

Commander Whitehead called the meeting to order at 9:02 hours

Members Present: Commander Whitehead, Ted Gillen and John McCann

Members Absent: Chief Brian Kilcullen and Bradley LaFaso of LaFaso Electric

Guest Present: Jim Henry

Commander Whitehead asked if we had everybody's name. Nora replied with Yes and introduced Jim Henry and that he has the first two items.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for a sign over Route 7 that indicates Kendall Avenue, should say left turn only

Jim stated that he has spoken with the Mayor, the Chief of Police and Ted. Amazed they've gotten ahold of Vtrans. They've got a plan in action. I guess I'm just here to see if there is anything we can do today, because I'm very grateful that Vtrans is going to come and do it but you know it looks like we might be stuck on the weather. And, we're back to a typical Vermont Winter. I'd like to see we maybe we take a chance at getting this done now instead of waiting before potentially something bad happens. Ted Gillen said the plan, just to get everyone up to speed was that when the paint changed, it was an immediate concern heading towards or approaching Kendall. Not adequate. Working with Vtrans. So, you know, you go through the light, you've got two lanes, you've got the Kendall Avenue sign overhead. It's not adequate because it doesn't really indicate that you're supposed to merge. It's a very dangerous situation. So, we're working with Vtrans. The long term resolution is that large overhead sign that says Kendall Avenue getting swapped out and it's gonna say, it will be something to the effect of a green sign mimicking Merge right with a yellow line. Paint on the road will change. It's gonna be more of what I asked them to explore, for, was to get a median or a hatched island in the middle to force people to merge and get that extra visual. So that as you approach, as you approach Burnham, you're going to have that, instead of just having a double center line like this now with the left turn on Kendall and through line here, it's gonna be more something like this where the yellow comes out to the next lane. (Ted drew a diagram) and then it swings back in before left hand turn and we get the cross edges like that, right? So, you get the overhead, you merge right ahead, you get the yellow line, (one, to kick them over instead of them just coming through, not knowing because we have a small sign on the right hand side that they installed that indicates. Jim stated, but that sign, they put it after the intersection. It's in front of Speedi-lube, it's not before the intersection. So nobody knows until it's too late. Jim said that that seems like it's something the City could move back a few hundred yard, it would be quick. Ted said we could definitely do that. Ted, said so we're just looking for some temporary ideas for an immediate solution. He said that's going to be the general idea. It obviously didn't get done. We pressed them, I felt like every week. Push back was they had to re-order the big sign. The painters, there's only one big contractor in the State. We didn't even get the paint throughout the City. They're going to come back and paint stuff. Will hit this in the Spring. As you're saying, we can do some immediate measures now to make it a little bit safer. It's not going to be the best. We've got 5 lanes and an intersection Maybe get a custom sign 36 X 36. Can show merge. There's a bunch of options. John McCann stated that he know's there's not a lot of room coming from Kendall to Kendall. He's trying to think, if from the South you would need to use that center lane to turn left. There might be one driveway there. But I'm wondering if we could take basically a lighted sign like a sign cart, just put it in the middle with arrows pointing to the right. That way, you know, because if you're coming up in the middle lane to see a small sign on the right that's related to your path, it's difficult to see when you're looking forward and don't have that visual on the ground. So, how do we put something in front of people, because we don't have the capacity to put anything overhead right now? Can we put sign in the road that says get over? Jim, said, I guess my question is, you say you don't have the capacity to put a sign, that's fair, is there capacity to hang a banner there, temporarily. Jim Henry said that he didn't come here to attack you, but I did look up the laws. There's a municipal traffic safety

law that says, I'll read it to you right now, that I believe might fall into play here. T23, Motor Vehicles, Chapter 13, Sub section 2, and then I don't know what to call this, 1029. Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 1025 and 1027 in this title. Municipalities may erect alternative signs with the guidance informal nature And creative design in accordance with provision 10 VSA 49515, 49415, excuse me to assist persons in reaching destinations that are transportation center, geographic districts, historic monuments, or significant, unique recreational or cultural landmarks. So I'm wondering if there's any way we can use that as a temporary way to hang a banner and maybe move back that sign. Commander Whitehead said that he doesn't feel anyone is saying we can't. Think we all agree we can legally do it. What is best accommodation? I know we had a billboard up awhile that said "Merge ahead". I think it comes down to local traffic knows the pattern. Agree with you, some type of sign & maybe billboard goes back up for a little while. Just think it's a tough intersection. Commander Whitehead stated that he thinks if we move other one down a little bit. When it first came into play, he said he set up watch and of course, that changes people's behaviors. John – thinking of your design here on the road. During construction, they had temporary tape. Probably would get plowed up.

2. Request to change striped line to solid line from the Intersection of Route 4 & Route 7 to where the lane ends (Kendall Avenue)

Striping is same? Yes. Ted – Offered up some suggestions to Vtrans. They waived them both. Made more sense to keep solid. Commander Whitehead asked if we have a time frame on this. Ted said when weather turns over. Just a concerned citizen. Just bought a car. Don't want it to get smashed. Can order custom size. Run it by you first. Lane merge ahead, North bound traffic merge ahead. John – between Burnham & Kendall, make them one way different directions and not allow a left turn. Ted, let me check into this. Let us implement something as quick as we can. John – thanks for coming in.

3. Request to discuss Letter received from City Attorney regarding Speed bumps and Changing Speed limits

Move to next meeting. We will wait for the Chief.

4. Request from a resident of Fairview Avenue to restrict parking on the east side of the roadway

Closer to stop sign of Crescent then Pine Hill Park. There's individual that is parking truck on road sometimes. Guy lives on East side. Guy plowing, lives on West side. Driveway is steep. Worried about hitting vehicle. Guy wasn't receptive to parking in his driveway. Can't guarantee it would be on the side you want like we had on Horton Street. Told him we'll take enforcement if at night. Justin Hayne's Mom's red & white house on the hill.

5. Light at Strongs/South Main Street – Mayor

Heading South on Strongs to go right, turn arrow stays red. Can turn arrow be green when green straight across? Don't think it can. It is activated for traffic turning left. Guess you could have both lanes of travel dump out at same time. I think we could. Chuck will watch intersection today. Ted – no crosswalk on Main Street. While we're talking about this intersection, thinks left is to be left or straight only. People think you can do a dual turn right. Don't think it's painted at all. I'll go look and dissect it a little bit better. Ted – thought painters did that. Maybe they didn't get that far. Could be based on lighting ability. Ted – maybe it's intentional.

Other old business

1. Updates from DPW Engineer in regards to Old Business Items

Don't think I have anything.

Washington Street Item – will check with highway department and see if it got done.

Adjourned at 9:33

Submitted by Nora J. Moore, Records Clerk