

April 25, 2022
Traffic Safety Committee

Members present: Councilors Morency, Roland Theberge and Berthiaume. Councilors Remillard and Morgan were absent.

Others present: Interim City Manager Pamela Laflamme, Police Captain Nathan Roy and Connor Arsenault.

Councilor Berthiaume moved to appoint Councilor Morency as Chair of the Traffic Safety Committee, Councilor Theberge seconded and the motion carried by all in favor.

Chair Morency called the meeting to order at 5:34pm.

Minutes of the November 22, 2021

Chair Morency advised the vote to accept the minutes of the November 22, 2021 will take place at the next meeting.

Susan Genna - Request for left hand turn arrow signal on traffic lights on Glen Ave. to go over the bridge. (City Manager to obtain cost of a left-hand turn arrow signal. From 11/22/21)

Ms. Laflamme commented she didn't obtain the cost of a left-hand turn arrow signal. Captain Nathan Roy advised there is already a turn signal at that location. It does let the northbound traffic go first. Chair Morency suggested a delayed green light. Ms. Laflamme advised she would have Vaillancourt Electric take a look at it as there is a sensor issue.

Industrial Park Road – “No Pedestrian Traffic During the Day” signage request. (City Manager, Deputy Chief Buteau and Committee Members to look if there is signage for this situation. From 11/22/21)

Ms. Laflamme commented she had not found any signs of that type. She commented maybe a sign stating “NO Pedestrians Monday to Friday between 7AM-5PM”. Chair Morency asked Ms. Laflamme to verify with Public Works the cost of such signage. Councilor Berthiaume moved to create an ordinance stating this area is an industrial zone with no pedestrian traffic Monday through Friday between 7AM-5PM, Councilor Theberge seconded and the motion carried by all in favor. Chair Morency, Captain Roy and Ms. Laflamme will look into the matter for further guidance.

Reduce Speed Limit and Flashing Caution Light - Route 110 (referred 3/21/22)

Ms. Laflamme commented this change comes from the City gaining responsibility of that stretch of road. Just beyond Jericho Outdoors the speed limit changes to 50mph. Now that the road is under the City's control, the speed limit can be reduced to 40mph to allow ATV traffic, by Resolution. Ms. Laflamme commented she contacted DOT in regards to the flashing caution light per Council's request. DOT does not believe this warrants a caution light but warrants education. They will put up the signage they normally put up when approaching a change in speed limit on their end. Councilor Berthiaume moved to amend the ATV Resolution to include this stretch of road and move forward with a Resolution to reduce the speed limit from 50mph to 40mph. Councilor Theberge seconded and the motion carried by all in favor. Ms. Laflamme commented she will contact DOT for the change required on their part. Councilor Berthiaume suggested reviewing the ATV Ordinance.

Pam Bouchard – Painting of NO PARKING areas (referred 04/04/22)

Chair Morency stated he spoke with Ms. Bouchard and advised the City can't paint till temperatures get over 50 degrees. He commented Ms. Bouchard's concern was coming up School Street, taking a right on High Street heading down on Pleasant Street. There are always cars parked on the right-hand side too close to that intersection. It is marked with a yellow line, but not very clear. In discussion with Ms. Bouchard, Captain Roy suggested painting yellow hash marks like they have in front of the church, when they do the painting. Ms. Bouchard was happy with this. Ms. Laflamme will follow up with Public Works for the painting request.

Connor Arsenault – No right on red (referred 4/18/22)

Mr. Arsenault is requesting the no right on red restriction at the intersection of Pleasant and Mason Street be lifted for traffic traveling South or East. Chair Morency commented there was a fatal accident there years ago. When there is a large truck in the left lane, you can't see oncoming traffic which was the cause of the fatal accident. Councilor Berthiaume commented it is not a bad idea and might help the traffic flow better. Captain Roy commented that taking off the right on red restriction might create issues for pedestrians. Chair Morency suggested Mr. Arsenault and Captain Roy get together to discuss further. Councilor Theberge moved to table this item until Mr. Arsenault gets together with Captain Roy and reviews. Councilor Berthiaume seconded and the motion carried with all in favor.

Della Cartier – Safety Signage Bridge Street (referred 4/18/22)

Chair Morency advised Captain Roy checked the area and there is a dead end up there and it extends about 300 yards. The request was for "slow down", "caution", "elderly person" signage. Chair Morency commented there has never been signs for "elderly person". He advised there is a dead-end sign at the location. Ms. Laflamme advised this request was in response to the property owner at the end of Bridge Street, Mark Leclerc, who owns quite a bit of property and who indicated he wanted to sell the property. Before selling the property, he wanted to log it. He went in a couple different ways to log through paper streets. This increased traffic to the dead end as it is how he entered his property. Now that mud season is upon us, he can no longer log. She stated if there are people who are going there now are likely trespassing. Councilor Berthiaume commented the dead-end sign should be sufficient and suggested the Police Department increase patrol in that area. Councilor Berthiaume moved to table the item and requested the Police Department patrol the area frequently. Councilor Theberge seconded and the motion carried by all in favor.

Councilor Theberge moved with a second from Councilor Berthiaume to adjourn the meeting and the motion carried by all in favor. The meeting ended at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
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