

Boonsboro Public Safety Commission
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 20, 2016

Present: Chair, Rick Byrd; Terri Hollingshead; Kristy Smith; Marty Love; Chief of Police Charles Stanford. Chairman Byrd called the meeting to order just after 7 PM.

Guests: Representatives of the State Highway Administration: Tony Crawford, Chris Perkins and John Wolford; Mayor Howard Long

June minutes were approved with a motion by Mr. Love, seconded by Ms. Hollingshead. There was not a quorum for the July meeting.

There were many citizens in attendance at the meeting. A scanned copy of the sign in sheet follows this agenda (attachment A). Each citizen present had commentary regarding traffic issues mainly on our Main Street. Speed, signage, and the safety of the cross walk at the intersection of Main Street and Maple Avenue, and the intersection itself, were among the topics discussed. Martin Forbes of 422 N. Main Street provided a written statement of difficulties he has experienced with these issues (attachment B). Other discussion included the potential for a traffic light at Orchard Drive and Main Street, and the pending installation of the traffic circle at MD 67.

After citizen commentary, Mr. Crawford spoke briefly about next steps in addressing concerns. A speed study is already underway, and the intersection of main Street and Maple Avenue will also be studied for potential resolutions. Clarification of enforceable speed limits was made. Suggested by citizens were a change in the light times, no turn on red, speed adjustments, a left turn lane when travelling toward town, potential crossing guards from WCPS and adjusted paint markings. A study may take up to 6 months.

Another issue raised was the repainting of the cross walk markings near the library. Mr. Wolford will be ensuring the completion of these markings as soon as possible.

We will forward the minutes from the meeting, along with a copy of the communication from Mr. Forbes to Mr. Crawford at the SHA.

Old Business:

No update yet regarding the vape policy.

The red paint around no parking curbs and fire hydrants has yet to be refreshed.

New Business:

Two residents have expressed interest in serving on the PSC. Mr. Tony Nally was present and presented himself to the group. Mr. Nally is a long time resident of Boonsboro and has agreed to serve on the PSC in whatever capacity in which he is needed. A second candidate for the commission, Roland England, plans to be in attendance in September.

At the suggestion of Mayor Long, the commission will table Chairman Byrd's resignation from his role as chair until the commission has a full component of membership.

NNO tax acknowledgement and thank you letters will be ready for signature at the September meeting.

Following resident input, the commission will recommend to the mayor and council that Center Street be made a one way street coming from Saint Paul Street to the town hall parking lot. Motion made by Mr. Love and seconded by Ms. Hollingshead. All were in agreement.

A recommendation to consider additional stop signs on Saint Paul Street at Orchard Drive and Lakin Avenue was motioned by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Love.

Residents of Kinsey Heights have requested increased speeding patrols in their area. Chief Stanford will address this concern with his department.

Police Department Report:

Chief Stanford reported that camera installation is nearing completion.

Fire Department Report:

No representation from the Fire Department. Mr. Love had nothing to report.

Mayor and Council Report:

The change in speed limits in the area of the park have been approved and new signs are up.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Smith