

Public Services Committee Meeting Minutes 12/13/11

1. Resident Request- Maria and Chris Olsen- Request for three way stop signs at Stanford and Oakridge. The committee unanimously decided to follow the advice of Joseph Cutro in his memo to Todd Hoffman dated 6/30/2011. In summary Joe said there was no basis in which he could recommend all way stop signs for the intersection.

2. Resident Request- Nick and Esther Schrader- Request for consideration of speed humps or traffic calming devices on 4200 block of Thornapple. The letter from the Schrader's mentioned two accidents that have occurred on the block. The PSC requests to see police reports from the recent accident and any other facts that may help determine the cause of the accidents. Based on the reports the PSC will determine what next steps are appropriate

3. 7 Street Light issues were listed on the agenda. We did not know why they were on the agenda and what was expected of us. We seek clarification before we can act properly.

4. The PSC would like to request a budget from the town to employ professional traffic consultants to help the PSC assess traffic requests and other related issues. It has become obvious the PSC does not have the expertise to answer many traffic requests. Request #2 above may likely be an example of a request that we do not have enough traffic knowledge on to properly evaluate. We anticipate future requests like #2 in which we require an expert to help us determine the proper course of action. We would like this to be an agenda item next month. We also spoke about "creating a system or procedure for dealing with the traffic requests for the PSC. That system would often require some professional traffic consultations. We plan to request funds from the Council that would allow us to use the traffic engineers for consultations when needed."

5. The PSC would like to help the town develop a better communication strategy. The aim is to help the town distribute more timely news regarding issues such as crime, electric outages and weather issues, to name a few. We would like this to be an agenda item next month.

6. The PSC needs to recruit more members. The committee is frequently 2-3 people short. We believe a larger working group would help tackle issues we face.