

City of Norwich
Traffic Commission
Minutes
November 10, 2010

Members Present

B. Merritt, Chairman
T. Knapp
G. Brookins

Present

D. Smith, ACP

Meeting called to order by Chairman Merritt at 7-30PM.

G. Brookins made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 2010 meeting which was seconded by T. Knapp. – Approved.

Correspondence:

I read a letter sent by Kim Perez resigning from her position on the Traffic Commission.

Old Business:

I read a letter (copy attached) from Tony Signorelli of New York State DOT, in regards to the CMH entrance. The letter stated their survey showed one accident at that location in a five year period. They stated the location did not warrant a traffic signal but that DOT will be erecting two intersection warning signs on North Broad on each side of the hospital entrance to alert drivers of potential hospital traffic.

Prentice Street/ O'hara Drive intersection – Members advised they checked this location and no one observed a problem at this time. Committee agreed to take no further action at this time.

State Street parking issue – Members advised they monitored this situation. They advised they feel the problem is a narrow street and not a parking issue and agreed no action should be taken on this matter.

Conkey Ave – Members advised at this time they do not see a problem. Committee agreed to take no action at this time and to continue to monitor the situation in case a problem develops.

Willard Court – Members agreed to take no action on this matter at this time.

Rexford Street /Silver Street Stop Sign- Chairman Merritt reports it appears a few limbs have been cut and since the leaves are gone from the trees the Stop Sign is no longer obstructed. Members agreed to take a look at the stop sign once leaves are back on the

tree to see if the view of the sign becomes obstructed again once the leaves are back on the trees.

Berry Street Parking issue –

Members advised they observed an issue with parking and vehicles leaving Roots and Wings, especially vehicles backing out of the parking lot onto Berry Street. T. Knapp made a motion to post the North Side of Berry Street with a “No Parking Here to Corner” sign from the Western most part of the Roots and Wings driveway to the intersection of Berry Street and Adams Street. Motion seconded by G. Brookins and carried.

New Business:

No new business received.

With no further business to discuss T. Knapp made a motion to adjourn seconded by G. Brookins.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

**Next Meeting
December 8th, 2010
7-30PM**



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October 18, 2010

Mr. Dale Smith, Deputy Chief
City of Norwich Police Department
18 East Main Street
Norwich, New York 13815

Dear Mr. Smith:

Re: **INTERSECTION WARNING DEVICE REQUEST
CHENANGO MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DRIVEWAY
NYS ROUTE 12
CITY OF NORWICH, CHENANGO COUNTY**

Thank you for your letter dated May 5, 2010 requesting an intersection warning device at the driveway to the Chenango Memorial Hospital in the City of Norwich. You have requested a flashing light be placed at this driveway. An engineer from our Traffic Safety and Mobility office has reviewed your request.

An accident analysis was performed for this driveway. The study revealed that there was one accident in the five year study period. The single car accident occurred when a driver cut the corner to close and hit a telephone pole. A flashing light is a high level safety device reserved for the worst offender type locations, therefore, not an appropriate application here. As a part of the study, it was discovered that the driveway has restricted sight distance and heavier traffic volumes. Therefore, intersection warning signs are appropriate at this location. New York State Department of Transportation maintenance forces will install two intersection warning signs, one in each direction, with "Hospital" subpanels. We believe these signs will alert drivers to the potential for hospital traffic at this location improving the situation.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact Pamela Gendron of my office at (607) 721-8072.

Sincerely,

Tony Signorelli P.E.
Acting Regional Traffic Safety & Mobility Engineer