



TOWN OF SMITHFIELD

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Minutes

Date & Time: THURSDAY, October 17, 2019

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

Members present: Police Lieutenant Cory Carpenter, SFD Chief Robert Seltzer, DPW Director Gene Allen, Councilwoman Maxine Cavanagh and Executive Secretary Lisa DiSciullo

Guests:

I. Call to Order

A. Meeting called to order by Lt. Carpenter at 2:00 p.m., with a quorum present

II. Reading of *Emergency Evacuation and Health Notification*

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

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

A. Minutes of the August 22, 2019 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 August 22, 2019 meeting. Minutes will be held until the next meeting.

IV. Old Business

None

V. New Business

A. Consider, discuss and act upon a request from Paula Martin, 8 Esmond Street, for a mirror on telephone pole #6 on Esmond Street, across from Maple Avenue. Lt. Carpenter provided an aerial view of the area.

DPW Director Allen stated that we do not own the telephone pole; therefore we have no authority to install a mirror. Lt. Carpenter reviewed the intersection and stated that the shrubs and trash cans left on the sidewalk at this house are obstructing the view. Discussion took place and it was decided to contact the property owner and recommend that the shrubs be trimmed and the trash cans be removed in order to increase visibility at that intersection.

MOVED, that the Smithfield Town Traffic Safety Commission deny the request for a mirror on telephone pole #6 on Esmond Street, as the Town does not own the telephone pole; therefore has no authority to install a mirror. The home owner will be contacted regarding the shrubs and trash cans that are obstructing the view at that intersection.

(Motion: DPW Director Allen Second: Chief Seltzer)
4 in favor 0 opposed

- B.** Consider, discuss and act upon a request from Kara Vessella, 25 Forestwood Drive for an additional bus stop at the intersection of Forestwood and Maureen Drives, and two signs on Forestwood Drive, one on each side of the blind curve, indicating children are crossing.

Lt. Carpenter provided an aerial view of the area and discussion took place. It was determined that the bus stops are set by the School Department. DPW Director Allen stated that there could be tall grass and/or shrubs that could be overgrown and obstructing visibility. He will inspect the area and if needed, make the necessary improvements. The request for the signs will be held until after the decision on the additional bus stop is made by the School Department.

Move that the Smithfield Town Traffic Safety Commission refer the request for an additional bus stop to the School Department.

(Motion: Chief Seltzer Second: SPW)
4 in favor 0 opposed

- C.** Consider, discuss and act upon a request from Courtney Gagnon, 9 Old Forge Road for reduced speed limit, signs indicating a school bus stop, and a mirror between Mowry Park and 9 Old Forge Road.

Lt. Carpenter provided an aerial view of the area, showing that there is one chevron sign on Old Forge Road east, indicating the sharp turn. He reviewed that area and confirmed that it's a very sharp corner. Chief Seltzer feels that the sign should indicate the sharp curve not the bus stop. Different sign options were discussed and DPW Director Allen

stated that he would look into proper wording for a sign in that area, and will install a chevron sign in the opposite direction. He also suggested contacting the School Department and requesting that the direction of the pick up at this location be changed for safety. DPW Director Allen will also review the inside corner of the curve to see if any clearing can be done to help with visibility, as that area is Town property. Lt. Carpenter suggested increased traffic posts in the area.

MOVED, that the Smithfield Town Traffic Safety Commission forward correspondence to the School Department requesting that they change the direction of the pick up at this location, for safety; install an additional chevron sign on Old Forge Road west; review area by DPW to see if clearing overgrowth will increase visibility; install appropriate signs indicating the sharp curve and have traffic posts in the area during school bus stop times.

(Motion: DPW Director Allen Second: Chief Seltzer)
4 in favor 0 opposed

VI. Correspondence

None

VII. Public Comment

None

VIII. Adjournment

MOVED, that the Smithfield Town Traffic Safety Commission adjourn at 2:20 p.m.

(Motion: Lt. Carpenter, Second: DPW Director Allen)
4 In favor 0 Opposed