



SACO TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES JUNE 18, 2026 - 6:00 PM

Seaside Ave and Ferry Rd traffic calming discussion

Community Comments:

- Pedestrians stepping into oncoming traffic
- Golf cart type vehicles driving towards OOB, go very fast
- Could there be additional speed monitoring, traffic tables?
- Vehicles speed on the straight road after crossing Goosefare bridge
- Drivers pass along Seaside Ave., very dangerous

Committee Comments:

- Currently a temporary speed sign
- Is there room for creating additional shoulder?
- Drivers' behavior is the problem, quiet vehicles drive faster
- Homeowners have paved a bit more in their driveways to accommodate tenants
- Taken up extra road space
- 11-foot lanes, 4-foot shoulders, sufficient roadway for options
- Would need funding and DOT approval
- Raised crosswalk? Pedestrian crossing might slow traffic

Motion by Director Moore to request City Council fund a traffic engineering study of Seaside Ave for traffic calming and get back to TSC. 2nd by Councilor Johnston. Motion Passed

Motion by Chief Clements to request funding from the city council for a lighted speed sign to be permanently installed on Seaside Ave. 2nd by City Councilor Johnston. Motion passed

North St and Spring St intersection discussion

Community Comments:

- Long time problem
- Essentially 4-5 lane intersections as drivers go 3 wide
- BPAC suggested delineators, pillows?
- Traffic engineer said it warrants a light
- Needs signalization
- Cars go very fast, adjusting turning radius to slow them down

Committee Comments:

- Engineer recommends moving crosswalks away from location
- Did add extra delineators, does warrant traffic signals
- Crosswalk is very long and squaring off corner would be beneficial
- Pedestrian island?
- Can look at Safe Streets grant to fund some of the changes
- Can look at a demonstration project

Motion by TSC chair Deputy Chief Huntress to request City Council for funding to remove the current cross walk on North St at Spring St and add crosswalks, with one being to the West of the intersection of Spring St and add a second crosswalk East of Goodale Ave with both crosswalk to have rapid flashing beacons. 2nd by City Councilor Johnston. **Motion passes.**

2nd Motion by Mr. Archie for Public Works to talk with a traffic engineer about recommendations for the Spring St at North St intersection and squaring up the intersection, moving the center line and installing bump outs. 2nd by Chief Clements. Motion passes.

Union St and adjoining road's comprehensive review for traffic calming

Community Comments:

- Welcome anything that will help, nice having the speed sign
- Small roundabouts? Delineators suggest but don't stop vehicles
- Permanent physical barriers work well (chokers)
- Committee to look at intersections in the wake of incidents?

Committee Comments:

- TSC and BPAC can come up with something instead of spending extra money
- Like the idea of small roundabouts
- Roundabouts can be customized based on the intersection
- Looking at coming up with a few options, to get funding and move forward

Motion by Councilor Johnston to request funding from city Council to enter into a traffic

engineering study for traffic calming in the Union St neighborhoods. 2nd by Chief Clements. **Motion passed.**

Review of prior crosswalk requests under new crosswalk policy [Ocean Park Rd @ Cumberland Ave, Spring St @ Mechanic St, Shadagee Rd @ Sweet St

A) Ocean Park Road @ Cumberland Ave.

Committee Comments:

- Based on policy it does not meet all criteria and no sidewalk there
- Needs to have a safe landing zone, ditch
- Difficult spot for a crosswalk

- If installed, it would create a false sense of security
- Previously eliminated street parking as road was being blocked

Motion by TSC chair Deputy Chief Huntress to deny request based on not meeting the crosswalk policy requirements. 2nd by Chief Clements. **Motion passes to deny request.**

B) Spring Street @ Mechanic Street

Committee Comments:

- Meets sight distance based on speed
- Would require some NO PARKING in the area
- Current city code is 10 feet No Parking.

Motion by City Councilor Gayle to approve crosswalk on Spring St as it meets policy. 2nd by Mr. Nucci. **Motion passes.**

C) Shadagee Road @ Sweet Street

Committee Comments:

- 25mph and required to have 200 feet of sight distance., its 240. If we go back, it's too close.
- DPW would have to pave a 5-foot walkway to existing sidewalk
- Possibility of enhanced lighting in winter months?
- Currently a streetlight on Sweet Street but no utility pole to install a light.

Motion by Community Member Mr. Archie to add crosswalk on Shadagee Rd at Sweet St intersection as it meets policy. 2nd by Councilor Johnston. **Motion passes**

Discussion of updating city code Chapter 211-18.B parking within 10' of a crosswalk

Community Comments:

- 10 feet is not very wide
- Current parking spots should be looked at, very little space
- Safety will revitalize the town

Committee Comments:

- Large elderly population
- Safe Streets project requirement was 20-foot spacing

Motion by Chief Clements to forward to city council for amending the city code chapter 211-18.B parking within 10' of a crosswalk, where new language would move parking distance from a crosswalk from ten feet to twenty feet. 2nd by Councilor Johnston. **Motion passes.**

Public Comment

- Eastern Trail Manager spoke about changing the route. 3 dangerous spots.
- New route proposal, looking for approval from Saco
- Signs are on polls and will be moved.

- Approval of 2 new sidewalks is great, thank you.
- How would a committee be created to look at crash areas? Caution this due to reconstruction and criminal investigations
- Not looking for specifics of the crashes but how to prevent situations
- Kids out of school, on e-bikes, golf cars, scooter. Has the state come up with new laws to educate?
- E-bikes and the E-mottos are super-fast, high power, dangerous

Committee discussion: request from Mayor McPhail for a future workshop on E-bikes, current laws on E-bikes and city code.