeding.

Portsmouth's Parking and Transportation Department is working with the School Department and the State Department of Transportation to place signage more effectively on this road to address the issue. The Public Works department will also review alternative solutions to address the speeding issue.

[11] **Informational:**

Bike corral location to be discussed in February 2015.

Adjournment – At 9:01 AM, **Voted** to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cynthia Huyghue-Fancy
Secretary to the Committee