

Public Safety Committee
Council Chambers
July 18, 2018
7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilor David Walker
Councilor Robert Gates
Councilor Geoff Hamann
Councilor Jeremy Hutchinson
Councilor Peter Lachapelle

OTHERS PRESENT

Michael Bezanson, PE, City Engineer
Gary Boudreau, Deputy Police Chief
Dan Camara, GIS/Asset Mgmt. Technician
Chief Mark Klose, Fire Department

Minutes

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

1, Public Input

There were no members of the public present.

2. E911 Update

Deputy Chief Boudreau stated that he did not have an update for the Committee; he was out of the office on the day of the meeting and he will find out how the meeting went on Thursday. He said he believes they are still on track for the September public hearing for Eastern Avenue. He also stated that the entire Rochester Neck Road needs to be renumbered and they are working with Waste Management to do that. Councilor Walker asked if there was going to be other streets beside Eastern Avenue and Rochester Neck Road that would be renumbered. Deputy Chief Boudreau said they talked about other streets particularly the 2 Main Streets. Chief Klose stated that they have to address street issues as they are brought forward from 911 and the Committee would have to deal with those streets as they come in.

3. Emergency Management Updates

Chief Klose addressed the weather event that occurred on Tuesday. He said the Fire Department responded to a structure fire that was not weather related, it was

confined to the kitchen and due to cooking with oil. The NHDOT shed near the bypass was struck by lightning during the storm. There was damage to one of the radio towers, one of the antennas blew off the tower and fed back into the building, there was little damage to the building. They did have multiple calls. They responded with mutual aid to Somersworth, they had a few blocks that had some damage from the storm. Chief Klose said they are on track with the Hazard Mitigation Plan; it is at Strafford County Planning. He said on the Emergency Management side of things, EMD's statewide are requesting the presentation for the warming facility that was presented in December and January, by Chief Klose and Tori Genison of Strafford Regional Planning Commission. Councilor Walker asked if there was a procedure for the warming shelter. He said yes and that Strafford County is working on a shelter plan and that they would add to the plan they already have in place. The Emergency Preparedness Grant is still on going, they are working with Julian Long, the grant coordinator, on this.

4. Dry Hill Road-Speed Limit Sign Request (kept in committee pending data)

Councilor Walker summarized the issue. Deputy Chief Boudreau said that the speed trailer had an extended stay on Dry Hill Road; the vehicle that tows the trailer was in the shop for bodywork. The speed trailer was on Dry Hill Road for 26 days. There were 16,700 vehicles that traveled Dry Hill Road during that time period with the 85th percentile speed being 38.3 mph and the average speed being 32.3 mph. Deputy Chief Boudreau said the highest speed was 76 mph which occurred after 10:00 PM and in the afternoon there were a couple that were going 60+ mph. ***Councilor Hamann made the motion to deny the "speed limit" sign on Dry Hill Road. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gates. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.***

5. Other

Hansonville/Flagg Road Line of Site-Update

Mr. Bezanson gave an update to the committee regarding the Hansonville/Flagg Road line of site work that was done. He stated that the trimming work was complete. Councilor Lachapelle asked Mr. Bezanson if the work was needed. Mr. Bezanson said yes there was definitely a need for trimming and it has been completed.

City Hall Parking Signs

Mr. Bezanson said that the signs that the City Council approved for the City Hall parking lot and the downtown crosswalks are on order and will be installed in the upcoming weeks.

Collins Circle-Street Light

Mr. Bezanson said that he has received one quote for the streetlight on Collins Circle. He said that the work was more substantial than just adding a streetlight to the pole. They are moving forward with this and are in the process of getting more quotes.

Police Presence Downtown

Councilor Hamann said that based upon statements made at last night's City Council meeting it seems to be perceived that there is not a police presence downtown. Deputy Chief Boudreau stated that there has already been an increased bicycle police presence this summer. He also said that he has a meeting tomorrow with the Chief of Police and some others to discuss this issue, so that a plan can be presented to the Council and the citizens. Councilor Walker added that the public input at last night's City Council meeting was kind of disturbing regarding the perception of a lack of police presence in the downtown. He asked Deputy Chief Boudreau to please forward the plan and information to the Public Safety Committee when there is something in place.

Councilor Gates made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM. Councilor Lachapelle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Laura Miller, Secretary II.

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Time of Day: 0:00 to 23:59

Site: Dry Hill Rd near 4 corners, NB

Dates: 6/22/2018 to 7/17/2018

Overall Summary

Total Days of Data: 26

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85th Percentile Speed: 38.31

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Minimum Speed: 5.0

Maximum Speed: 76.0

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