

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

ATTENDEES

Bill Pritchard, Chair

Theresa Galvin

Sue Hill

Michael Leibowitz

John Barnes

Dave Eason

Andy Freimuth

Roy Gordon

Arthur Schatzkin

Al Lang, Council Liaison

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

PSC-related issues on the Council agenda for October 14 were reviewed

-Street Light study: briefing on status of the study

-Stop sign at the intersection of Maple and Aspen. There had not been a stop sign for southbound traffic on Maple prior to recent roadwork, but a stop line was painted at the conclusion of the construction

-Decorative crosswalks: There have been concerns expressed about whether they are clearly identifiable as crosswalks. Roy Gordon suggested a white highlight stripe might be painted on either side of the crosswalk.

-Status of storm run-off construction

There was further discussion about the Town's posted parking restrictions as well as unmarked restrictions at intersection and crosswalks, including whether the posted restrictions and current enforcement are appropriate. The matter was referred to the Traffic Subcommittee

Updates:

Water: The Town has received 17 requests for consultant visits. As the Town gains experience in this initial stage, the process may need to be adjusted.

Security: Arthur Schatzkin reviewed the progress of the previous year. The next step will be an examination of costs and meeting with John Delbora. In a related matter, Neighborhood Watch is conducting training for block captains.

Traffic:

The stop sign at Maple Avenue and Aspen Street was discussed.

Given the scope of issues facing the Town, it has been suggested that the Town and PSC would benefit from engaging a traffic engineering firm to provide sufficient manpower to conduct a comprehensive review of traffic and pedestrian safety in the Town. Two potential firms have been identified.

The PSC approved a motion that the PSC develop a RFP for comprehensive study of traffic in the Town that leverages information from the previous studies. Al Lang will work to get Town staff support in developing the RFP. The product of the study should include comprehensive recommendations for traffic, parking, and pedestrian safety.

Street Lights: The progress of the study is delayed, but completion is expected by December. The Council will be briefed on the progress at the Council meeting on October 14. There is clear data indicating the Town has bright and dark areas and that the average illumination is below what is needed. Future discussion will address whether changes are desired and, if so, how to proceed.

Next meeting – Tuesday, November 10.

Meeting adjourned. 9:08 PM.