

MINUTES
PARKING AND TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

8:00 A.M. – Thursday, January 8, 2015
City Hall – Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Lown called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL:

Members Present:

Councilor Brad Lown
John P. Bohenko, City Manager
James Heinz, Deputy Fire Chief
Frank Warchol, Police Captain
Peter Rice, Public Works Director
Ted Gray, Member
Shari Donnermeyer, Member
Harold Whitehouse, Member
Ronald Cypher, Member
Mary Lou McElwain, Alternate

Staff Advisors Present:

Eric Eby, Parking & Transportation Engineer
Tom Cocchiaro, Parking Manager
Juliet Walker, Transportation Planner

III. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

**Moved to accept meeting minutes of December 11, 2014.
Motion passed**

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT:

No Financial Report available due to holidays

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Action Item – Dennett Street speeding- (DOT Project manager Adam Chestnut/Eric Eby) – Adam Chestnut provided an overview of the project and suggested the message board could be better utilized, as well as using barricades after the winter snowplowing season ends. **Voted** to have Public Works staff report back in February after Police StealthStat Study is complete and data has been evaluated.

B. Action Item: Sarah Mildred Long bridge schedule (DOT Project Manager) – Kaven Philbrook with CIANBRO, provided an overview of the project as it related to traffic. Kaven confirmed his staff would have the construction workers park on the Maine side of the bridge to limit the number of cars parking on Market Street. In addition, Mr. Philbrook said the majority of the cars on the New Hampshire side will be parked at the staging area in the Port on the New Hampshire side of the bridge.

C. Action Item: No Parking Signs request for Dearborn Lane & Dearborn Street- Michael Brandzel - Mr. Brandzel explained the reason why he is asking for no parking signs is because currently cars are parking haphazardly on the street and there isn't enough space in general for cars to get past but it is worse when cars are parked on both sides of the street.

Mr. Eby, the City's Parking and Transportation Engineer, said Dearborn Lane is currently 15-16ft wide and to safely allow parking a road should be 18ft wide. The ordinance has language about no parking on Dearborn Street but there are no signs to enforce current rules and the street names and verbiage needs to be revised in a future omnibus ordinance.

On a unanimous roll call 9-0, voted to have the Parking and Transportation Engineer provide a written report back next month. At a minimum, Public Works staff could place "No Parking Here to Corner" signs, but will wait for the report back.

D. Action Item: Proposed State Street crosswalk at Chestnut Street – David Moore (African Burying Ground) - **On a unanimous roll call 9-0, voted to have a crosswalk placed across State Street at Chestnut Street with the loss of a parking space on the north side of State Street.**

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Peirce Island dog crossing sign - **On a unanimous roll call 9-0, voted to have a crosswalk installed at the pathway crossing at the jughandle with an in-street sign that reads "Yield to Pedestrians".**

B. Handicap Parking Policies and Regulations, Keefe House – Marge Crean, a resident of Keefe House, said instead of requesting sixteen handicap spaces she felt it would make more sense to utilize the eight unmetered spaces on the east end of the Keefe House and turn them into handicap parking spaces for the residents. **Voted to have staff report back next month on any potential solutions or changes to handicap parking enforcement to address the handicap parking issue Citywide.**

C. Islington and Congress No Turn on Red blank out signs- The "No Turn on Red" sign is illuminated when pedestrians push the walk button. At all other times vehicles can turn right

on red as long as no on-coming traffic is present. The red right arrow does not mean no turn on red. The light works as it should to allow cars to turn on red. **No changes are recommended.**

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

VIII. INFORMATIONAL-

A. **Letter referencing a request for additional taxi stand spaces –No Action Taken.**

IX. ADJOURNMENT - At 9:15 a.m., voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cynthia Huyghue-Fancy
Secretary to the Committee