JAMESTOWN TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes Thursday, April 19, 2018 Approved:

I. A regular meeting of the Jamestown Traffic Committee was called to order at the Jamestown Town Hall, Council Chambers, 93 Narragansett Avenue at 6:04 PM by Chairman

II. The following members were present:

Thomas Tighe, Chairman
Mary E. Meagher, Vice-Chairman
William Munger
Timothy Yentsch
Vincent Moretti
David Cain

The following members were absent:

Melissa Mastrostefano

Also present:

Tighe.

Kim Devlin, Clerk

III. READING AND APPROVAL OF MIUNTES

A) March 15, 2018 (regular meeting)

Member Cain moved to approve the minutes; Vice-Chairman Meagher seconded. So voted; 6 ayes, 0 nays.

IV. OPEN FORUM

A) Scheduled Requests to Address

There were no Scheduled Requests to Address.

B) Non-Scheduled Requests to Address

There were no Non-Scheduled requests to address.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A) Crosswalk at Watson Avenue and North Road; obstructed view caused by hedges; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote (continued from 3/15/2018)

Chairman Tighe stated that the Building Official (Chris Costa) forwarded the Traffic Committee a copy of the letter he sent to the property owner and that the Traffic Committee thanks Chris Costa for keeping the committee informed.

B) Update on request for meeting with Director of DOT – reference letter to State Traffic Commission re: Conanicus Avenue Crosswalk; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote (continued from 3/15/2018)

Member Munger stated that he can provide an update on this matter. He reminded the Traffic Committee that, at the last meeting, the committee voted to have him represent the Traffic Committee at the meeting Chief Mello has scheduled with the Director of DOT. Member Munger stated that he was unable to attend; however, he provided Chief Mello with a diagram for a compromise on the location of the crosswalk, which also includes a bump out. Member Munger asked the Traffic Committee to take action and consider voting on the compromise location of the crosswalk as presented.

Chairman Tighe stated that in Chief Mello's letter he mentions that there are other options besides Member Munger's proposal that may be taken to improve visibility in the area, such as removal of hedges and eliminating parking spaces.

A discussion ensued.

Vice-Chairman Meagher stated that it seems like DOT is considering moving the crosswalk if we meet the criteria.

Vice-Chairman Meagher moved to support Member Munger's proposed compromise position and send a letter of support to the DOT; Chairman Cain seconded. So voted; 6 ayes, 0 nays.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A) Communications; review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote
1) Notification letter of Building/Zoning Official Chris N. Costa to Tyrone C. Sutton of 31
North Road informing property owner measures to improve visibility at street corners has not met compliance.

Chairman Tighe discussed this agenda item under Unfinished Business.

- 2) Letter of State Traffic Commission with approval for Pedestrian Crossing sign within State Highway Right-of-Way on Conanicus Avenue at the intersection with Bryer Avenue Chairman Tighe stated that Chief Mello may start implementing traffic calming measures.
- B) Petition for Crosswalk on Conanicus Avenue at the intersection of Mt. Hope Avenue; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote Chairman Tighe stated that the petition is for the official record.
- C) Meeting schedule; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote Chairman Tighe stated that the next meeting is on May 17th.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, a motion was made by Member Munger and seconded by Member Yentsch to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 PM. So unanimously voted.

Kim Devlin
Clerk

Attest: