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CITY COUNCIL

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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July 12, 2023

TO: Public Safety Committee

REGARDING: Public Safety Committee Meeting

There will be a Public Safety Committee meeting **July 19, 2023** at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes from June 21, 2023 Public Safety Meeting-pages 1-2
2. Public Input
3. Salmon Falls Road Speed Limit Issue and Electronic Sign Placement (kept in committee)
4. Flashing Lights and Raised Table Policy Discussion (kept in committee)
5. Chestnut Street -Speed Control
6. Highland Street Eastern Avenue- Left turn Green Light
7. Rangeway Drive- Speed Bumps- page 3
8. Spring St
9. Other

cc.

Mayor and City Council
Chief Gary Boudreau
Deputy Chief Jason Thomas
Fire Chief Dennis Dube
Mr. Jarrod Norris
Mr. Timothy Goldthwaite
Ms. Lisa Clark

Public Safety Committee

Draft Meeting Minutes June 21, 2023 6:00 PM Council Chambers

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Councilor Dana Berlin
Councilor Amy Malone

Others Present

Jarrod Norris, P.E. Assistant City Engineer
Gina Golden-Silvestro, GIS/AM Technician
Deputy Chief Jason Thomas, PD
Jason O'Brien, 261 Eastern Avenue

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

1. Approve Minutes from May 17, 2023 Public Safety Meeting

Councilor de Geofroy MOVED to update the minutes from May 17, 2023. Item #6 from The MOTION CARRIED the Motion to The MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote. Councilor de Geofroy voiced to amend Councilor Gilman seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote.

2. Public Input

Jason O'Brien of 261 Eastern Avenue was present to discuss having a streetlight installed on the existing pole located at the corner of Eastern Avenue and Regency Court. He is concerned with the crime activity and believes lighting this area will help. Mr. Norris stated that the Director of City Services Peter Nourse is working on updating the current street ordinance policy. ***Councilor de Geofroy MOVED to add a street-light to the corner of Eastern Avenue and Regency Court. Councilor Gilman seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote.***

Jason O'Brien of 261 Eastern Avenue was present to discuss having a green arrow light installed at the intersection of Highland Street. and Eastern Avenue for the traffic turning left onto Eastern Avenue. This is a very difficult place to turn left, you have to wait for the oncoming traffic to be clear before you can make this turn. ***Councilor Lachapelle recommends DPW look at it and look into the potential project across the street. (kept in committee)***

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

Councilor Lachapelle stated he is not ready to make any changes on this yet. Councilor Gilman agreed to give it a little time. **(kept in committee)**

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

Councilor Lachapelle stated the Director of City Services Peter Nourse is working on the language of the policy. **(kept in committee)**

5. Chestnut Street Speed Control

Councilor Lachapelle summarized the issue, he stated that the Mayor received an email from a resident requesting speed bumps to control speed. The committee is currently working on a policy that this may or may not qualify for in the new policy. **(kept in committee).**

6. 229 Salmon Falls Road Curve Sign Requested

Councilor Lachapelle summarized the issue. Mr. Norris stated he traveled this in both directions to see the concerns. He stated that he did follow the speed limit as posted and did not experience an issue. Deputy Chief Thomas stated that this section of the road is wavy, he believes this would be an odd place for a curvy sign. No action

7. Tibbetts Road Paint STOP in Thick White Paint

Councilor Lachapelle summarized the issue. An email was received asking for "STOP" to be painted in thick white paint. Mr. Norris stated he went and traveled this location and believes it is very clear that you need to stop ahead. He stated that there is advanced warning, a red flashing light above the stop sign, and a hanging red flashing light. Mr. Norris stated the white stop bars are worn and may need to be painted again. Chief Thomas stated he has people ask if the white line could be painted regularly and thicker, so the line is more visible. Mr. Norris will work with DPW to have the line repainted.

8. Other

Councilor Lachapelle summarized the issue. He received an email about a "no outlet" sign being put on Angela Way. There are numerous vehicle's that go down there and just turn around. Mr. Norris has noticed that there are "no outlet" signs on other cul-de-sacs. **Councilor de Geofroy MOVED to add no outlet sign to Angela Way Councilor Gilman seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote.**

Councilor Lachapelle summarized the issue. He received an email about a "stop" sign being put on Woodside Lane at the intersection of Four Rod Road. Deputy Chief Jason Thomas stated that if there is an accident, they cannot cite the driver for failure to stop if it is not posted. **Councilor Lachapelle MOVED to add stop sign on Woodside Lane at the Four Rod Road intersection at DPW discretion Councilor de Geofroy seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote.**

Councilor Lachapelle ADJOURNED the meeting at 6:37 PM.

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

Ronda Boisvert

From: Laura McDormand
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2023 2:16 PM
To: Jamie Dionne
Cc: Ronda Boisvert
Subject: RE: Speed Bumps - Rangeway Drive

Good Afternoon,

I will have this placed on the Public Safety Committee agenda for July. They meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month at City Hall in Council Chambers. July 19th, 2023 is the next meeting and you are more than welcome to come if you would like.

Thank You

Laura McDormand
Admin Services & Utility Billing Supervisor
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-----Original Message-----

From: Jamie Dionne <jamiekdionne@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2023 2:07 PM
To: Laura McDormand <laura.mcdormand@rochesternh.gov>
Subject: Speed Bumps - Rangeway Drive

Caution: External email.

Hi there,

I'm a resident who lives on Rangeway Drive (the development off of Norway Plains Road). I wanted to reach out to inquire about having speed bumps installed on our road and throughout the neighborhood. Over the past couple years, we've had an influx of newer residents that drive incredibly fast, specifically entering and existing the neighborhood on Rangeway as well as driving around the loop on Millers Farm Drive. I work from home and my window faces Rangeway Drive and I've witness vehicles going at LEAST 45 mph on these residential roads. This happens several times throughout the day. We have a lot of kids in the neighborhood who like to ride their bikes (my daughter included) as well as people walking their dogs and I fear it's only a matter of time before someone gets hit. I believe having speed bumps at the entrance/exits of the neighborhood and on Millers Farm will prevent people from driving at these high speeds. Please let me know if there's anything I can do to voice my concerns.

Thank you!
Jamie Dionne


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