

Public Safety Committee  
Council Chambers  
September 17, 2014  
7:00 PM

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Michael Bezanson, PE City Engineer  
Councilor James Gray  
Scott Dumas, Deputy Chief P.D.  
Tom Darcy, 138 Estes Road  
Mark Jennings, 143 Estes Road

Minutes

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

1. Public Input

The residents that were present were there for item number 2 of the agenda.

2 Route 202 and Estes Road-signage

Councilor Walker summarized the issue. Tom Darcy of 138 Estes Road was present to voice his concern with the issues in the area, which are speed, sight line problems and traffic volume. Councilor Walker stated that Route 125 was state jurisdiction. Mr. Darcy asked if the city could do anything. Councilor Walker said a letter had been sent to the state of New Hampshire and another could be sent. Councilor Walker said a traffic study has been done and it does not warrant traffic lights. Councilor Lachapelle asked what the speed limit was. Deputy Chief Dumas said 45 mph. Mr. Bezanson said that the recent communication which the city received from the NHDOT indicated that they are continuing to pursue improvements to the intersection and are currently working with the Federal Highway Administration and NH Division of Historical Resources; process that could take months. Mark Jennings lives at 143 Estes Road and he was present to voice his concerns regarding this intersection. He stated that people can not see down the hill towards Rochester. Councilor Walker asked Mr. Bezanson to send another letter to the State of New Hampshire and to whether any speed reduction measures have been considered.

3. New soccer field-parking concerns

Councilor Walker summarized the issue regarding the parking problem near Pink Street. The school has put up small "no parking" signs along the fence. Kevin

Hebert, Athletic Administrator for Spaulding High School sent in an e-mail that the school is open to other possible solutions to the parking problem. Councilor Walker asked Mr. Bezanson to send a letter to the School Department on the status of the parking lot at the end of Hillsdale Road. No action was taken, waiting for more information.

4. State Street-traffic issue

Councilor Walker stated that item 6 on the agenda is the same item. A letter has been sent to Cedarbrook Village and there has been no response from the owner. Councilor Gray asked if a stop line could be painted. Councilor Walker said it would be on the City Right-of Way. Deputy Chief Dumas said that without a “stop” sign the stop line is not enforceable and that only major traffic violations are enforceable on private property. Deputy Chief Dumas said a “yield” sign may be more enforceable. This was kept in committee, Mr. Bezanson will check the city right-of-way before the committee decides if a “yield” sign would be a good option.

5. Sampson Road-street signage

Councilor Walker stated that the “stop” sign on Sampson Road tends to become twisted and that the street sign was supposed to be moved to a separate pole. Mr. Bezanson stated that the street sign is now on its own pole positioned on the opposite side of Sampson Road from the “stop” sign. This issue was closed.

6. Other

Warren Street-Councilor Collins

Councilor Collins said that a resident of Grove Street was concerned with the fighting and loud noises coming from the blue building on Warren Street. Deputy Chief Dumas said he would talk to the officer that covers this area.

Maple Street-no parking

Councilor Hamann said he had a few residents talk to him about banning parking on the upper end of Maple Street by Fairway Avenue. He stated that the street was narrow and vehicles park on both sides of the road. This was kept in committee so more information could be gathered.

Brock Street- signs covered by leaves

Councilor Lachapelle stated that travelling Brock Street from Route 125 there is a sign obstructed by branches near Washington Street. Mr. Bezanson will have the branches trimmed back.

## Fireworks

Councilor Lachapelle asked Deputy Chief Dumas to confirm that the Police Department was aware of the ordinance prohibiting fireworks. Deputy Chief Dumas stated that they were aware of the prohibition.

## Dry Hill Road Up Date

Deputy Chief Dumas updated the committee on the Dry Hill Road's speeding issue. He stated that Officer Harding made contact with both parties and there have been no more incidents to date. Councilor Gates said he has not heard about any more incidents from the neighbors. Deputy Chief Dumas said the officer will be doing follow ups in the area.

## Motor vehicle complaint-park and ride update

Deputy Chief Dumas gave an up date on the complaint by the park and ride. A traffic study was done. The average speed was 40 mph, and the speed limit in the area is 30 mph.

## Motor vehicle complaint-Salmon Falls Road update

Deputy Chief Dumas said the police department met with the bus company and that they can not do anything. They also talked to the school and there is nothing that they can do. An officer was in the area the first week of school and there were no issues. The "school bus" signs have been installed.

Councilor Lachapelle made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Gates. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted by  
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Secretary II, DPW