

Public Safety Committee
Councilor Chambers
February 18, 2015
7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Councilor James Gray
Councilor Ray Varney
Michael Bezanson, PE Acting Director, DPW
Rick Lundborn
Leo Brodeur, 29 Sugar Brook Road

Minutes

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

1. Public Input

Leo Brodeur of 29 Sugar Brook Road was present to discuss the recent safety concerns with the robberies in the area of Stillwater Circle. Mr. Brodeur said that no information is being shared with the residents; he knows it's an active investigation, but they are getting no updates regarding the situation. He stated that there has been police presence at least twice a day. He said he believes that there have been 2 police officers assigned to the area, but there has been very little feedback. Councilor Lachapelle asked if the Public Safety Committee could ask the Police Department what was going on. Councilor Walker stated that the residents deserve to get some information, he said the Police Department probably cannot say much because it's an ongoing investigation but they deserve some sort of update. There was not police presence at the meeting, Councilor Lachapelle will try to get an update from them and pass it on to Mr. Brodeur.

2. Timing of Lights at Airport Drive/Rt. 108-Update

Councilor Walker summarized the issue. Mr. Bezanson stated that these lights are regulated by the state and that this issue has not been addressed yet. He said they might be waiting for warmer weather because they may have to dig in the area to repair the issue. This was kept in committee.

3. Granite State Business Park Safety Concerns

Councilor Walker summarized the issue. Rick Lundborn was present to discuss the safety concerns in the area. He stated that they wanted to improve safety within the Granite State Business Park with TIF funds. The only street- light in the area is a cobra head and it sets way back. There are not many sidewalks in the area and he said that there are a lot of people that walk on their lunches and breaks.

He would also like to see the bus stop moved for safety reasons. Councilor Lachapelle said that these concerns should also go to the Public Works Committee and the Finance Committee. Mr. Lundborn said there are larger businesses in the park now and an increased number of people. Councilor Varney asked Mr. Bezanson if this was in the 2016 Public Works budget. Mr. Bezanson said that he didn't think so. Councilor Walker asked if Airport Drive was wide enough and if there were any poles on it. Mr. Lundborn said yes the street was wide enough and the utilities are underground. Councilor Walker said the money needs to get put in the budget for 2016 because these are safety concerns, then they will bring to full council.

4. Other

Parking Issue at Athletic Field Update

Councilor Gates asked if there was an update regarding the parking issue near the athletic field. Councilor Walker said the school board is going to design parking at the vacant lot and that he would touch base with them and get back to the committee.

Sheepboro Road-Snow Push Backed

Councilor Gray asked if the snow was pushed back on Sheepboro Road. Mr. Bezanson said he would talk to DPW about the snow being pushed back. DPW will also attempt to re-grade the side of the road in the spring.

Municipal Parking Lot Signage

Councilor Walker asked if there were different signs for the municipal parking lots because the current ones with the "P" are confusing and people are not so sure which lots are for municipal parking. Mr. Bezanson will see what's available for signage. This was kept in committee and Mr. Bezanson will get back to the committee next month with the information.

Street-light Request-Harry Street

Mr. Bezanson asked about the street-light request for Harry Street. He said there was a light already on Brickyard that could be moved to another pole near the intersection. Councilor Walker said that would be fine.

Street-Lights

Councilor Varney said there were many street-lights that are out on Milton Road, the city still pays for them when they're out. He suggested if DPW gets an intern they could go around at night to write down the pole numbers of the ones out.

Councilor Gates made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Collins. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
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