MINUTES

Cumberland Town Council Meeting Town Council Chambers

MONDAY, February 10, 2020

7:00 P.M. Call to Order

Present: Councilors Copp, Edes, Gruber, Stiles, Storey-King, Turner and Vail

I. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u>

Motion by Councilor Gruber, seconded by Councilor Copp, to accept the January 27, 2020 meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

II. MANAGER'S REPORT

Assistant Town Manager Bolduc said that some town roads will posted beginning February 17th.

Superintendent Porter will be at the February 24th Town Council meeting to give a report on the school budget.

III. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

IV. <u>LEGISLATION AND POLICY</u>

20 – 005 To hear a report from the Maine Department of Transportation re: their recommendation of a 4-way stop instead of a traffic signal at the intersection of Route 100 and Skillin Road.

Dennis Emidy of Maine Department of Transportation presented the following:

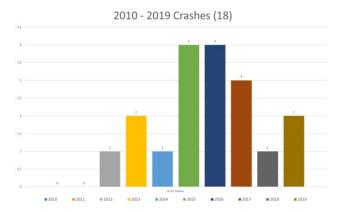


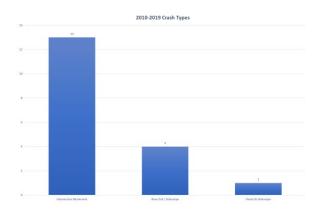


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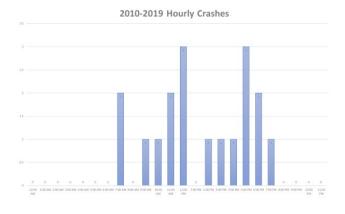


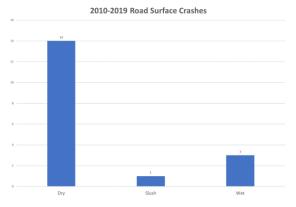


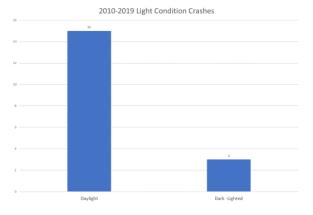


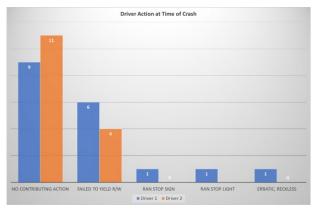


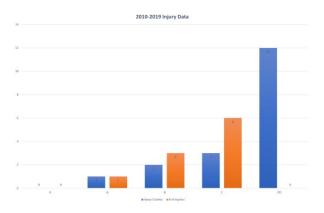












Two Alternatives were Considered

- Alternative 1 Signal No Signal Warrants were met.
- •Alternative 2 All-Way Stop

Two Maine Examples 2-Way Stop to All-Way Stop

- Auburn Young's Corner (Before & After)
 - From 5 Crashes/ Year To 1.67 or a 67% Reduction in Crashes / Year.
 - • From 1.78 Injury Crashes/ Year To 0.33 or an $\bf 81\%$ Reduction in Injury Crashes / Year.
 - From \$3,116,000 Crash Cost/ Year To \$309,000 or a 90% Reduction in Crash Costs/Year.
- Durham Route 125 & Quaker Meeting House Road (Before & After)
 - From 3 Crashes/ Year To 1.71 or a 43% Reduction in Crashes / Year.
 - From 1.80 Injury Crashes/ Year To 0.0 or a 100% Reduction in Injury Crashes / Year.
 - From \$3,486,400 Crash Cost/ Year To \$31,800 or a 99.1% Reduction in Crash Costs/Year.

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(Converted to Alf-May Stop in 2012)																									
Durham Ste. 125 & Quaker Meeting	2008-2017	30	0	2		10	12	30	1.00	1.80	2058-2019	3.79	0	0	0	0	- 3	- 3	3.73	0.00	40%	100%	\$3,486,400	\$11,800	99.1%
(Converted to AII-Way in 1/30/18)																									



Assistant Town Manager Bolduc said that we were given a lot of information this evening. The next step should be to have Town staff meet with MDOT and prepare for a neighborhood type meeting at the West Cumberland Hall to discuss the challenges that the residents are seeing with this intersection.

Chairman Storey-King asked for any public comment.

Jeff (?) of Blanchard Road Extension said that he does not agree with a 4-way stop at this intersection, but something has to be done. The data presented does not take near misses into consideration. He is concerned that there are near miss instances that the statistics are not taking into consideration with the traffic study that the State conducted.

Jeff Kalinich of 371 Blanchard Road Extension said that he appreciates the policy that the department of transportation has to adhere to, but he feels that they might not apply here if the Town is willing to pay for a traffic signal. There is no other 4-way stop on Route 100.

Cathy Wright of Skillin Road said that a 4-way stop makes no sense to her. If that is the only option, she would prefer to leave it as it is.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Vail – he thanked Public Works employee, Dan Burr for finding the toolbox that fell off his truck last week during the snow storm. Dan called him to let him know that he had found it.

The State of California has adopted a new policy stating that all newly constructed homes must have a solar component. He feels that we should be looking at a similar ordinance and perhaps bring back the Cool Cities Committee to look at these types of ideas.

Councilor Gruber – he thanked all the Food Pantry volunteers who came out during last Friday's storm to help in the pantry.

There was a neighborhood meeting last week in regard to the new public works facility that was well attended. Thank you to Steve Moriarty and Paul Auclair who led the meeting.

The Lands & Conservation Commission met last week and voted unanimously to approve the agricultural easement for Spring Brook Farm. They will be presenting their building standards for trails to the Town Council soon.

He has been elected Chairman of the Municipal Oversight Committee for the second year in a row, for the Community Development Block Grant program.

Councilor Edes – the Public Works crew did a great job during the last couple of storms. Kudos to them for keeping our roads in great shape.

Councilor Stiles – he thanked Councilor Copp for his donation to the 4-H auction fund that will benefit the Food Panty with meat.

Budget workshops will begin on Tuesday, February 18th at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Storey-King – its tournament time. Good luck to our winter sports teams.

Councilor Copp - none

Councilor Turner – in regard to Councilor Vail's comments on solar energy, there are some great solar incentives if installed while under new construction that a lot of people don't take advantage of.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilor Gruber, seconded by Councilor Turner, to adjourn.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

TIME: 8:24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brenda L. Moore Council Secretary