



Amesbury

Traffic and Transportation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: June 10, 2015

Start: 6:30 PM at Amesbury Transportation Center

Attendees: Eric Eby, Anne Ferguson, Lauren Tirone, Steve Buonomo. Craig Berard absent.

Rob Desmarais, DPW Director, present.

New Business

Parking at intersection of Elm Street and Pearl Street has not been a problem in recent weeks. However, cars parking within Geo's parking lot are blocking the exit driveway around the back of the building, forcing vehicles to back out of the parking lot onto Elm Street, which can cause traffic and safety problems. Lauren to follow up with building inspector to have him ask the restaurant owners to keep the driveway clear to allow vehicles to exit onto Pearl Street.

Elm Street at Atlantic Avenue. Police have placed a traffic recorder on Elm Street to gather speed data in response to concerns with speeding. Rob to check on vegetation along Elm Street to see if it needs to be cut back to improve sight lines at the intersection.

Pedestrian crossing on Friend Street at Carriage Hill Road. Crosswalk is well marked, no need for another crosswalk. In-street sign not feasible as it would interfere with turning traffic and parking lot maneuvers. No action taken.

Merrimac Street and Swetts Hill Road intersection. No one from the public present to express their concerns with the intersection. Item tabled until future meeting when public is present.

Old Business

Clark Street at Market Street. Since last meeting, Lauren spoke with business owners, Fire and DPW regarding possible change to one-way flow on Clark Street. Everyone would be ok with one-way flow down the hill. **Motion by Anne, seconded by Lauren, to make Clark Street one-way from Market Street to Elm Street. Approved 4-0.** Eric to prepare plan and send to Rob, showing types and locations of signs and striping necessary for the change to one-way traffic. Rob to order signs and install by end of July. Rob to coordinate with Mayor's office to publicize change and make public aware several weeks prior to switch.

Atlantic Heights development project. Eric stated that based on a conversation with City Planner Nipun Jain, as well as the project engineers for the development, the project was approved by the Planning Board many years ago and has been granted extensions of their permits since that time. Project is finishing its MassDOT permitting process now, for both the driveway and the upgrades to the traffic signal at Route 110 and Route 150. Lauren wrote a letter to MassDOT on behalf of the Police Department stating their concerns with the proposed driveway location. However, site driveway meets sight line requirements for safety. Anne to call Bruce Kubik to update him on the status and send him a copy of Lauren's letter to the DOT.

Update of Traffic Regulations document. Eric informed the Committee that the document has been converted to a Word file, and now needs to be updated with all action items from meeting minutes from 1999 to the present. Rob has an intern that can work on the project over the summer. Anne to get copies of the minutes from the City Clerk's office. Eric to email the Word file to Rob for his intern's use.

Parking on Mill Street near Ovedia. Rob's crew to finish laying out parking space changes as recommended by the Committee. Eric to inspect when ready, before painting is done.

Atlantic Avenue no parking request. Committee discussed previous request to install No Parking Here to Corner sign at northeast corner of road in front of 2 Atlantic Avenue. Rob requested that Committee also approve No Parking Here To Corner signs on both sides of road at each 90 degree bend, to allow access for snow plows, sanders, fire and emergency vehicles. **Motion by Steve, seconded by Lauren, to install No Parking Here to Corner signs at all four locations, in accordance with state and local laws. Approved 4-0.**

Valet parking in front of 11 Elm Street. Eric to send Anne a sample license agreement that she can pass along to Jon Mooers for his use in presenting to the City Council.

No Trucks signs on Goss Avenue and Amidon Avenue. Rob Desmarais instructed by the Committee to remove these illegal signs and other signs that have been identified in previous meetings as needing changing that have not yet been done.

15 minute parking signs in Water Street parking lot near Crave. Rob to remove the three signs closest to Water Street, as they are no longer needed by Crave.

Next meeting will be September 21, 2015.

Motion to adjourn by Anne, seconded by Lauren at 8:10. Motion passed 4-0.