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Minutes

September 9 , 2010

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Meeting called to order: 7:04P.M.

Present: Jon Paul Roden, Chief Kenny, Robert Kleinhans, Charlie Bettinger, Ray Walker, Mason Thrall

Absent: Lucas Watson

Chief Kenny noted for the minutes that the regular scheduled meeting on August 12, 2010 was canceled due to vacations.

Motion was made to accept Minutes for the July 8, 2010 regular meeting by Robert Kleinhans, second by Ray Walker. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 2: Letter from Officer Gunnoud, Vernon Police Department concerning a sight line issue he investigated on July 12, 2010.

Officer Gunnoud indicated that a sight line issue was reported by Monica Jakiel of 27 Walker Terrace, regarding the intersection on Walker Terrace with marline Road. Jakiel reported that vehicles stopped at the stop bar on Walker Terrace have a reduced sight line for N/B traffic on Merline Road. Officer Gunnoud indicated that due to a curve in the road and a tree, planted on private property approximately 20 feet from the road, operators have a 141 foot sight line.

Chief Kenny indicated that the 141 foot sight line based on the posted limit of 25mph is an adequate site line however he further stated that the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUCTD) indicates that the stop bar can be moved as close as 4 feet from the intersection and that would significantly improve the sight line.

Robert Kleinhans stated that the tree in question was on private property and could not be trimmed by town. Kleinhans stated that Traffic Authority should seek voluntary assistance from the homeowner to trim the tree.

Motion to move the stop bar to with in 4 feet of intersection and the Chairman to send a letter to the homeowner requesting trimming of the tree made by Robert Kleinhans, second by Charlie Bettinger. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 3: Request from Councilman Etre for no parking signs to be installed on the corner of Maple Street and Grand Avenue.

Councilman Etre has requested signs be erected at the intersection of Maple Street and Grand Avenue due to an ongoing issue of residence parking too close to the intersection. Town Ordinance prohibits parking with in 25 feet of a stop sign or intersection.

Jon Paul Roden and Charlie Bettinger noted that a similar condition exists as the intersection of Maple Street and Union due to overflow parking from Maple Street School.

Motion to erect "No parking here to corner" signage at Maple and Union, Maple at Grand and on both side of Grand Avenue at Maple was made by Robert Kleinhans, second by Charlie Bettinger. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 4. Letter from Tiffany Chion of 118 Prospect Street requesting speed bumps on Prospect Street.

Chief Kenny indicated his objection to the use of speed bumps on the roadway due to dangers created to emergency vehicles and school buses. Charlie Bettinger indicated that they also interfere with snow removal.

Motion for no action to be taken made by Charlie Bettinger, second by Chief Kenny. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 5: Review of proposed subdivision to create two lots at 310 Lake Street.

Ray Walker commented that the proposed driveway is only 10 feet wide with radius to curb line. Minimum width needed for fire apparatus is 9 feet.

Robert Kleinhans commented that due to proposed width there is a possibility that vehicles will be cued up on Lake Street while vehicles exit driveway due to width.

Ray Walker noted that site plans show that a 4 foot gravel shoulder is proposed on both sides of driveway. Walker proposed that the portion of the driveway from the curb line to the length of a fire truck, approximately 50 feet, be paved to 18 foot width, to allow fire apparatus to negotiate the turn into the residence.

Chief Kenny indicated that he did not see a problem with the curb cut and indicated he preferred one cut for the drive as apposed to two, preventing conflicting traffic.

Motion was made to modify the driveway curb cut so that the full width of 18 feet with be paved with radius to curb line. Additionally that the driveway be fully paved for a distance of 50 feet from road way to accommodate fire apparatus. This stipulation is made provided that the motion does not violate current zoning regulations. Motion made by Ray Walker, second by Charlie Bettinger. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 6: No parking signs on Oviate Drive.

No action taken. Withdrawn by administration.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Motion to adjourn wan made at 7:39, by Charlie Bettinger, second by Ray Walker. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

James L. Kenny

Chairman, Vernon Traffic Authority