

JAMESTOWN TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 20, 2016

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

II. The following members were present:

Thomas Tighe, Chairman
Vincent Moretti
William Munger
David Cain

The following members were absent:

Mary E. Meagher, Vice-Chairman
Melissa Mastrostefano
Timothy Yentsch

Also present:

Chief Edward A. Mello
Kim Devlin, Clerk

III. READING AND APPROVAL OF MIUNTES

A) September 22, 2016 (regular meeting)

Motion was made by Member Cain, seconded by Member Munger to accept the September 22, 2016 minutes. So voted; 4 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) Conanicus Avenue Crosswalk; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Chief Mello stated that he has not yet received the State traffic report. The agenda item was continued until the next meeting, So voted; 4 ayes, 0 nays.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A) Oversized trucks traveling through downtown village neighborhood streets

Paul Levesque (Coronado Street) addressed the Committee regarding his concerns about large trucks traveling through his neighborhood. Mr. Levesque stated that there have been incidents where 14 and 18 wheelers drive up

Coronado and can't make the corner, or attempt to make the corner and discover that they can't. Mr. Levesque is asking for signage stating the size of trucks that the street can accommodate.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that the east side of Coronado is a loading zone so we refer vehicles to park there. If they don't know their way out they will go down Coronado. A simple arrow to direct the trucks down Knolls Court as a truck route should help and it does not require an ordinance change.

Member Munger moved to have a sign placed at the corner of Coronado and Knolls Court to direct truck traffic, Chairman Cain seconded. So voted; 4 ayes, 0 nays.

B) Increased amount and speed of traffic on Bay View Drive since completion of the repaving project

Mary Lou Sanborn addressed the Committee regarding her concerns about the traffic on Bay View Drive.

Chief Mello stated that he waited until the paving of Bay View Drive was completed and until the summer to do the study. The results were that 360 cars per day passed the spot of the study and the average speed is 20 mph. The location of the study was almost directly across from Ms. Sanborn's home.

Chief Mello suggested asking the Department of Transportation to stripe the intersection of Conanicus Avenue and Bay View Drive in a different pattern to see if that has an impact on slowing traffic down on Bay View Drive. Chief Mello also suggested the possibility of adding a crosswalk in the area and adding signs.

Member Cain moved to ask Chief Mello to write a letter to the RI Department of Transportation requesting they re-stripe the intersection of Bay View Drive and Conanicus Avenue and complete a study to determine if that is a location that would benefit from the addition of a crosswalk; Member Munger seconded. So voted; 4 ayes, 0 nays.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, a motion was made by Committee Member Munger and seconded by Member Cain to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 PM. So unanimously voted.

Attest:

Kim Devlin
Clerk