

PARKING and TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

CONFERENCE ROOM A
CITY HALL, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, 1 JUNKINS AVENUE

Members of the public also had the option to join the meeting over Zoom.

8:30 AM

April 4, 2024

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Councilor Andrew Bagley called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

II. ATTENDANCE

Members Present:

Councilor Andrew Bagley
Steve Pesci (Z)
Public Works Director Peter Rice
Stefanie Casella, Planning Department
Deputy Police Chief Mike Maloney
Erica Wygonik
Dave Allen
Fire Chief William McQuillen
Mark Syracuse

Absent

Mary Lou McElwain

City Staff Present:

Parking Director Ben Fletcher
City Engineer – Parking, Transportation and Planning Eric Eby
Associate Engineer Tyler Reece

- A.** [00:05:07] Annual Selection of Chairman. Peter Rice moved to elect Councilor Andrew Bagley as chair and Steve Pesci as vice chair, seconded by Erica Wygonik. Motion carried on roll call vote, 9-0.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

[00:06:37] Mark Syracuse moved to accept the financial report dated February 29, 2024, seconded by Erica Wygonik. On roll call vote, motion carried 9-0.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

[0:07:35] There were nine speakers: Bill Davis, Jonathan Sandberg (Z), Martin Ryan (Z), Teresa Hill (Z), and Becky Vardell (Z) spoke regarding the intersection at Bartlett and Thornton Streets. Justin

Richardson, Matt Glenn (Z), and Stacey Szmyt (Z) spoke regarding traffic calming on Woodbury Avenue. Annie Poubeau spoke regarding both Woodbury Avenue and the intersection at Bartlett Street and Thornton Street.

V. PRESENTATIONS

None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

(No public comment during Committee discussion without Committee approval.)

- A. [00:27:39] Request for 15-minute parking space on Hanover Street at Vaughan Mall, by business owner. Erica Wygonik made a motion to refer to staff for evaluation of existing 15-minute spaces in the area and report back with recommendations, seconded by Peter Rice. Motion passed on roll call vote, 9-0.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. [00:29:45] Woodbury Avenue, discussion on alternative traffic calming measures. Staff to place additional speed feedback signs and continue to investigate options.
- B. [00:52:35] Bartlett Street and Thornton Street intersection, request for approval of raised intersection as part of Bartlett Street reconstruction, by DPW. Peter Rice moved to approve construction of a raised intersection on Bartlett Street at Thornton Street and remove stop signs on Bartlett Street at the intersection, as part of the Bartlett Street reconstruction project. Motion seconded by Erica Wygonik. On a 9-0 roll call vote, motion carried. Staff to also consider installation of RRFBs on Bartlett Street approaches as part of this project.

VIII. INFORMATIONAL

- A. [01:00:04] Police monthly accident report
- B. [01:00:27] Construction project updates

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

[01:04:18] Peter gave an update on the Rail Trail. We have received a grant to create two access parking points. There will also be an access point at the Skate Park. The official opening will be in October.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bagley adjourned the meeting at 9:32am.

Respectfully submitted,
Leila Birr
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Department of Public Works