

**PARKING and TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
ACTION SHEET**

8:00 A.M. – November 5, 2020
Remote Meeting via Zoom

PRESENT: City Councilor/Chairman Peter Whelan, City Manager Karen Conard,
Public Works Director Peter Rice, Fire Chief Todd Germain,
Police Captain Mike Maloney
Members: Mary Lou McElwain, Steve Pesci, Jonathan Sandberg,
Harold Whitehouse and Erica Wygonik (Alternate)

CITY STAFF: Parking and Transportation Engineer Eric Eby
Parking Director Ben Fletcher
Planning Director Juliet Walker

ACTION ITEM NEEDING APPROVAL BY CITY COUNCIL

- Request for 30 minute spaces on Court Street near Fleet Street, by Portsmouth Housing Authority (PHA) – **On a unanimous roll call 9-0, voted** to temporarily designate two spaces as 30 minute parking and one space as handicapped parking in front of the Feaster Apartments during construction, which should be complete in April 2022.

1. Chairman Peter Whelan recited that this is a Remote Meeting via Zoom Conference Call. Per NH RSA 91-A:2 III (b) the Chair has declared COVID-19 Outbreak an emergency and has waived the requirement that a quorum be physically present at the meeting pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order 2020-04, Section 8, as extended by Executive Order 2020-17, and Emergency Order #12, Section 3. Members will be participating remotely and will identify their location and any person present with them at that location. All votes will be by roll call.
2. Financial Report – **On a unanimous roll call 9-0, voted** to accept and approve the financial report dated September 30, 2020 as presented.
3. Public Comment Session – There were 8 speakers: Janet Thompson (Woodbury Avenue and Bartlett Street), Liza Hewitt (Middle Road traffic calming), Janelle Clark (Middle Road traffic calming), Carl Diemer (Aldrich Road traffic calming & Islington Street traffic), Vince Lombardi (Aldrich Road traffic calming), Andrea Ardito (Albany Street parking and Maplewood Avenue at Northwest Street traffic calming), Alison Petersen (Maplewood Avenue at Northwest Street traffic calming) and Kristen Wilson (Albany Street parking).
4. Request for crosswalk on South Street at Haven Road, by anonymous sender via Portsmouth Click N’ Fix – **On a unanimous roll call 9-0, voted** to place request on file.

5. Request for 30 minute spaces on Court Street near Fleet Street, by Portsmouth Housing Authority (PHA) – **On a unanimous roll call 9-0, voted** to temporarily designate two spaces as 30 minute parking and one space as handicapped parking in front of the Feaster Apartments during construction, which should be complete in April 2022.
6. Request for traffic calming on Maplewood Avenue at Northwest Street, by Alison Petersen – Committee discussed installing a dynamic speed sign on Maplewood Avenue.
7. Coakley Road traffic calming request, by Mary Kepner – **On a unanimous roll call 9-0, voted** to place request on file.
8. Request for South Street traffic calming near Mt. Vernon Street, by Mary Lou McElwain – **On a unanimous roll call 9-0, voted** to refer to staff for recommendations for the entire length of South Street and report back at the next meeting for further discussion.

Public Works Director Peter Rice moved to suspend the rules to allow public comment, seconded by City Manager Karen Conard. **Motion passed.**

There were 2 speakers: Councilor Petra Huda and Guy Spiers

9. Report back on intermediate plans to address parking concerns on Albany Street between Brewery Lane and Cass Street – **On a unanimous roll call 9-0, voted** to table until the next meeting.
10. Report back on short-term traffic calming measures for Bartlett Street area – **On a unanimous roll call 9-0, voted** to implement recommendations by staff for additional signage on Bartlett Street.
11. Report back on traffic volumes and speeds on Woodbury Avenue at Cottage Street – **On a unanimous roll call 9-0, voted** to place request on file.
12. Report back on temporary speed reduction pilot measures for Middle Road – Staff will schedule neighborhood meeting to discuss traffic calming options presented and report back at the next meeting.
13. Report back on previous traffic calming requests and recommendations for Aldrich Road – Staff will schedule neighborhood meeting to discuss traffic calming options presented and report back at the next meeting.
14. Middle Street bike lane peer review status – No Committee discussion.
15. Intersection of Marcy Street and Mechanic Street – No Committee discussion.
16. Monthly accident report, by Police Captain Mike Maloney – No action required.
17. PTS Open Action Items – No action required.

18. December meeting date – December meeting date will be scheduled.

19. Adjournment – At 10:05 a.m., **on a unanimous roll call 9-0, voted to adjourn.**

Respectfully submitted by:
Amy Chastain
Secretary to the Committee