

## PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday January 29, 2008

### ATTENDEES:

Bill Pritchard, Chair

John Barnes

Larry Lannom

Susan Milner

Monique Shimm

Lance Hoffman, Town Council Liaison

Absent: Blaney Harper, Arthur Schatzkin, Costis Toregas

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm.

There were no public comments.

The minutes of the December 4, 2007 meeting were approved.

Lance Hoffman provided an update on Council action related to PSC issues. An ordinance setting Town speed limits as recommended by the traffic engineer and endorsed by the PSC has been introduced. A public hearing on the ordinance will be held after which time it may be approved.

The speed limit ordinance does not address lower speed limits around the elementary school, since the school zone has not been defined. The Chair will engage the services of Joseph Cutro, traffic engineer, to define where the reduced speed limits should begin and to advise on signage options. Whether to double fines in the school zone is also an option.

### Speed Humps:

The draft Speed Hump Policy was reviewed and edited. The policy provides a clear process for consideration of speed hump requests; sets qualifying speed thresholds based on traffic data; stipulates that a licensed Professional Engineer shall conduct an engineering study as part of the evaluation; and, provides for a process for speed hump removal. The final version was approved unanimously and referred to the Council for consideration.

### Leland Center playground:

Regarding the Leland Center playground, replacement parts have been ordered but no repairs have been made at this time.

### Sidewalks:

The Town has received plans for sidewalks on Thornapple Street and Oakridge Avenue, but other issues before the Council may delay consideration of sidewalks on these two blocks.

### Recycling:

Monique Shimm is preparing an article for the Forecast that reviews the rules on paper recycling with plans for a similar article on plastics. She will also investigate the issues related to providing large blue bins on wheels for paper recycling for Committee consideration. Providing additional options for each household's management of recyclable waste may increase participation by residents.

The remaining meetings for the year will be held 7:30-9:00 pm on the third Tuesday of each month, next on Tuesday, February 19.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10.