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Traffic and Transportation Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: December 19, 2022
Start: 7:02 PM Virtual Meeting
Attendees: Lauren Tirone, Robert Desmarais, Christopher Falcos, Christine Miller, James Nolan, and Owen Corcoran.

Old Business

- Approval of minutes for July 18, 2022 and October 18, 2022.
- O. Corcoran asked if there were any updates on previous agenda items such as the request for stop signs at Pond and High St. No updates were available.
- C. Falcos motioned to approve the minutes of July 18, 2022 as presented. R. Demarais seconded. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.
- L. Blatchford motioned to approve the minutes of October 18, 2022 as presented. C. Falcos seconded. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

New Business

- Request for “No Parking” signs on Clarks Rd. by Tracey Chalifour.
 - O. Corcoran stated that he’d been in contact with Tracey and said she would be unable to attend the meeting, but they she was fine with the TTC discussing the request since ample detail had been provided. O. Corcoran read the request into the record:

Clarks Road is a narrow and windy road with barely any sidewalks, and the sections that are somewhat visible are deteriorated and don’t provide safe pedestrian passage. This is exacerbated when vehicles park on the side of the street - they cover the decrepit and overgrown sidewalk (which I believe it is not legal to park on a sidewalk) along the fence at Birchwood Point. IT is also dangerous near the bottom of Clarks, closer to the river, when vehicles park on the side and force pedestrians and bicyclists to go into the travel lane at their own peril. With the volume of speeding vehicles using this road, on a downhill slope, it is an accident waiting to happen. Additionally, when another vehicle is forced to navigate around a vehicle parked on the street, it reduces the safety for oncoming vehicles. The road is too narrow to have vehicles parked on the side, and as a very busy cut-through street, it doesn’t make sense.

- O. Corcoran asked if any TTC members had comments on the request.
- C. Falcos stated that he feels that if someone is parked on Clarks Rd, there wouldn’t be enough room for people to pass the parked vehicle.

- L. Blatchford stated that the regulations would need to be changed, and that there would have to be a study, notice to abutters, and a discussion at the city council level.
 - O. Corcoran stated he would entertain a motion on the request.
 - R. Desmarais motioned that the TTC recommend to city council that Clarks Road be made a no parking zone between Route 110 and Main St. L. Blatchford seconded. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.
- O. Corcoran provided updates to Council Bill 2022-181, which had a first reading on December 13, 2023.
- O. Corcoran entertained a motion to adjourn. J. Nolan motioned to adjourn the meeting. L. Blatchford seconded. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.