



TOWN OF SMITHFIELD
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Minutes

Date & Time: THURSDAY, February 15, 2018

Location: Smithfield Police Department
Sgt. Norman G. Vezina Community & Training Room
215 Pleasant View Avenue, Smithfield, RI

Members present: Police Sergeant Cory Carpenter, Fire Captain Michael Dexter, Councilwoman Maxine Cavanagh and Executive Secretary Lisa DiSciullo

Guests:

I. Call to Order

A. Meeting called to order by Sgt. Carpenter at 2:05 p.m., with a quorum present.

II. Reading of *Emergency Evacuation and Health Notification*

A. Emergency Evacuation and Health Notification for **Smithfield Police Department Sgt. Norman G. Vezina Community & Training Room** were read by Sgt. Cory Carpenter

III. Reading of the Minutes from previous Smithfield Traffic Safety Commission (TTSC) meeting

A. Minutes of December 14, 2017 meeting were disseminated and reviewed by all TTSC members prior to this meeting.
Minutes could not be approved as there was not a quorum present that attended the December 14, 2017 meeting. Minutes will be held until the next meeting.

IV. Old Business

A. Lighting at Blackie's Bulldog Tavern on George Washington Highway. Sergeant Carpenter provided an aerial view of the property. The parking lot cannot be extended due to the septic area on one side and the property line and wetlands on the other side. Fire Chief Robert Seltzer and Sergeant Carpenter met with the owner of Blackie's who stated that they are currently looking for a new location in the same area.
Sgt. Carpenter pointed out the existing street lights and the location where Chief Seltzer proposes the Town install two more lights. The owners are willing to pay for any signs that the State would want to install. The Town would be responsible the street lights.

MOVED, that the Smithfield Town Traffic Safety Commission authorize Sergeant Carpenter to send a request to the Town for the proposed new street lights on George Washington Highway at Blackie's Bulldog Tavern.

(Motion: Captain Dexter Second: Councilwoman Cavanagh)
3 in favor 0 opposed

- B.** Safety improvements at the intersection of Seville and Old County Roads. Sgt. Carpenter provided an aerial view of the intersection. Captain Dexter stated that he had viewed the intersection and feels that the stop sign and stop line for Seville Road are too far into the intersection. He feels that there is sufficient line of sight if the stop sign and stop line are moved back. It was decided to have Public Works and the Town Engineer review the intersection to determine if the stop sign and stop line should be moved.

MOVED, that the Smithfield Town Traffic Safety Commission authorize Sergeant Carpenter to contact Public Works and the Town Engineer to request that they review the intersection of Seville and Old County Roads to determine if the stop sign and stop line on Seville Road can be moved back.

(Motion: Captain Dexter Second: Councilwoman Cavanagh)
3 in favor 0 opposed

V. New Business

- A.** Mr. David Cragin of Carltons Trail, requests that alternatives be considered to the Smithfield Land Trust Hiking Trail parking on Carltons Trail. He stated that people are parking vehicles in the cul-de-sac when accessing the trail. Sgt. Carpenter provided pictures of this location showing the two vehicle area designated for parking by the Land Trust. Sgt. Carpenter met with Ms. Barbara Rich, from the Land Trust. She stated that the Land Trust will put up a sign designating the two vehicle parking spots for the trail, as well as reference other access points for the trail. The sign would also include that the trails are closed from dusk to dawn. It was decided to table this item to see if these changes will alleviate the problem.

MOVED, that the Smithfield Town Traffic Safety Commission table the request by Mr. David Cragin for alternatives to parking in the cul-de-sac on Carltons Trail for people using the Land Trust Hiking Trail, to determine if signage by the Land Trust will alleviate the problem

(Motion: Captain Dexter Second: Councilwoman Cavanagh)
3 in favor 0 opposed

VI. Correspondence

- A. A letter was received from the State Traffic Safety Commission regarding the traffic study on Douglas Pike at Harris Road. TTSC had received a request to make Harris Road, from Douglas Pike to Limerock Road one-way. The letter stated that the construction of condominiums on Harris Road is not complete at this time. A right turn only lane will be installed on Douglas Pike, which they feel will alleviate some of the traffic. They suggested waiting until the construction is completed and the right turn lane is installed. Sgt. Carpenter suggested that we continue to monitor this area.

MOVED, that the Smithfield Town Traffic Safety Commission table this item until completion of the condominium construction and installation of a right turn only lane. The Commission will continue to monitor this area for future consideration.

(Motion: Captain Dexter Second: Councilwoman Cavanagh)
3 in favor 0 opposed

- B. Previously, TTSC requested that Representative Thomas Winfield send a letter to the State Traffic Commission regarding the crosswalk on Cedar Swamp Road at Cortland House. In response to that letter, correspondence was received from the State Traffic Safety Commission stating that a traffic study on Cedar Swamp Road at Cortland House revealed that only 7 people crossed the street during a 12 hour period; and this does not warrant the installation of a pedestrian signal or crosswalk beacon. They will re-mark the crosswalk and add signage in the both directions. Discussion took place regarding the safety of residents of Cortland House, who walk on Cedar Swamp Road and cross the street on a daily basis. Councilwoman Cavanagh asked Sgt. Carpenter to contact Representative Winfield, again, to see if there is anything else that can be done.

MOVED, that the Smithfield Town Traffic Safety Commission authorize Sgt. Carpenter to contact Representative Thomas Winfield, again, to see if anything else can be done regarding the crosswalk on Cedar Swamp Road at Cortland House.

(Motion: Councilwoman Cavanagh Second: Captain Dexter)
3 in favor 0 opposed

VII. Public Comment

None

VIII. Adjournment

MOVED, that the Smithfield Town Traffic Safety Commission adjourn at 2:30 p.m.

(Motion: Councilwoman Cavanagh, Second: Captain Dexter)
3 In favor 0 Opposed

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