



**TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
April 2, 2019**

ATTENDANCE:

Doug Leland, Chair	Rodney Regier
Police Chief Susan Nourse, Vice Chair	Geralyn Campanelli
Doug Reighley, Town Councilor (absent)	Catrina Milliman
Chester Goggin	David Lockman
Adam Bliss, Town Engineer	District 4 (Vacant)

I. Accept minutes of the March 5, 2019 meeting.

Ms. Campanelli motioned to accept the March 5, 2019 meeting minutes as written; Chief Nourse seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

II. Provide input on the Comprehensive Plan Vision Statement.

The Planning Board requested feedback on the Comprehensive Plan Vision Statement as this document will expire in 2021 and revisions are expected to begin in the next few months. Two additions relative to Traffic and Parking Committee concerns had been added to the copy provided to Mr. Bliss. The additions, shown in blue, bold text of the document were: (1) encouraging a wide variety of indoor and outdoor recreational opportunities for residents and visitors and (2) providing parking for all types of transportation such as motorcycles and mopeds, bicycles as well as cars and trucks. The comments were passed on to the Planning Board and a request was made for review of the next draft.

The following comments were made during the discussion.

- A. Encourage the use of parking for all users through design, improvements, and maintenance.
- B. Provide community connectivity of streets, pathways, trails, and infrastructure.
- C. Rewrite the Vision Statement so it reads as a simpler, concise, and condensed document.

III. Update: Traffic and Parking Committee / Active Living Committee Workgroup.

No real update was available other than that provided in the meeting materials. The next meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2019 at 8:40 a.m. in the Council Chambers. Mr. Regier provided comment on the Committee structure, specifically the formation of a subcommittee and the public meeting requirements. Further comment was made concerning the role of a subcommittee that has a planning role compared to the entire committee that has more of a reactive role. It was stated the subcommittee structure has the potential to be cumbersome with inherent difficulties. The discussion of structure will continue at the next meeting.

IV. Upper Main Street / Mallet Drive Intersection Traffic Light.

A resident of Kendall Avenue submitted a concern via email to Chief Nourse who forwarded the email to Mr. Bliss. The concern was expressed as a speeding complaint and as two requests which were for a school speed zone reduction near Library Drive and a 'No Right Turn on Red' sign/ signal at the

Mallet Drive intersection. An evaluation form was provided to the Committee members that identified the school zone request as primarily serving a private preschool associated with the First Baptist Church of Freeport. The preschool has a dedicated entrance drive off Library Drive. There is also a shared driveway off U.S Route One/ Main Street. A sidewalk and esplanade exist as a buffer from the travel lane and shoulder on Main Street. It is believed the school speed zone reduction would serve a private organization serving a low volume of users. The concern appears to be best addressed as a combination of enforcement and driver notification. The TPC motioned to table the school zone reduction request and requested Mr. Bliss provide the Committee with types of driver feedback signs such as Speed Notification and flashing speed limit sign. Police Chief Nourse expressed concern about reacting to anecdotal evidence rather than evaluating concerns based on collected speed data. Nevertheless, drivers do speed and may not be aware of their actual speed which is a supporting reason for driver feedback signs such as those systems in place on South Freeport Road and around Town.

Mr. Lockman motioned to further investigate driver feedback options at the north and south entrances to the Village District located where the posted speed limits change zones. Mr. Regier seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous.

The second request was for a 'No Right Turn on Red' light at the Mallett Drive intersection turning onto Main Street. Pedestrians are challenged when crossing Mallett Drive at the Main Street intersection challenge. The pedestrian light should be adjusted by a few seconds to add clearance time; however, vehicles do not necessarily stop at the red light or yield to pedestrians. The adjustment is a simple programming fix within the PLC controller cabinet.

The question was asked if the PLC controller could be changed to prioritize the sequence from mostly traffic alternations to allow more opportunity for pedestrian crossings, i.e. less wait time between cycles. Mr. Bliss stated he would evaluate this potential. Mr. Bliss also stated the Town will be adding crosswalk signage to bring the Town into compliance with the MUTCD signage manual. An in-street Pedestrian Crosswalk Signage located on Main Street within the Library Drive crosswalk was another committee recommendation.

V. General Discussion Items.

A Maine DOT Public Meeting for the Exit 22 (Mallett Drive) Bridge Rehabilitation project is going to be scheduled for mid to late May. The construction schedule and funding mechanisms aren't established yet, but preliminary plans are targeting a construction start of 2021. A Public Meeting Notice will be provided to the TPC and Active Living Committee once the date is established.

VI. Adjournment: Next scheduled meeting: May 7, 2019.

Ms. Campanelli motioned to adjourn, Mr. Goggin seconded, motion passed unanimously.