

Public Safety Committee
Council Chambers
November 20, 2013
7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilor David Walker, Chairman
Councilor James Gray
Councilor Stephen Hervey
Councilor Brian LaBranche
Councilor Peter Lachapelle

OTHERS PRESENT

Gretchen Young, PE Construction Engineer
Scott Dumas, Deputy Chief P.D.

Minutes

Councilor Walker brought the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. Public Input

There were no members of the public present.

2. Brock Street-no parking signs

Councilor Walker stated that there were a number of new “no parking” signs installed along both sides of Brock Street. Ms. Young stated that the 28 “no parking” signs could be removed. Councilor Walker stated that there were no parking issues on Brock Street and it had never been a problem. Councilor Hervey asked why they were put up. Councilor Walker said they were put in the engineering plans and no one noticed. Deputy Chief Dumas said that the homeowners and business’ have off street parking on Brock Street and that there were no parking issues. **Councilor Walker made a motion to recommend that full council approve removing the “no parking’ signs on Brock Street. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gray. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.**

3. Norway Plains road-speed limit signs

Councilor Walker read a letter that Brenda Dunn of 9 Lantern Lane in Rochester sent to the city manager requesting that two speed limit signs be installed on Norway Plains Road so that the speed limit is visible when traveling in both directions. Councilor Walker stated that really only the residence in that area travel on this roadway and that the city does not typically go into neighborhoods to put speed signs up. Councilor Walker also stated that there is an existing stop sign at the railroad tracks that acts as

a speed control. **Councilor Lachapelle made a motion to recommend that full council deny speed limit signs on Norway Plains Road. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hervey. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.** Councilor Gray requested that the police department do a few directed patrols in this area. Deputy Chief Dumas stated that they would do a couple directed patrols on Norway Plains Road.

4. Clow Court-dead end street

Councilor Walker read a letter from John Geigley of 362 Portland Street requesting a “dead end” sign at the end of Clow Court. Ms. Young said there was a dead end sign on a pole and when the company was going to removed the pole they took the sign off. Councilor Walker said the sign can just be replaced without going to full councilor because it was a existing sign.

5. Old Milton Road/Route 125- C& G Auto-no parking sign

Councilor Walker summarized the issue that vehicles can not park in front of Dunkin Donuts so they are parking in front of C & G Auto. C & G Auto put in stone and gravel and now vehicles that park there are dragging it out into the road when they leave. This is not safe for motorists particularly those on motorcycles. The owner of C&G Auto is requesting a “no parking” sign at this location. **Councilor Hervey made a motion to recommend that full councilor approve “no parking” in front of C & G Auto. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gray. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.**

6. Other

Stop sign-Alan Street

Councilor Gray said one of his constituents has requested a stop sign on Allen Street by Eastern Avenue. There is a fence and tree in the area and is hard to maneuver in this intersection. Councilor Gray asked Deputy Chief Dumas if he had any traffic data for this area. Deputy Chief Dumas said not to his knowledge. This was kept in committee and will be put on next month agenda. Deputy Chief Dumas will check for traffic data for Eastern Avenue and Allen Street and will bring to the next Public Safety Committee meeting.

Hemlock and Balsam Street

Councilor Lachapelle said there was a constituent who was requesting a yield sign on Balsam Street at the intersection with Hemlock Street. **Councilor Lachapelle made a motion to recommend that full council to approve a yield sign at the end of Balsam at the discretion of DPW. The motion was seconded by Councilor LaBranche. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.**

Stuarts Green House

Councilor LaBranche stated that Jim Stuart at Stewarts Greenhouse was requesting a guardrail. Councilor Walker said this was already requested once. Councilor Hervey said he thought that the last time this was brought up there were boundaries and property issues. This was kept in committee. Ms. Young will gather the old data and bring back to the committee next month.

Goodwin Way Street Sign

Councilor Walker stated that the Goodwin Way Street sign had been stolen and needs to be replaced.

Hale Street

Councilor Walker stated that the Hale Street sign was missing and needed to be replaced.

Councilor Walker had some street light request that need to be called into PSNH.

Councilor Lachapelle made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Hervey. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
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