

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2018
LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Steve Barton called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. on Wednesday, September 5, 2018. The following were present: City Manager Judie Milner, Chief David Goldstein, Acting Director Brian Barry, and Leigh Webb.

I. NO-THRU TRUCKING ON BABBITT ROAD

Acting Director Barry initially got a call from a resident who had a concern of the number of commercial trucks traveling on the road quite fast. Acting Director Barry isn't sure if it could be because they have a job nearby and are using it as a short cut in the evening after their job is finished. Chair Barton asked what the alternative route would be if Babbitt Road was posted. Acting Director Barry said they would use Central and Bow Street which other tractor trailers are already using.

The Committee decided to make a recommendation to City Council to add a No-Thru Trucking sign to Babbitt Road.

II. "STOP SIGN AHEAD" WARNING SIGN ON FRANKLIN ST

Acting Director Barry advised the committee that he was approached by a resident who voiced the need for a "stop sign ahead" sign on Franklin Street at the intersection of Winnepesaukee Street. Acting Director Barry said he'd rather put a stencil on the road rather than a sign. Chief Goldstein advised his only concern with a stencil on the roadway is it would be seasonal. If there were snow and salt on the road it wouldn't be visible like a sign would.

Chef Goldstein is going to do more research on the statute and report back to the committee.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

City Manager Milner received a complaint about a parking spot on Franklin Street near the intersection of School Street. There is a parking spot that is very close to the stop sign and if larger vehicles are parked there it blocks the visibility when stopped at the stop sign. There have been some accidents there due to this issue. City Manager Milner provided a photo for the committee to review and advised her suggestion would be to eliminate the parking spot. Chair Barton suggested to put a sign up for "compact car only" for the use of that parking spot.

Chief Goldstein and Acting Director Barry were both in agreement to eliminate the parking spot due to safety reasons. The final committee consensus was to make a recommendation to City Council to eliminate the parking spot.

City Manager Milner advised the committee that she had received complaints that vehicles were using a small pass through road at the end of Terrace Road that connects to Northfield. This road was initially made years ago when a 55+ community was being built, however the construction had ceased and was never completed. Terrace Road is posted "no outlet". City Manager Milner provided pictures and a map to the committee members to better explain the issue.

Mr. Webb suggested moveable gates like those at the entrances of the WOW or Rail trails. City Manager Milner advised she believes those are very expensive.

The committee thinks a boulder with reflective paint may be a solution to keeping vehicles out. City Manager Milner or Acting Director Barry are going to reach out to Northfield as a courtesy before placing it there.

Chair Barton mentioned new community members being needed. City Manager Milner advised the Mayor would be appointing them at the City Council meeting.

Adjournment 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Penny Stephens