



City of Rochester, New Hampshire

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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April 14, 2021

TO: Public Safety Committee

REGARDING: Public Safety Committee Meeting

There will be a Public Safety Committee meeting on
April 21, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. – to be conducted
remotely

[Meeting preamble](#)

for City Meetings during COVID-19

City of Rochester, NH

There will be a Public Safety Committee Meeting held on April 21, 2021 at 6PM. This meeting will be broadcast on Cable 26 for Atlantic Broadband customers, and on channel 22 for Comcast customers, and the meeting will stream online at City's website WWW.Rochesternh.net.

Good Evening, as Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee, I am declaring that an emergency exists and I am invoking the provisions of RSA 91-A:2, III (b). Federal, state, and local officials have determined that gatherings of 10 or more people pose a substantial risk to our community in its continuing efforts to combat the spread of COVID-19. In concurring with their determination, I also find that this meeting is imperative to the continued operation of City government and services, which are vital to public safety and confidence during this emergency. As such, this meeting may be conducted without a quorum of this body physically present in the same location.

a.) **Public Input:** Due to the ongoing situation with COVID-19, the City of Rochester will be taking extra steps to allow for public input, while still ensuring participant safety and social distancing. In lieu of attending the meeting, those wishing to share comments, with the Public Safety Committee are encouraged to do so by the following methods:

- **Mail:** Public Safety Committee, Rochester DPW 45 Old Dover Road
Rochester, NH 03867 (*must be received at least three full days prior to the anticipated meeting date*)
- **Email:** laura.miller@rochesternh.net (*must be received no later than 4:00 pm of meeting date*)
- **Voicemail:** 603-335-7569 (*must be received no later than 12:00 pm on said meeting date in order to be transcribed*)

Please include with your correspondence the intended meeting date for which you are

submitting. *All correspondence will be included with the corresponding meeting packet (Addendum).*

In addition to the above listed public access information, **the City Council will be allowing the public to enter Council Chambers and speak in person during the Public Input portion of this meeting.** In an effort to adhere to CDC guidelines: enter only at the front Wakefield Street entrance and exit on the side closest to the police department and adhere to 6-foot social distancing while inside. Hand sanitizer and facemasks will be available at the Wakefield Street entrance. Participants will be admitted into Council Chambers one at a time to speak, and will exit directly thereafter. Please note; the seating in Council Chambers will not be available for the public during meetings.

At this time, I also welcome members of the public accessing this meeting by phone. The public can call-in to the below number using the conference code. This meeting will be set to allow the public to “listen-in” only, and there will be no public comment taken via conference line during the meeting.

Phone number: 857-444-0744 Conference code: 843095

b.) **Roll Call:** Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by Roll Call vote.

Let’s start the meeting by taking a Roll Call attendance. When each member states their name (and/or ward), also please state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law. (Additionally, Council members are required to state their name and ward each time they wish to speak.)

AGENDA

1. Public Input
2. Nottingham Lane-Speeding Issue-Requesting Speed Limit Sign (kept in committee)
3. Streetlight Request Intersection of Chestnut Hill Road & Elmo Lane (kept in committee)
4. Near 201 Chestnut Hill Road-Signage Request-“Blind Driveway”& “deer crossing” signs or similar signage
5. Portland Street-Safety Concerns near Curve, Portland, Pearl and Cocheco Ave.
6. Willey Street-Removal of “Deaf Person” Sign
7. E911 Update
8. Emergency Management Update
9. Covid-19 Statistics Update
10. Other

cc: Mayor and City Council
Chief Paul Toussaint
Deputy Chief Gary Boudreau
Chief Mark Klose
Assistant Chief Tim Wilder
Mr. Michael Bezanson

Mr. Timothy Goldthwaite
Ms. Laura Miller
Ms. Lisa Clark

February 17, 2021

Dear Safety Committee,

Our street, Nottingham Lane is in the Ward 1 district. The road contains 12 single family homes and is just outside of the Rochester city limits. There is presently no posted speed limit sign. Our street is a non through way, straight and relatively short distance with a grass filled common area inside the roundabout at the very end of the cul-de-sac.

