

JAMESTOWN TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

Tuesday October 20, 2015

A regular meeting of the Jamestown Traffic Committee was called to order at the Jamestown Town Hall, Council Chambers, 93 Narragansett Avenue at 6:05 PM by chairman, Thomas P. Tighe.

The following members were present:

William Munger, Member
Vincent Moretti, Member
Timothy Yentsch, Member
Melissa Mastrostefano, Member

Also present were:

Chief Edward Mello
Karen Montoya, Deputy Town Clerk

Absent:

Mary E. Meagher, Vice-Chair
David Cain, Member

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Minutes of September 15, 2015 regular meeting were read.
Motion was made by Member William Munger seconded by Timothy Yentsch to accept the September 15, 2015 minutes. Motion so voted, 3 in favor; Committee members Mastrostefano and Moretti abstained because they were absent at said meeting.

OPEN FORUM

- A) Scheduled requests to address:
(None scheduled)
- A) Non-scheduled request to address:
(None)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A) **Crosswalk at Conanicus Avenue between Recreation Center/Teen Center and Ferry Wharf**; continued to next meeting on November 17, 2015.
- B) **Commercial vehicle parking in residential zones**; continued to next meeting on November 17, 2015.

C) Jamestown Shores (North/Garboard Street to Bridge/other Shores Areas) Parking regulations/revisions;

The Committee and audience moved to a side table to view the maps.

Chief Mello suggested that the same principle be followed as the previously adopted regulations for the Hull/Seaside Drive area. There would be no parking on the even side and no overnight parking on the odd side without a permit. The exceptions would be no parking on either side on Seaside Drive to Garboard Avenue, no parking either side on Spirketing Street, and no parking either side on Beacon Avenue to Spirketing.

A discussion ensued on the vehicle, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic on the roads especially Seaside Drive which encounters the most traffic on a narrow road. When asked about special circumstances which would require more parking, he stated that an application and waiver process would be implemented.

Carol Nelson-Lee of Buoy Street suggested a tree canopy to slow traffic down. Chief Mello said that there are various traffic engineering technics to curb speeding. Others voiced concern about the maintenance required for trees.

Anita and Gary Girard of Seaside Drive questioned the parking for the rights of way. Chief Mello said they would have to park on the smaller streets a few blocks away or perhaps some ROW would have a few parking spaces. Some comments were made about parking close to the intersections. Chief Mello said that there is a current regulation stating parking within 40 feet from an intersection is prohibited, but not all intersections could be marked as such.

D) Parking concerns-Green Lane; continued

E) West Ferry Parking; continued to next meeting on November 17, 2015.

F) Bicycle Parking at Head's Beach; Committee member Melissa Mastrostefano commented on the lack of parking and suggested installing bike racks to encourage more bike traffic. She suggested the Boy Scouts could make that a project. Committee Chairman Tighe will speak to the Town Administrator. The size of Head's Beach was also questioned. Committee Chairman Tighe will get the agreement that was signed.

NEW BUSINESS

Mary Lou Sanborn of Bay View Drive spoke about the traffic on lower Bay View Drive from Conanicus Avenue to the Conanicut Yacht Club. In the summer the traffic increases greatly with people back and forth picking up children from the various programs. On the weekends the Club is used for parties and weddings. A huge bus was attempting to park on the road. In addition to all the traffic, boat trailers and cars park along the same section to access Bryer Beach. Ms. Sanborn said CYC should have the

same parking regulations as any other business in Jamestown. Zoning handles this issue and Chief Mello will talk to Chris Costa about it.

Chief Mello proposed a traffic study but this won't be feasible until next summer when traffic increases. There should be some parking/traffic improvements with the work being done to the seawall at Bryer Beach.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, motion was made by Committee Member Munger and seconded by Committee Member Yentsch to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 PM. So unanimously voted.

Attest:

Karen Montoya
Deputy Town Clerk

xc. Committee members (7)
Chief of Police
Town Clerk