

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
Standing Committee on Transportation, Sustainability and Energy
Councilor David Marshall (D2), Chair
Councilor Kevin Donoghue (D1), Vice Chair
Councilor John Anton (A/L)
Councilor Cheryl Leeman (D4)

May 15, 2013
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Chair David Marshall, Councilor Kevin Donoghue, Councilor Cheryl Leeman, Councilor John Anton (absent), John Peverada, Jeremiah Bartlett, Kathi Earley, Melissa Graffam, Michael Bobinsky, Sgt. Troy Bowden

Chair David Marshall called the meeting at 5:39 pm

1. Approval of May 1, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Minutes will be presented at the June Meeting

2. A. MS4 5-year Stormwater Management Compliance Program

Item was a communication item.

3. A. Traffic Schedule Amendment

1. Brackett and Pine Streets- Motion made by Councilor Leeman to pass the proposed changes. Seconded by Councilor Donoghue. Motion passed 3-0.

2. Waverly Street- Motion made by Councilor Leeman to pass the proposed changes. Seconded by Councilor Donoghue. Motion passed 3-0.

3. B. Deering/Brighton/Falmouth Street Intersection Study – Endorse final plan

Motion made by Councilor Leeman to endorse the final plan to City Councilor with the stipulation with the design phase; a requirement to minimize private property impacts. Seconded by Councilor Donoghue. Motion passed 3-0.

3. C. Proposed Tow-operator Fee Increases – Endorse/forward to City Council

John Peverada explained to the Committee that along with Mike Bobinsky and Sgt. Troy Bowden they have been working with the tow-operators on the proposed fees. The last time there was a fee increase was in 2008.

The Committee took public comments regarding the proposed fee increases.

Charlie Rousseu, Charlie's Towing/Portland Resident- everything has gone up (oil, gas, equipment, employer costs)

Mike, Maietta Towing- In 2008, the cost of a tow truck was \$85,000; it is now \$120,000. The costs have gone up, but the fees have not.

Lisa Hill, Adams Towing- The costs have gone up. They have to tow and store vehicles in South Portland because Portland does not allow many tow lots.

Motion was made by Councilor Donoghue to endorse the tow increases; without the hook-up and drop changes to the City Council. Seconded by Councilor Leeman. Motion passed 3-0.

4. A. MaineDOT and Maine Turnpike Authority- Present 2013 Project Coordination

Heath Cowan from the MaineDOT discussed the projects that are planned for 2013-2015. Peter Merfeld and Sara Devlin from the Maine Turnpike Authority discussed their projects that are planned for 2013. Rob Elder also spoke about what is happening at the IMT building.

4. B. Libbytown Circulation Study (PACTS)- Report status and process to date.

Jeremiah Bartlett updated the Committee on the status to this study. More information will be presented later in the year.

5. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm