

**Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2023
6:00 PM
Council Chambers**

Members Present

Councilor Peter Lachapelle, Chair
Councilor Alexander de Geofroy
Councilor Skip Gilman
Councilor Dana Berlin

Members Absent

Councilor Amy Malone

Others Present

Councilor Donald Hamann
Jarrod Norris, P.E. Assistant City Engineer
Gina Golden-Silvestro, GIS/AM Technician
Deputy Chief Jason Thomas, PD

Councilor Lachapelle brought the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

1. Approve Minutes from June 21, 2023 Public Safety Meeting

Councilor de Geofroy MOVED to approve the minutes from June 21, 2023. Councilor Gilman seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote.

2. Public Input

No members of the public were present for public input.

3. Salmon Falls Road Speed Limit Issue and Electronic Sign Placement (kept in committee)

Councilor Lachapelle summarized the issue and asked if the committee would like to see what they do with speed tables downtown. Councilor Gilman stated he would like to leave it alone for now. **(kept in committee)**

4. Flashing Lights and Raised Table Policy Discussion (kept in committee)

Councilor Lachapelle stated that Director of City Services Peter Nourse had some concerns. Mr. Nourse requested attendance from the Fire Department be present at the meeting. There is no one present from the Fire Department to discuss. Councilor Lachapelle opens committee for discussion. Councilor Berlin discusses intent of draft policy. Councilor Hamann stated that he thinks it requires a further discussion and likes the idea of the public hearing point as well. Councilor Berlin stated the policy would require each individual request go to its own public hearing. Councilor Lachapelle will reach out requesting attendance from the Fire Department for the next meeting. **(kept in committee)**

5. Chestnut Street Speed Control (kept in committee).

Councilor Lachapelle stated this is a speed table concern that is being discussed. **(kept in committee).**

6. Highland Street / Eastern Avenue (kept in committee).

Mr. Norris summarized the issue. Mr. Norris stated this is a State controlled light. He reached out to NHDOT and expressed the concern, this is under review. Kept in committee Mr. Norris will provide an update to the committee at the next meeting.

7. Rangeway Drive

Councilor Lachapelle stated this is a speed table concern that is being discussed. **(kept in committee).**

8. Spring Street

Councilor Gilman summarized the issue. He spoke to residents that have a concern with the ballfield, balls are going out onto the road. Deputy Chief Thomas stated the City Manager is dealing with this issue with Chief Boudreau. Councilor Lachapelle stated he will follow up with the City Manager for an update. **(kept in committee)**

9. Other

Speeding Concern Procedural Guidelines

Councilor de Geofroy asked if it would be beneficial for the City to have a standard guideline on how to approach speeding complaints. This would be a standard process for the committee to follow to try to address the issue. Councilor Lachapelle asked if Councilor de Geofroy would like to draft something for the committee to discuss next month. Councilor de Geofroy stated he take a look at and welcomed everyone's input on different options. **(kept in committee).**

Downtown Speed Limit Signs

Councilor Berlin stated that the 25 mph speed limit signs have been put up recently downtown and he has noticed that people are going slower specifically by the high school.

Councilor Lachapelle ADJOURNED the meeting at 6:18 PM.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by Ronda Boisvert, Administrative Assistant II