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Traffic and Transportation Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: May 16, 2022

Start: 7:03 PM Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Lauren Tirone, Robert Desmarais, Christopher Falcos, Christine Miller. Absent: Jonathan Hickok, James Nolan and Owen Corcoran.

- Minutes from the March meeting and the April special meetings were approved (Rob motion to approve, Lauren 2nd, Roll call to approve: Lauren-yes, Christine-yes, Rob-yes, Chris-yes). Approved.

Old Business

- Request for a 4-Way Stop at the intersection of Pond Street and High Street by Gage Foley.
 - Rob stated he would not know about funding for a few weeks and asked that it remain on the agenda.
- Abutter notices by Rob Desmarais.
 - Rob stated there was nothing new and asked that it remain on the agenda.
- Speeding issues and bus stop safety at 19 Woodman Road by D'Ann McBryan.
 - Rob was waiting to speak to whoever was in charge of the bus stop and asked that it remain on the agenda.
- Request for speed bumps on Lakeshore Drive by Stephen Mason.
 - Mr. Mason was not present and last time we spoke he was out of town. Motion to continue Lauren, 2nd by Rob. Roll call vote: Lauren-yes, Rob-yes, Christine-yes, Chris-yes. Motion passes.
- Speeding and safety issues on Beacon, Merrimac Street by Linda Hansen-Rodier.
 - Linda was not present at the meeting. Motion to continue to next meeting by Lauren, 2nd by Rob. Roll call vote: Lauren-yes, Rob-yes, Christine-yes, Chris-yes. Motion passes.
- Parking issues on Main Street at Clarks Road and Evans Place by Tracey Chalifour
 - Tracey was not present. Motion to continue by Christine, 2nd by Lauren. Roll call vote: Lauren-yes, Rob-yes, Christine-yes, Chris-yes. Motion passes.
- Main Street Traffic Improvements Update for Point Shore updates and calendar review by John Stevenson
 - John was present for the meeting. John said he had a question/comment for clarity regarding the work originally done by the committee and the plan that was put forward by Rob. John asked if that plan that had been worked was now on

hold or will there be anything that will still proceed. John also inquired as to with the new Merrimack River District Group working on this, he hopes that since the Traffic Committee has such a history with this issue and has a great amount of knowledge that they are fully involved still with this project. So I short, John asked for clarity of where things stand and if the Traffic Committee is fully involved including Rob.

- Rob stated that yes most everything is on hold. We are going to do the 3rd speed bump on Rocky Hill Road and still are looking for a satisfactory solution for the centerline issue there. Otherwise everything is on hold for the Merrimack River District. John thanked Rob for his input and asked if the Merrimack River District group came with something to the Traffic Committee would it be considered new business. Rob stated he was not sure, but if they came with a proposal we would consider that new business.
- Rob then moved to continue this item to the next meeting, Lauren 2nd. Roll call vote: Lauren-yes, Rob-yes, Christine-yes, Chris-yes. Motion passes.
- Appeal of TTC decision regarding speed bumps on Spindletree Lane by Lynn Hutchinson-remanded down from City Council on March 8, 2022.
 - Lynn was not present. Lauren however wanted to share that the police department did a speed and volume study recently for Spindletree from April 12th to the 21st. The average speed was 27.5 mph, there were a total of 7446 vehicles and the average speeder was going between 29.3 mph to 30.5 mph (speed limit 25mph) on any given day. This information shows that there really not a speeding issue on Spindletree which would support not installing speed bumps. Chris agreed that speed bumps would not decrease the speeds on that roadway and they may actually increase driver's speeds. Rob recommended that we keep this on the agenda since no one from Spindletree is at the meeting and so we can have all committee members here. Rob made the motion to continue and that the committee reaches out to the Spindletree residents to address the item at the next meeting, Lauren 2nd. Roll call vote: Lauren-yes, Rob-yes, Christine-yes, Chris-yes. Motion passes.

New Business

- Request that No Parking 10am-7am at 7 Orchard Street by removed by Sandy Laing.
 - Laing was not present and Lauren stated she forgot to reach out to her. Motion to continue by Lauren, 2nd by Rob. Roll call vote: Lauren-yes, Rob-yes, Christine-yes, Chris-yes. Motion passes.
- Administrative discussion regarding TTC Ordinance & comments by City Council President Wheeler at the Special Meeting on 04/21/22.
 - Rob suggested that we wait until the entire committee is present to discuss the item and requested it be continued. Lauren made the motion, with Christine 2nd. Roll call vote: Lauren-yes, Rob-yes, Christine-yes, Chris-yes. Motion passes.

Next meeting scheduled for July 18, 2022 at 7:00 pm. Meeting adjourned at 7:27p.m.