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May 13 , 2010

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Meeting called to order: 7:00 P.M.

Present: Jon Paul Roden, Chief Kenny, Charlie Bettinger, Mason Thrall

Absent: Michael Desmond, Robert Kleinhans, Lucas Watson

Motion to accept Minutes for the April 8, 2010 regular meeting made by Charlie Bettinger, second by Jon Paul Roden. Passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 2: request for approval of second curb cut, 11 Faith Drive.

Property owner, Todd Garon, appeared to discuss the request.

Mr. Garon provided a copy of the property map which he indicated that the driveway was in fact on his property. The roadway was created as a temporary cul-de-sac during development of the neighborhood. Authority members noted that no safety issues resulted from the second curb cut.

Motion was made by Chief Kenny to approve second curb cut. Second by Jon Paul Roden. Passed unanimously.

Chief Kenny requested to deviate from agenda to hear items #5 and #6 as representatives for each were present for the meeting. Approved by members present.

Agenda Item 5: Review of proposed restaurant and retail store, 10 Hyde Avenue.

Appearing for the applicant were Patrick O'Leary, office manager and Mark Grocki, project engineer, of Vanasse Hangen Bristlin, Inc.

Project proposed to build a retail building within the existing parking lot of 10 Hyde Avenue, the site of the former McDonalds Restaurant. Existing curb cuts would be

used. Site previously approved for drive thru activity with adequate bypass lane for exiting traffic for stacked drive thru vehicles.

Traffic Authority requested that developer explore the creation of raised traffic islands in the existing parking lot to improve traffic flow. Applicants was agreeable to this pending discussion with PZC on required parking spaces needed for future business development.

Motion to accept proposed project with recommendations made by Jon Paul Roden, second by Charlie Bettinger. Passed Unanimously.

Agenda Item 6: Review of proposed development 482 Talcottville Road.

Appearing for the applicant: Leonard Jacobs Esq. Jacobs , Walker & Barry, Rice.

James Bubaris P.E. , Bubaris Traffic Associates and Ken Peterson P.E., Gardner & Peterson Engineering.

Project was presented by Mr. Peterson for the development of a retail package store at site of existing residence. Residence would be removed. Existing driveway/curb cut would be removed and new curb cut developed for one lane entry and two lane, right turn/left turn exiting.

Chief Kenny commented that he was in favor of the two lane configuration exit as left turning vehicles would have extended wait due to traffic volume on Rt. 83.

Conversation was held on painted crosswalk at the curb cut for the business. Mr. Peterson indicated that this was done at the Town of Vernon's request. Mr. Bubaris indicated that the crosswalk position required the stop bar for the exit to be positioned further east on property. Chief Kenny questioned if this position of the stop bar left adequate site line for exiting vehicles. Mr. Bubaris indicated that it did.

Mr. Bubaris commented on the traffic survey he conducted for the project. The standards do not address a package store type usage and required him to used projected traffic trips for a shopping mall which would be far in excess of that generated by this use. Mr. Bubaris indicated that the roadway would sustain projected traffic trips.

Motion made by Mason Thrall to accept proposal with two exit lane configuration. Second by Charlie Bettinger. Passed Unanimously.

Return to issued agenda for further consideration.

Agenda Item 3: Request for signage at end of Burke Road.

Correspondence received from Officer Timothy Murphy of the Vernon Police Department requesting warning signage be placed at the dead end section of Burke Road. Officer Murphy stated that two motor vehicle accidents have occurred recently as drivers were not aware road ended. Chief Kenny noted that only three residences are on dead end section and roadway end is visible to approaching motorist. Chief Kenny questioned need for sign.

Discussion was held that during low light conditions motorist may not know it is a dead end.

Motion made by Charlie Bettinger to have DPW erect proper signage to warn motorists. Second by Jon Paul Roden. Passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 4: Request for crosswalk and signage, 60 Lake Street.

Correspondence was received from Terry McCarthy, Town of Vernon Engineer, requesting the placement of a crosswalk and signage across Lake Street from the new park parking area to the existing sidewalk. Property was donated to town for a park and due to location pedestrians walking to the park would be crossing mid-block.

Chief Kenny noted that he did not normally favor mid-block crosswalks as drivers don't normally expect them. He requested that the high visibility signage be used if approved.

Motion to approve crosswalk with high visibility signage made by Mason Thrall. Second by Charlie Bettinger. Passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Jon Paul Roden questioned the status of the stop sign at the condo complex which was supposed to be installed by the area developer. Chief Kenny stated that the town had called the bond and was going to use the funding for the signs installation. Chief Kenny stated he would check on the status and report back at the next meeting.

New Business:

None

Motion to adjourn at 7:59 made by Charlie Bettinger, second by Jon Paul Roden. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

James L. Kenny

Chairman, Vernon Traffic Authority