

Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

October 31, 2018

10 AM

Town Council Chambers

I. Call meeting to order

Sean Geagan (Committee Chair) called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Sean Geagan, Jaime Bowden, Rich Rotella, Craig Bowden, Dave Michaud. Members Absent: Jeff Hammond, Jay Lanpher, and Chris Grindle all 3 of whom were excused due to prior commitments.

III. Follow up on the submission to the council

Sean presented the committee's recommendation to the Town Council at their last meeting. Everything submitted was accepted and the Council was going to meet, solicit bids, and then meet again on the pricing.

IV. Set a date for tour of new wastewater treatment facility

The committee set the date for the tour of the wastewater treatment facility on Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 10 a.m. We will meet right at the facility at 205 US Route 1 as our regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

V. Any new safety concerns of note to be reported to the town.

Rich noted at this year's Bay Festival that someone tripped over the granite block on the waterfront by the bathrooms. The incident was reported to MMA and these 2 granite blocks were removed from the walkway.

Rich noted the Town Dock Pier which was deteriorating. The Pier replacement is almost complete. The deck has been finished and the contractors are finishing up the railings which have balusters added to them.

Rich noted Fishing Pier is in a current state to that of the Town Dock Pier prior to the renovation. Sean & Craig said they would like to see continued use of the Fishing Pier Dock System because it gets a lot of use and to find money to replace the pier and upgrade the docks if needed. We need to maintain what we have on the waterfront and add more not remove any assets. Life jackets have been added to the pier for safety.

Craig noted the floating docks at Silver Lake. He said they have a tie off post on the boat side needs to have a couple of lag screws attached to keep it from moving because of someone leans on it that it may let go.

Craig noted a washout on Silver Lake Road. He said that was filled in by the Town Crew and is no longer an issue.

Craig noted trees over hanging on McDonald Street up toward Summer Street that are growing in the road by 6'. If you meet a vehicle there you have to hit the trees to avoid traffic from the opposite direction. It is scrub growth not ornamental by Darryl Howard's house.

Sean noted trees over hanging stop sign and in the road by Pond Street & Bridge Street by Nancy Robertson's house and Mrs. Daigle's house. The growth is over the stop sign and you can't see it and the growth 1-2 feet in the road and you have to push over to avoid and the road isn't wide enough already.

Craig noted the bell tower at Wilson Hall. This was resolved when the tower was removed a couple of weeks ago.

Craig noted the Masonic Hall and the parking lot which is used for public safety employee parking. The building is for sale and the concern is if a new buyer comes in and the town loses its parking for the public safety employees. It will be

Sean noted the Town received a new crosswalk sign with signal (like the one by Hannaford's crosswalk). This sign will need to be installed at the only legal (as defined by Maine DOT) downtown crosswalk which is located right outside of the Rosen's Building on Main Street.

Craig noted the issue with crosswalks that need to be addressed including the one by the pool as this crosswalk goes from the pool house parking lot to someone's driveway. The crosswalk on Main Street that is in front of the ice cream parlor that comes off a bump out goes into a driveway. It used to go into the sidewalk but it went into the line of the ice cream parlor so it was moved to its current location.

Rich noted that with the Park Street Extension that a sidewalk is included in the plans.

Sean mentioned the need for a sidewalk on Nicholson Ave.

Craig mentioned the need for a sidewalk on Central Street. Dave says it starts at School Street and needs to go down Central Street from School Street to Franklin Street.

Dave asked if the State looked at adding a traffic light by Dunkin Donuts or Nicholson Avenue. Sean said it was looked at by Hannaford and it was declined. Craig said that they study was done prior to Leadbetter's Super Stop was opened. Dave asked

about the number of accidents by the Dunkin Donuts/Nicholson Avenue and Sean said there are more accidents by the existing traffic light at the yield sign.

Rich mentioned the retaining walls on Main Street and that we are looking to address these upon completion of the ADAPT project by applying for a grant. Jaime said when the water department was releasing water from the hydrants that the retaining wall blocks would fall apart just by touching them.

Craig asked about DOT's plan with Main Street for reconstruction. Dave said that the plan is to pave from the former mill site to First Street and then from the Teagan Bridge to the Orland Town Line on US Route 1. This would leave the location from First Street to the traffic light just beyond Pine Street that would not have been completed as the rest of Route 15 was completed this past summer. Dave said that he has a copy of the plans on hand.

Craig asked about looking at the removal of the power lines and light poles on Main Street. Craig said that the fire department can't use the ladder truck anywhere on Main Street to make a rescue because of the lines going across at every building and you can't get a ladder within 10 feet of a power line. Jaime cited an example from this week of South Portland. He said that their one-week old \$1.1 million ladder truck had got too close to a power line and it damaged the electrical system and the truck is now out of commission.

VI. Adjournment

Rich made a motion at 10:41 to adjourn. Sean seconded the motion. All members approved.