

PARKING and TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

CONFERENCE ROOM A
CITY HALL, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, 1 JUNKINS AVENUE

Members of the public also had the option to join the meeting over Zoom.

8:30 AM

May 2, 2024

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Councilor Andrew Bagley called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

II. ATTENDANCE

Members Present:

Chairman Andrew Bagley
Vice Chair Steve Pesci
Public Works Director Peter Rice
Stefanie Casella, Planning Department
Deputy Police Chief Mike Maloney
Erica Wygonik
Fire Chief William McQuillen
Mark Syracuse
Mary Lou McElwain

Absent

Dave Allen (alternate)

City Staff Present:

Parking Director Ben Fletcher
City Engineer – Parking, Transportation and Planning Eric Eby
Associate Engineer Tyler Reece

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

[00:06:16] Mark Syracuse moved to accept the financial report dated March 31, 2024, seconded by Steve Pesci. Motion carried 9-0.

Mary Lou McElwain asked about the percentage of budgeted parking violations.

The newly designed entrance is now open at the Hanover Garage with the same technology as the Foundry Garage.

V. PRESENTATIONS

None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

(No public comment during Committee discussion without Committee approval.)

- A. [00:12:01] Discussion of potential new projects for the NHDOT 10-year plan, by DPW. June 2nd is the deadline for new suggestions.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. [00:27:16] E-bike and scooter use on sidewalks, report back on potential changes to City Ordinances. Peter Rice moved to change the wording in the City Ordinance Chapter 7, section 7.341 as presented, with the addition of the word “electric” before each type of vehicle for clarification purposes. Seconded by Erica Wygonik. On unanimous vote, motion carried.

VIII. INFORMATIONAL

- A. [00:34:43] Police monthly accident report
- B. [00:34:59] Outdoor dining update

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was a resident on Zoom who had technical difficulties during the public comment period. Peter Rice moved to suspend the rules to allow her to speak later, seconded by Mark Syracuse. Motion passed unanimously.

[00:36:42] Kelly Shaw spoke regarding Rail Trail parking and trucks on Banfield Rd.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

[00:41:23] Mary Lou McElwain expressed concerns regarding vehicle traffic in and out of the Skate Park parking lot. Peter Rice indicated that he would coordinate signage for the event on May 18th.

[00:46:52] Eric Eby gave an update on Woodbury Avenue traffic calming. Additional speed signs and stencils for painting the speed limit on the road have been ordered.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mark Syracuse moved to adjourn at 9:15a.m., seconded by Steve Pesci. Meeting adjourned on a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Leila Birr
Administrative Assistant
Department of Public Works