Although there are some instances where drivers who are unfamiliar with the street drive to fast, our main concern lies with one neighbor and her newly licensed teenage son regarding the speed in which they are driving. This has been an ongoing concern for a few years. They have both been asked numerous times by street residents to slow their speed to an appropriate level based on the surroundings. Unfortunately, the police have been called several times due to her lack of cooperation and common sense.

The driving poses a great danger to the residents and twenty plus young children (under 10) who live and play here.

We would collectively like to address the issue as the warmer weather approaches and before it escalates further or results in a tragedy. Please consider our request to add an appropriate speed limit, possibly 15mph based on size of street and demographics of the residents and enforce it with the appropriate signage.


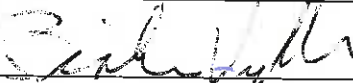








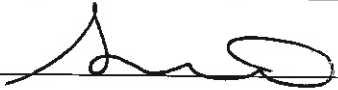


Attached we have signatures from each of the other 11 households all in agreement that this matter should be addressed and is of great concern.

Sincerely,

Sarah Giberson

Petition to Lower Speed - Nottingham Lane

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| Petition summary and background | Request to lower speed limit and enforce with signage |
| Action petitioned for | Ward 1: Nottingham Lane East Rochester 03868 |

| Printed Name | Signature | Address | Comment | Date |
|--------------------------------|---|--------------------|---|---------|
| Douglas Smith |  | 13 Nottingham Lane | | 2-17/21 |
| Richard & Laurie Verville |  | 14 Nottingham Lane | | 2/17/21 |
| Susan Williams |  | 19 Nottingham Lane | | 2/17/21 |
| Darrin & Melissa Maggy |  | 20 Nottingham Lane | | 2/17/21 |
| Zeke & Amanda Lapierre |  | 23 Nottingham Lane | | 2/17/21 |
| Tony & Laura Harland |  | 24 Nottingham Lane | | 2/17/21 |
| Christopher & Micha Proulx |  | 28 Nottingham Lane | | 2/17/21 |
| Tyler & Michelle Lebs |  | 29 Nottingham Lane | | 2/17/21 |
| Bradley & Karri Grinnell |  | 33 Nottingham Lane | | 2/17/21 |
| Gonzalo Tapia & Sarah Giberson |  | 34 Nottingham Lane |  | 2/17/21 |
| Sarah & Matthew Haberkorn |  | 37 Nottingham Lane | | 2/17/21 |
| Josh Beal & Amber Smith |  | 45 Nottingham Lane | | 2/17/21 |

Laura Miller

From: Donald Hamann
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 4:17 PM
To: Laura Miller
Subject: Safety

I tried to send this earlier and also cc'd myself. Since I did not get it I thought I should resend.

Please add to safety committee agenda the request below from councilor Lachance:

Good morning sir I know that we have a street light policy about having a light at the intersection of every road at least that was my understanding there's no street lights at the intersection of Chestnut Hill Road and Elmo Lane perhaps you could bring that to your committee for me and have that situation rectified

Thank you



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Ms. Miller,

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me. We have been having issues for 2 years now where cars will go down Chestnut Hill rd at 40-50 mph in a 35. Last weekend, someone ran into our neighbors yard, taking down the sign that said "Hidden Drive" With three vehicle crashes in the 2 years we have owned our house and one crash resulting in a death, we desperately need the sign back up warning of our driveway. With the speeders, we have nearly been hit a few times.

Secondly, we have seen 2 deer hit in front of our house and we would like a sign warning people. Thank you so much and if you have any questions please feel free to call.

