**JAMESTOWN TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**

Thursday, January 21, 2016

A regular meeting of the Jamestown Traffic Committee was called to order at the Jamestown Town Hall, Council Chambers, 93 Narragansett Avenue at 6:00 PM by Chairman Thomas P. Tighe.

The following members were present:

Mary E. Meagher, Vice-Chair

David Cain

William Munger

Also present:

Police Chief Edward Mello

Denise Gamon, Clerk

Absent:

Melissa Mastrostefano, Member

Vincent Moretti, Member

Timothy Yentsch, Member

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MIUNTES**

1. **01/21/2016 minutes** (regular meeting)

Motion was made by Committee Member Cain, seconded by Vice-Chair Meagher to accept the 12/15/2015 minutes. So unanimously voted.

**OPEN FORUM**

1. Scheduled to Address
2. Pamela Carr addressed the Committee regarding her concerns for the excessive speed on the Island and the 4-way Stop at Narragansett Avenue, North Road and Southwest Avenue. Ms. Carr inquired if the State would monitor the traffic flow at the 4-Way Stop in an unmarked car.
3. Chief Mello stated that these concerns are an enforcement issue. This is a conversation that has been continued from different forums regarding the level of enforcement that is effective and tolerated.
4. Committee Chair Tighe requested that this be continued to the next meeting on 02/18/2016.
5. Non-Schelued to Address
6. Carol Nelson-Lee addressed the Committee and recommended the Traffic Committee Members walk the streets, because what you see on a map is very different from what is actually there. A good example of that is Steamboat Street.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **Parking Restrictions for Jamestown Shores**
2. The recommendations are as follows:

No parking on the even side or **Spirketing Street**, and no overnight parking without a permit

No parking on either side of **Seaside Drive** up to **Capstan Street**

No parking on either side of **Capstan Street** and **Frigate Street**

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The balance of all the other roads in the Jamestown Shores would adhere to no parking on the even side and no overnight parking without a permit.

Ann Gagne of 12 Champlin Way asked for clarification of parking on Seaside Drive, and Chief Mello explained.

Chief Mello stated the only parking at Head’s Beach would be the perpendicular parking already in effect.

Chief Mello will provide the Committee with a recommendation for parking on/at the boat ramp.

Richard Cribb of 553 Seaside Drive stated this is a major inconvenience for homewners if this should go through. If he should have company there would be no place to park. Chief Mello explained that if you were to have an event at your home the ordinance allows you to apply for a waiver. Limitations would be set as to parking on a specific side of the street, 40 feet from a corner, and no parking in front of a fire hydrant. Once the application is approved the Police Department could manage it. Officers would not ticket for that time period when the waiver is in place.

Mark Girard of 7 Bark Avenue voiced concern regarding restricted parking on some of the smaller side streets such as Bark Street and Canoe Street. Fire Chief Bryer will evaluate the more challenging roads.

Committee Chairman Tighe requested the Parking Restrictions for Jamestown Shores be continued until the next meeting on Thursday, 02/18/2016 for review and discussion and/or possible action and /or vote.

1. **Narragansett Avenue and West Ferry**
2. Committee Member Meagher inquired if the new parking restrictions on Narragansett Avenue/ West Ferry were raising any concerns with speed. Chief Mello replied complaints of speeding are still being reported.

**New Business**

1. **Conanicus Avenue Cross Walk**
2. Chief Mello to request the State Department of Transportation for improvement on existing signs
3. Motion made by Committee Member Munger and seconded by Committee Member Meagher to request from the Town Administrator for funding for 3-4 flashing speed limit signs. So unanimously voted.
4. Committee to consider installing signs to direct pedestrians to the crosswalk on Conanicus Avenue.
5. Committee to consider approving an in-road pedestrian sign for crosswalk on Conanicus Avenue.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Committee, motion was made by Committee Member David Cain and seconded by Committee Member Meagher to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 PM. So unanimously voted.

Attest:

Denise Gamon

Clerk