

City of Norwich
TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Minutes
October 8, 2008

Members Present

B. Merritt, Chairman
G. Cleveland
G. Brookins
M. Boice

Present

D. Smith, ACP
Mayor Maiurano

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

Motion to accept the minutes of the September meeting made by G. Brookins seconded by M. Boice – Approved.

Correspondence:

Read a letter from David Christen , owner of NAPA, stating due to the recent opening of businesses on Rt 12 there has been a congestion situation at the intersection of South Broad St. and Prentice St. He states customers are discouraged from entering or exiting his business which is located on the corner of said intersection. He stated the situation also causes problems to delivery trucks that stop to deliver parts to his store, and that on many occasions it is impossible to make a left turn from his parking lot onto South Broad St. David asked that the commission look at the situation and see if it could come up with any solutions to rectify the current situation.

Traffic commission to look at the situation and see if there are any ideas to remedy the problem.

Old Business:

Members discussed their findings of the letter requesting parking on Morse Ave, Coomes St and Northrup Ave be designated as parking on one side only. Members advised they did not observe a situation where parking on both sides of the street caused a hazard. It was discussed that if the problem was a result of lawn sales that they are temporary and do not warrant a change in parking designation. It was the committee's verdict to take no action at this time on this matter.

Discussion ensued on making Diamond and Walnut a one-way street. Members monitored the situation and found there were few vehicles that used Walnut and Diamond to by pass using Midland Drive to get to East Main Street. G. Cleveland brought up that

if few vehicles are using the street as a by pass and if the issue is the congestion of traffic on Midland Drive at East Main when the school lets out it would be difficult for vehicles to cross over Midland Drive from Walnut if the street was made one – way from East Main Street to Midland Drive. The committee agreed to table the issue and monitor the situation for any alternative possibilities.

Committee discussed the letter read in the September meeting of trees creating a hazard with vision on Prentice Street. Members stated they monitored the situation and there was not much of a hazard. Members stated they thought the stop sign was back from the intersection and thought if people were stopping their vehicles at the stop sign the motorist's views may be partially obstructed. Members ascertained if it was possible for the stop sign to be moved closer to the intersection and that would take care of the problem of obstructed view. I advised I would check with DPW to see if and how much the stop sign could be moved. G. Brookins made a motion which was seconded by M. Boice to table this issue until the November meeting to see what I found out about the stop sign.

Chairman Merritt advised we still needed to find a replacement on the committee for R. King. He advised M. Roach's term ends at the end of the year and we should keep an eye out for a replacement for him for next year.

G. Cleveland ascertained why stop signs were placed at West Main St at Elm/ Guernsey Street intersection, however, the light has not been bagged for removal. Discussion ensued stating it was the committee's recommendation that the intersection is made a four way stop and the light be removed. It was discussed that the committee recommended the intersection be a four way stop but did not specify for the light to be removed. M. Boice made a motion which was seconded by G. Cleveland to state in the minutes that the committee recommends the intersection of West Main at Guernsey and Elm Streets along with the intersection of Rexford Street at Silver Street is made four way stops and the traffic signals be removed.

Approved by committee.

New Business:

Chairman Merritt advised he received a complaint of vehicles entering Brown Street from Brown Ave against the direction of the one way street. Committee discussed the complaint and it is believed the "DO NOT ENTER" sign make be blocked partially by tree foliage. I advised I would check the sign and if it is blocked see if DPW can take care of the problem to make the sign more noticeable.

I showed the map and advised of the proposal to make "Snow Routes" in the City. The snow routes were discussed. The committee requested I make contact with Carl Iverson and request his attendance at the November meeting so he can answer any questions that may arise from the committee after they have a chance to think about the situation.

With no further business to discuss M. Boice made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by G. Cleveland.

Meeting adjourned at 8-32PM.

NEXT MEETING
November 12, 2008
7-30PM