

Orleans Traffic & Parking Study Committee Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2022
11:00p.m.

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I. Roll Call

Chairman Chief MacDonald called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Police Chief Scott MacDonald, Fire Chief Geof Deering, Member at Large Doug Prentiss, Director of Public Works Tom Daley, and Director of Planning Community Development George Meservey were present. In addition, DPW Operations Manager Ron Trudeau was also in attendance.

II. Public Comment – Read emails sent to smacdonald@orleanspd.com for the Traffic & Parking Study Committee by 8:00 a.m. on Monday, February 7, 2022

There were no public comments for this meeting.

III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (December 20, 2022)

Mr. Meservey made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Prentiss, all approved.

IV. Open Issues

a) Traffic Calming Devices/Methods:

- Speed Tables: Update – Draft Policy / Funding

Open: Mr. Prentiss sent out to the committee a second draft for the committee to review and to send any updates or comments. Chief MacDonald has provided Mr. Meservey with the speed data results and will also send over the crash data after this meeting.

- Solar Radar Display Speed Signs:

Open: The 4 solar radar speed signs have been delivered to the DPW and will be installed when the actual location has been mapped out by Mr. Trudeau and Chief MacDonald, contingent upon the weather. The Bike and Pedestrian Committee will also be invited to join a future traffic study meeting to discuss the funding that has been allocated to the Traffic & Parking Study Committee. It was a joint request from both committees and any

expenditures need to be approved by both committees. Two additional solar speed signs were agreed upon during the joint meeting last month and Chief MacDonald will contact the vendor to order those asap.

b) Orleans Parking Sticker Program

Open: Program continuing to move forward. Mr. Daley and Chief MacDonald are discussing expansions and enhancements in the program and will have a follow up meeting.

c) 18 West Road: Sight Line Concerns:

Open: New signs will be ordered and installed as soon as possible. Chief MacDonald left a message with the management group to discuss the financial responsibility of the work needed. Chief will update the committee next meeting.

d) Bike and Pedestrian Committee: Joint Meeting – Closed: Chief MacDonald reported that the purchase of the new solar signs were approved at this meeting. He will contact the Bike and Pedestrian committee to schedule another joint meeting soon.

VI. New Business

a) Future Traffic Sign Purchases: Cost analysis - Hard Wired vs. Solar

Discussion was had regarding pros/cons of both. Committee decided that 18 West Road area would be a good location to test AC power option. Chief MacDonald to get specs from vendor to determine equipment cost and Mr. Daley will get a quote from an electrician for the service installation, meter and a conduit run.

b) Skaket Beach Road: Speed Limit Review

Discussion was had regarding dropping down the speed limit on Skaket Beach Road. Chief MacDonald will review the criteria again and bring the information back to the board for review.

c) Additional discussion was had per Mr. Daley on “low lying” road recommendations. A study done by MASS DOT on the sea level rise and the effect on low lying road ways across the state. A grant was given to evaluate this on Cape Cod. Mr. Daley gave a presentation of the results and is looking for the committee to make some recommendations and identify areas of concern that are a priority to forward to the CC Committee.

Skaket Beach and Rock Harbor Road were deemed the highest priority as well as Rte. 28 in South Orleans by Pleasant Bay but that area would be a State issue to address.

Committee voted; Chief MacDonald made the motion, 2nd by Mr. Prentiss, all in favor to make Skaket Beach Road the critical area to address.

Rock Harbor was also made priority #2. Mr. Meservey made the motion, 2nd by Chief MacDonald, all in favor.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.