

**May 23, 2022**  
**Traffic Safety Committee**

Members present: Councilors Morgan, Remillard and Berthiaume. Councilor Peter Morency was absent.

Others present: City Manager Phillip L. Warren Jr., Community Development Director Pamela Laflamme, Chief of Police Dan Buteau and Police Captain Nathan Roy.

Councilor Remillard advised she would Chair this meeting as Councilor Morency is absent.

Chair Remillard called the meeting to order at 5:17pm.

**Industrial Park Road – “No Pedestrian Traffic During the Day” signage request. (Councilor Morency, Captain Roy and Ms. Laflamme were going to look into the matter. From 4/25/22)**

Captain Roy commented he had no updates. He did attempt to contact Capone, but has yet to receive a return call. Chief Buteau commented the area is being monitored and has been much better. Ms. Laflamme commented the pedestrians walking there is not consistent so hard to monitor. Councilor Berthiaume commented there are still ongoing issues. She stated she made a motion at the last meeting to create an ordinance stating “this area is an industrial zone with no pedestrian traffic Monday through Friday between 7AM-5PM”. Mr. Warren commented an ordinance of this type couldn’t be enforced. Chair Remillard asked if this matter could be further looked into. Captain Roy stated he looked at other States and he wasn’t able to find anything. Mr. Warren advised he already looked at the RSA’s and there is nothing enforceable. Councilor Berthiaume feels this matter should be discussed further as businesses have come forward with safety concerns. Councilor Berthiaume moved to table this item until further discussion. Councilor Morgan seconded and the motion carried by all in favor.

**Minutes of November 22, 2021 and Minutes of April 25, 2022**

Councilor Morgan moved to accept the minutes of the November 22, 2021 and Minutes of April 25, 2022 Traffic Safety Committee meetings; Councilor Berthiaume seconded and the motion carried by all in favor.

**Review OHRV Ordinance (From 4/25/22)**

Councilor Berthiaume had requested for the Traffic Safety Committee to review the OHRV Ordinance as she had concerns about the Jericho Lake Road being open to traffic during ATV events. Councilor Roland Theberge entered the meeting at 5:41pm. Chair Remillard advised she reviewed the ordinance and suggested amending the Ordinance by **adding language** under number 4 which would read as follows;

*4. Anything above to the contrary notwithstanding, the City Council may, at any time by City Council motion, open up **or close** some or all streets in the City to OHRV use for named special events not to exceed two consecutive days in length; or in the event of temporary OHRV trail obstructions or other matters determined by the Council to require temporary OHRV street use for a length of time determined appropriate by the Council. If and when such City Council approval is given, City street use by OHRV’s shall still be subject to all of the requirements listed above for OHRV use of the authorized connector trail. (Ord. 5-21-2012) (Ord. July 16, 2012)*

Councilor Berthiaume moved to amend OHRV Ordinance 2017-03 to reflect the added language. Councilor Morgan seconded and the motion carried by all in favor.

Councilor Theberge expressed safety concerns about the ATV traffic traveling on the newly acquired stretch of road on Route 110 and entering Jericho Lake Road during winter. He feels the transition from 50mph to 40mph is sudden and winter road conditions raise safety concerns. Mr. Warren suggested anticipation signage advising of the reduced speed limit ahead. He commented this should come from NHDOT. Councilor Roland Theberge moved to table this item until the City Manager Looks into an anticipation sign with NHDOT. Councilor Morgan seconded and the motion carried by all in favor.

**Other**

Councilor Morgan asked for an update in regards to moving the solar powered school speed limit signs from Brown School to the Berlin Elementary School. Ms. Laflamme advised Assistant Public Works Director Mark Lapointe met with School Superintendent Julie King and they came up with a plan as to where the signs will move to. She advised that one of the signs was recently damaged from a car accident. Mr. Warren commented he would follow up with Public Works.

Councilor Theberge moved with a second from Councilor Morgan to adjourn the meeting and the motion carried by all in favor. The meeting ended at 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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\*Minutes are unofficial until they have been accepted by the City Council by motion.