Jason and Stephanie Fraine

201 Chestnut Hill Rd

774-392-7148

Fw: [Rochester NH] Portland st and curve concerns (Sent by Rebecca Behr, rbehr92@gmail.com)

Donald Hamann <donald.hamann@rochesternh.net>

Wed 3/24/2021 10:06 AM

To: Laura Miller <laura.miller@rochesternh.net>

Cc: Public Safety Committee <public.safety.committee@rochesternh.net>

Laura

Please add to next Public Safety Meeting



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From: Caroline McCarley <caroline.mccarley@rochesternh.net>

Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 9:21 AM

To: City Council <CityCouncil@rochesternh.net>; rbehr92@gmail.com <rbehr92@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: [Rochester NH] Portland st and curve concerns (Sent by Rebecca Behr, rbehr92@gmail.com)

Thank you for your email. We will have public safety and public works look into thee concerns. We appreciate hearing from concerned citizens. all the best, Caroline

From: Contact form at Rochester NH <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 8:15 AM

To: City Council <CityCouncil@rochesternh.net>

Subject: [Rochester NH] Portland st and curve concerns (Sent by Rebecca Behr, rbehr92@gmail.com)

Hello City Council,

Rebecca Behr (rbehr92@gmail.com) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.rochesternh.net/users/city-council/contact>) at Rochester NH.

If you don't want to receive such e-mails, you can change your settings at

<https://www.rochesternh.net/user/661/edit>.

Message:

Good morning,

My name is Rebecca Behr, I reside at 905 Portland st. I am writing to you to inform you of road dangers in my area. I have owned my house the last 5 years and before that lived in the same neighbor for several years. I would like to encourage you to brainstorm ideas to make the curve at Portland, pearl and cocheco safer. Over the time I have lived here I personally have witnessed at least 10 accidents of people hitting the pole in front of my house. I have also witnessed several vehicles

driving on the sidewalk after not following the turn of the road. Last year when they were repaving the sidewalks a vehicle went onto the sidewalk and struck cement and had to have SUR come out to remove the cement from around the vehicle in order to tow the vehicle out. Monday night someone drove on the sidewalk and smashed into the trash bins and pushed them approx 75ft down the road. On multiple occasions the trash bins have been the thing someone hits and realizes they aren't on the road, keeping them from hitting my house. I have had my trash bin(on the side of sidewalk) hit my house several times from people smashing into them at high speeds.

When you include people hitting the pole in front of my house and others hitting trash cans, driving up on the curb and other non reportable offenses the number is outrageous. I have small children, and there are always kids, families and others walking down the sidewalk. My concern is that one of these times it won't be a pole or a trash bin getting hit by drivers missing the curve.

I am not sure if/any options there are available to keep drivers on the roads but I did want to bring that area and my concerns to your attention. Perhaps add speed bumps to encourage people to slow down, it's a highly traveled area as its right next to Nancy Loud School, I'm sure the crossing guards can contest to the fact many people fly down the road and that one particular curve I am concerned about.

Thank you for looking into this and I hope you have a wonderful Easter!

-Rebecca Behr

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Laura Miller

From: Claire Blanchette
Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2021 9:36 AM
To: Michael Bezanson
Subject: Willey Street - "Deaf Person" signs (2)

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Good Morning Mike,

John Lepkowski at 14 Willey Street (contact number is 671-0725) called regarding/concerned about the "Deaf Person" sign in front of his house. He stated that the deaf person (named Lou) hasn't lived at 20 Willey Street since about 15 years ago. The people who required the sign was the neighbors who lived at 18 Willey Street (Hoover).

There is 1 sign coming in from North Main Street on the right in front of 14 Willey Street and the other sign is somewhat near 28 Willey Street coming in from Walnut Street.

Mr. Lepkowski would like know if the sign can be removed because there is no deaf person on the street. I advised him that I will submit to the Safety Committee Chair and he was greatly appreciative of the notification.

Please let me know if there is anything else needed. Thank you

Claire