August 15, 2022 Traffic Safety Committee

Members present: Chair Morency, Councilors Morgan and Remillard. Councilor Roland Theberge was absent.

Others present: City Manager Phillip L. Warren Jr., Chief of Police Dan Buteau and Pam Bouchard.

Chair Morency called the meeting to order at 5:03pm.

Minutes of July 11, 2022

Councilor Morgan moved to accept the minutes of the July 11, 2022 Traffic Safety Committee meetings; Councilor Remillard seconded and the motion carried by all in favor.

Letter from Stephen Gregory re: Stop Sign at Grafton and Cheshire Street (Item tabled until further information is obtained. From 7/11/22)

Chair Morency commented there are issues with this intersection and did need to be looked at. Currently there is only a yield sign coming down Grafton. Mr. Warren suggested placing a stop sign on the way down Grafton and a yield sign on the way up Grafton. Chief Buteau commented there were only two accidents at that intersection since 2001. Mr. Warren commented one thing that doesn't get reported are the near misses and generally neighbors have the best perspective on near misses. Councilor Remillard moved to place a stop sign going down Grafton Street, a yield sign going up Grafton Street and a yield sign coming down Cheshire Street. This is all at the intersection of Grafton and Cheshire Street. Councilor Morgan seconded and the motion carried with all in favor.

Letter to Traffic Safety Committee from Pam Bouchard (Item tabled until clarification is obtained from Ms. Bouchard. From 7/11/22)

Chief Buteau advised he met with Ms. Bouchard at the intersection of School and High Street. He commented there is a full grid painted there, but Ms. Bouchard is requesting a yellow line extended from the existing grid. The grid is painted 30 feet from the corner as stated in the City Ordinance. Chief Buteau commented this is the second highest intersection in the City for accidents. Mr. Warren advised he would take pictures with cones marking 50 feet and 100 feet to determine how far the line should extend and the Committee can discuss at the next meeting. Councilor Remillard moved to table this item until further information is gathered. Councilor Morgan seconded and the motion carried with all in favor.

Signs and Yellow painted lines – East Mason and Burgess Street Intersection. (PD to provide records of all accidents at this intersection and CM to investigate why signs and painted lines were removed. From 7/11/22)

Mr. Warren advised the signs are back up and he will confirm with Public Works that the lines have been painted.

Susan Genna - Request for left hand turn arrow signal on traffic lights on Glen Ave. to go over the bridge. (CM to give an update. From 7/11/22)

Mr. Warren advised this is still in the process of being repaired and once completed, it will resolve the left hand turn signal issue and function properly.

Councilor Morgan moved with a second from Councilor Remillard to adjourn the meeting and the motion carried by all in favor. The meeting ended at 5:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Danielle Rioux Executive Assistant

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