



Amesbury

Traffic and Transportation Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: January 24, 2022
Start: 7:09 PM Virtual Meeting
Attendees: Lauren Tirone, Robert Desmarais, Christopher Falcos, Christine Miller, James Nolan, Jonathan Hickok.

- Minutes from the two previous meetings were approved (Jim motion to approve, Chris 2nd, Roll call to approve: Lauren-yes, Chris-yes, Rob-yes, James-yes, Christine-yes, Owen-yes). Approved.

Old Business

- Changes to short-term parking downtown, outdoor seating and 15 minute parking spaces by Angela Cleveland
 - Angela was not in attendance. Lauren stated to the Committee there was nothing new with the item and it could be removed from the agenda. If Angela had anything new she would request a new item to be placed on the agenda. Chris made the motion with Jim 2nd. Roll call vote: Lauren-yes, Chris-yes, Rob-yes, James-yes, Christine-yes, Owen-yes. The motion passed.
- Request for a 4-Way Stop at the intersection of Pond Street and High Street by Gage Foley.
 - Rob asked that this item be continue to the March meeting and made a motion to the same. Chris 2nd. Roll call vote: Lauren-yes, Chris-yes, Rob-yes, James-yes, Christine-yes, Owen-yes. The motion passed.
- Abutter notices by Rob Desmarais.
 - Rob stated there were no updates at this time and to keep it on the agenda.
 - Rob also pointed out that City Councilor Jonathan Hickok wanted to speak. There were some technical issues with the sound but it was determined that Councilor Hickok was appointed as a member of the Traffic Committee in place of outgoing Councilor Matt Einson.
- Speeding issues and bus stop safety at 19 Woodman Road by D'Ann McBryan.
 - Lauren stated that Mrs. McBryan advised previously that she does not like crowds and being in front of a lot of people and would not be at the meetings in reference

to this, however as she recalled it was left the last meeting was that Rob stated he was going to check into moving the bus stop.

- Rob stated he has not contacted the school and recommends that we continue the item to February. Owen asked for a motion to continue which was made by Rob and 2nd by Councilor Hickok. Roll call vote: Lauren-yes, Chris-yes, Rob-yes, James-yes, Christine-yes, Councilor Hickok-yes, Owen-yes. The motion passed.
- Request for cones on Rocky Hill Road between Main St. & Andrew's Lane by Lynne Curtin.
 - Both John and Lynne Curtin were in attendance. Lynne stated that the cones were placed there in December and were there up until a few days ago and suddenly they were gone. Lynne requested that they be replaced because while they were there it slowed down the excessive speed and also kept people in their own lane. Lynne again asked Rob to put the cones back.
 - Rob stated that he was not sure that the DPW removed the cones and that the cones might have disappeared, but that they would put some more out.
 - Owen asked if this item will be kept on the agenda or removed. Chris made a motion to remove the item if the cones are going to be put back down there as requested. The motion was 2nd by James. Roll call vote: Lauren-yes, Chris-yes, Rob-yes, James-yes, Christine-yes, Councilor Hickok-yes, Owen-yes. The motion passed and the item will be removed.
- Main Street Traffic Improvements for Point Shore updates and calendar review by John Stevenson-**Continued until March meeting**
- Speed bumps on Lake Attitash Way by Crystal Reed.
 - Crystal Reed was in attendance. Crystal stated that she had brought this up to the Committee in the past and advised that the road is used as a traffic way through the area as direction bring traffic through that area, and it really is not wide enough. Crystal continued to say people go too fast through that area.
 - Chris agreed that we had talked about it in the past, and believed we just needed to know where to put them exactly or where the problem was, and asked Rob for clarification.
 - Rob stated that we were actually waiting to see if the 25 mph speed limit helped before implementing any speed bumps. Crystal said that the lowering of the speed limit to 25 did not help and actually there is a 20 mph speed limit sign on that road and it was brought up that the 20 mph speed sign was put up years ago without the approval of the Traffic Committee, but even with that it does not slow people down. Rob asked Crystal if the area in question was just on Lake Attitash Way. Crystal advised that cars come down Kimball and turn onto Lake Attitash Way and then onto Lake Attitash Road then out to Spindletree Road to Rt. 110. Rob the asked Crystal if she was requesting speed bumps the entire length of Lake Attitash Way. Crystal stated no, not at all but as she recalled she thought that Rob had talked about putting two on Lake Attitash Way and a couple on Spindletree.
 - Owen asked for a motion on the speed bumps. Chris made a suggestion that Lake Attitash Way and Spindletree are the two roads that need it the most because the two curves on Lake Attitash Road serve to already slow people down. Chris made a motion that the DPW put speed humps at their discretion on Lake Attitash Way and Spindletree Lane. Rob asked for a number of speed bumps. Chris

suggested two on Lake Attitash Way and possible three on Spindletree with one where it starts to narrow, in the area of the power lines. Rob then asked if we wanted to re-advertise this and re-address this next month. They would not be put in until spring anyway. Rob wants to send out a Swift 911 notice that would explain that the Traffic Committee would be discussing the installation of speed humps on Lake Attitash Way and Spindletree. Rob made a motion to continue this to the next meeting with Chris 2nd. Roll call vote: Lauren-yes, Chris-yes, Rob-yes, James-yes, Christine-yes, Councilor Hickok-yes, Owen-yes. Motion passed.

- Owen stated there was no new business and asked if anyone had anything else to discuss.
 - John Hickok stated she saw Sally Nutt on the phone and asked if she had anything to say. Sally stated she was here in reference to the Main Street project but saw it was put off until March and that she would return for the March meeting. Sally did state that the Main Street issue, especially in the area of Merrimac Street was getting worse.
 - Owen stated that he was asking earlier in the day if a Chair had been picked for the Committee since Councilor Einson had left the Committee and she advised that one had not. Owen was interested in possibly fulfilling the role as Chair if no one else was interested and if Councilor Hickok was not taking over that role. Owen stated he was in graduate school for Public Administration and was interested in getting more involved in the Committee. Councilor Hickok stated that he was not appointed as the Chair and as he understood it the Committee would elect a new Chair at this meeting. Councilor Hickok stated he would be happy if Owen would chair the committee and recommended a motion be made to nominate Owen as the Chair. Rob stated he would nominate Owen to be the Chair of the Committee with James 2nd. Rob asked if there were any other nominations, to which there were none. Roll call vote: Lauren-yes, Chris-yes, Rob-yes, James-yes, Christine-yes, Councilor Hickok-yes, Owen-abstained. Owen Corcoran is now the Chair of the Traffic Committee.

Next meeting scheduled for February 21, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

James made a motion to adjourn with meeting with Chris 2nd. Roll call vote: Lauren-yes, Chris-yes, Rob-yes, James-yes, Christine-yes, Councilor Hickok-yes, Owen-yes. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.