

**Streets and Roads Commission
Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2009 (Combined Nov-Dec Meeting)**

Commission members in attendance: Chair, Dawn Adair Johnson; Acting Mayor and Council President Peter Helt; Dave Blais; Fred Goundry; Secretary, Tora Mahoney, Mark Moxley; and Vice-Chair, Bryan Pelino.

Citizens: Tim Barkley, Ann Barkley, Jeff Tunkel, Margaret Fritz, Daryl Bryant, Ron Bromber, Kevin Murphy

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. Administrative items

a. Notes from the Chair (Johnson)

Thrift Store concerns

Dumpster divers and shed contents theft: Monika and Dave are working on this

b. Departmental Report (Moxley)

Wildwood Park—water-main was struck when putting the gas line in; fix the patch once everything is complete

New Maintenance building; Alleghany power to put wreaths up; work falling behind with street sweeping; put salt and plows on in case of winter weather on Saturday

Town has done their part for the Santa Parade

c. Council Liaison Report(Helt)

No additions.

d. Review of prior minutes

Dave Blais noted a spelling error. Blais moved to approve with noted correction; Goundry seconded the motion with noted correction.

Helt and Mahoney abstained.

III. Citizen Comments not otherwise on the Agenda (None)

IV. Old Business

a. Update on SHA plans for Main Street

Moxley: big suggestion was related to Cross Street, keep traffic so as not to lose any parking spaces; Cross Street cannot accommodate tractor trailers; 40 ft apron on access from municipal lot this will allow for tractor trailers to turn at unnamed street.

Chair: Cross Street is not meant for heavy traffic; Maximum vehicle weight signage on Cross Street; Patriot Park will have to be moved

Moxley: Patriot Park location was always thought of as temporary

Fritz: Parking only on 1-side of the street-Moxley yes

Will be able to stop directly in front of their homes-Moxley yes

Blais: Veterans Way. Chair and Moxley confirmed that it will remain unchanged. Chair stated that signage may have to be put on Veterans Way.

Helt: "Local traffic only" sign.

T. Barkley: Veterans Way. Concerned where the traffic will have access

Moxley: Veterans Way could be signed with different options: local access/ no access to Main St. / no trucks

Goundry: Any lights planned to be put in this area?

Chair: Town received a grant of \$35k for the lighting that was installed in the last three years

Moxley: updated the lights on the parking lot; didn't want lighting overkill

Chair: didn't want to "disturb" the neighbors with too much brightness

Fritz: Illuminated adequately. You can read a book under those lights.

Goundry: If illumination isn't adequate then might hinder shoppers.

Moxley: No lights will be removed.

A. Barkley: Would the Farmer's Market continue with "no name" street?

Moxley: Farmer's Market may not continue there anyway. MAMSA might decide to move it to Blossoms & Basket

Murphyt: Will there be lighting on crosswalk when it is moved?

Tunkel: The improvements are an eye sore, handicap ramp and existing sidewalk, can bushes or scrubs be planted?

Helt: need a rail that doesn't block view, bushes/scrubs/planters can't block views either

Chair: plant trees along Main Street while it would good, concerned about limited sight distance and piping close to the surface; this is an on-going issue, modifications will continue to be made. She'll talk with MAMSA about planting ideas.

Fritz: What are the funding sources?

Chair: Main Street owned by is the State. The Town is responsible for the rest.

Helt: SHA project limits are drawn on the plans

Chair: State funds are tight, no timeline for this, modifications to concept plan, if this happens 5 years from now the numbers will change, want as much input as possible to make this project as good as possible

Murphy: steps are gone, but 2 tiers, does the rail have to extended? Moxley and Helt confirmed that it will

Chair: paint step yellow?

Murphy: it couldn't hurt, but nothing will beat a rail

V. New Business

a. Request for timing change to 27-Park Ave. light

Moxley—wanted Town's backing to request at least 10 more seconds because traffic backs up on Park Ave.

Chair: making 27 two lanes would resolve the issue but not high on SHA's priority list

Helt: moved that we ask SHA for this modification, no opposed; no abstentions

Moxley: this will take a year and SHA will look into putting a left turn light at 144 and Ridgeville Blvd.

b. Skateboarding concerns in and around Main St

Chair: kids come down Hood St. straight onto Main St. Safety concern

Helt: Skateboard Park is closed for the winter

Murphy: Signage is not going to be effective.

Moxley: Talk to the Resident Troopers for enforcement assistance

Murphy: what is the consequence?

Chair: \$25 first offense; 2nd offense board is taken; concerned about Troopers need for balance this with bigger issues.

Moxley: if kids are going onto Main Street blind, then there is a need. Try to find the time. He will mention it to Trooper Picket.

Helt: will mention this to the council.

IV. Adjournment

MOTION: Helt moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Blais.

Vote: All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tora Mahoney