

Public Safety Committee
Council Chambers
June 18, 2014
7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilor David Walker, Chairman
Councilor Jake Collins
Councilor Robert Gates
Councilor Donald Hamann
Councilor Peter Lachapelle

OTHERS PRESENT

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

Minutes

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

1. Public Input

There were no members of the public present.

2. Hillsdale Drive-Parking Concerns

Councilor Walker summarized the issue. Councilor Lachapelle stated that he did visit the area and he said if the trees and brush were removed, there would be ample parking by the gate. He also stated that the back parking lot could be used for parking but it would cost a lot of money to clear the area. Councilor Walker said that it would be a ½ mile walk if people had to walk from the Community Center. Councilor Lachapelle said that the school department should clear a wider path and provide parking along the side of the roadway. The committee determined that they would recommend this to the school department. **Councilor Lachapelle made a motion to deny the “no parking” signs on Hillsdale Drive. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hamann. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.** Deputy Chief Dumas said if the area does not get cleared they will have to address this issue again because, as it is, the parking is impeding a clear path for emergency vehicles.

3. Liberty and Charles Street-Arrow/Parking Signs-Status Update

Councilor Lachapelle stated that the issue had been recently resolved. Ms. Young said she spoke to one of the citizens who had complained about the sign location. She said she now knows where to place the signs.

4. Wakefield/Columbus Street Lighting

Councilor Walker summarized the issue. Deputy Chief Dumas said that the gentleman that had an issue with the lighting came to the dispatch center to voice his concern. Deputy Chief Dumas said he does not see the problem with the lighting on Wakefield and Columbus. Councilor Walker said it does meet the street light policy. No action was taken on this request.

5. Ray/Hussey-Dead End Sign

Councilor Walker summarized the issue. Councilor Walker said that Ray and Hussey are off from Dewy Street near Holy Rosary Church. Deputy Chief Dumas said there is a sign there. Ms. Young said DPW just replaced the sign and it is across from Hussey Street. Councilor Walker said that there probably wouldn't have been a problem if there was not a yard sale in the area; he said most people know the area. Deputy Chief Dumas said there are bushes near the sign and they should be trimmed. **Councilor Lachapelle made a motion to deny the "dead end" sign on Ray and Hussey Streets. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gates. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.**

6. Others

Milton Road

Brian LaBranche owns a business on Milton Road. Vehicles use his drive-way for turning around. He installed a gate in his parking lot because vehicles were using it as a cut through to Salmon Falls Road. Deputy Chief Dumas said the area could be coned off. Councilor Collins stated he thought the city removed curbing in the area. Councilor Walker said yes, to widen the area for trucks. **Councilor Lachapelle made a motion to place two barrels at the discretion of DPW. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gates. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.**

Franklin and Chamberlain Streets

Councilor Collins said there is a vine growing by the intersection and is near the stop sign now. The bushes need to be trimmed for line site issues. Ms. Young will have this taken care of.

Pickering Road

Ms. Young wanted to update the committee on this issue. She said she wrote a letter to the state, but found that it has not been a simple process. Deputy Chief Dumas said since there has been police enforcement speeding has gone down on Pickering Road.

Corner of Yale, Harvard and Washington Street

Councilor Hamann said there are street signs in the Yale, Harvard and Washington Street area that are down and by Pine, Waldron and Lafayette streets as well. Councilor Walker said that every street should have a street sign for 911 purposes.

Estes and Washington Street Intersection Update

Councilor Gates asked if there was an update on the Estes and Washington street intersection. Ms. Young said there is no new news at this time. Councilor Walker said it could be a while if the house is under study.

Brock Street final coat

Councilor Lachapelle asked when the final coat was to be applied to Brock Street. Ms. Young said after school is out.

Maple Street

Councilor Hamann said the area in front of Maple Street is frequently lined with cars and UPS and Fedex trucks have a hard time getting around them. Deputy Chief Dumas will have a directed patrol done in the area.

Councilor Lachapelle made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Gates. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Laura Miller
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