



City of Keene
New Hampshire

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES,
FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE
COMMITTEE
AGENDA
Council Chambers B
July 26, 2017
6:00 PM**

Janis O. Manwaring
Randy L. Filiault
Robert J. O'Connor
Stephen L. Hooper
Gary P. Lamoureux

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1. James Griffin - Speeding Concerns - Key Road
 2. Joan Roelofs - Speeding Concerns - Beaver Street
 3. Request for Stop Sign - Darling Road/Mountain View Road Intersection - Public Works Department

MORE TIME ITEMS:

- A. Paula Sousa – Overnight Parking on Middle Street
- B. Driveway Code Review
- C. Reconstruction of the City Roadways and the Addition of Sidewalk Construction to Reconstruction Projects - Council Policy

Non Public Session
Adjournment



Transmittal Form

July 17, 2017

TO: Mayor and Keene City Council

FROM: James J. Griffin

THROUGH: Patricia A. Little, City Clerk

ITEM: 1.

SUBJECT: James Griffin - Speeding Concerns - Key Road

COUNCIL ACTION:

In City Council July 20, 2017.

Referred to the Municipal Services, Facilities and Infrastructure Committee.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Communication - Griffin

BACKGROUND:

James Griffin is requesting the installation of a speed hump on Key Road to address a problem of drag racing on Key Road.

In City Council July 20, 2017.

Referred to the Municipal Services, Facilities and Infrastructure Committee.


City Clerk

195 Key Road, #18

Keene, NH 03431

July 10, 2017

Mayor

City Council

City of Keene

3 Washington Street

Keene, NH 03431

Dear Mayor and Council Members:


I am requesting the placement of a speed hump on Key Road, just before the Key Road Car Wash. This is necessary to stop the drag racers and lifted, noisy four wheel drive truck operators from using the Key Road Car Wash as a starting point for engine revving, tire burning and squealing, speeding, and reckless driving. The Keene Police Department has done its best to try and control the problem; however, the offenders are gone before they arrive, or disappear when they see a police car on Key Road.

These races go on until well into the early hours of the morning. Not only are they dangerous, but they are disturbing the peace and enjoyment of the neighborhood, disrupting sleep, and generally diminishing the quality of life for those who live here, many of whom are elderly and disabled. In addition, there is the noise, foul language, and loud, obnoxious music from the people hanging around at the car wash, as well as exhaust fumes from the vehicles. A speed hump appears to be the most effective, and simple, solution, as no longer would drivers, especially those in lowered vehicles, be able to speed down Key Road. The owner of the Key Road Car Wash has no intention of shutting down his business at night, so that is not a solution.

I have spoken with the property manager at Keene Housing, the manager of Princeton Arbor Apartments, and the managers of the Holiday Inn Express. All were supportive of the idea to place a speed hump on Key Road. The speeding on Key Road is a tragedy waiting to happen.

I respectfully ask my request for the speed hump to be placed on the agenda for the next City Council meeting.

Sincerely,


James J. Griffin



Transmittal Form

July 17, 2017

TO: Mayor and Keene City Council

FROM: Joan Roelofs

THROUGH: Patricia A. Little, City Clerk

ITEM: 2.

SUBJECT: Joan Roelofs - Speeding Concerns - Beaver Street

COUNCIL ACTION:

In City Council July 20, 2017.

Referred to the Municipal Services, Facilities and Infrastructure Committee.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Communication - Roelofs

BACKGROUND:

On behalf of several residents on Beaver Street, Joan Roelofs is requesting a speed bump on Beaver Street to respond to speeding concerns.

In City Council July 20, 2017.

Referred to the Municipal Services, Facilities and Infrastructure
Committee.

July 12, 2017

Keene City Council
3 Washington St.
Keene NH 03431


City Clerk

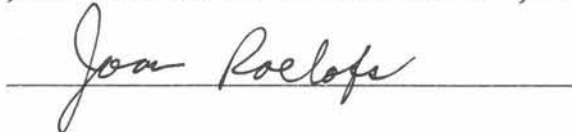
For the agenda: Traffic on Beaver Street

The noise and speed of cars, motorcycles and pickup trucks on Beaver Street are serious dangers to life and limb, and mental health. Previous attempts to control the traffic problem have not succeeded. Perhaps it is time to install speed bumps.

The neighborhood is host to social service facilities, and often the clients are pedestrians. There are also many children who walk—the crossing guard is concerned about the problem. Residents are frequent walkers, some by necessity, and others chose to live here because of its walkability.

The traffic problem has a severe impact on the quality of life. We hope the city can find a solution so that we will have a neighborhood that is not a superhighway.

Joan Roelofs 69 Beaver Street jroelofs@keene.edu



on behalf of myself and the following:

Harry Bubb
Howard Robertson
Peter Hartz
Melinda Belden
Stephanie Lawlor
Allison Jablonko
Carol Kurimay
Kelly Crosby
Daniel Crosby
Julia Deuso
April Weed
Chuck Weed



City of Keene, N.H.
Transmittal Form

July 24, 2017

TO: Municipal Services, Facilities and Infrastructure Committee

FROM: Donald R. Lussier, P.E., City Engineer

THROUGH: Medard Kopczynski, City Manager

ITEM: 3.

SUBJECT: Request for Stop Sign - Darling Road/Mountain View Road Intersection - Public Works Department

RECOMMENDATION:

Move that the Municipal Services, Facilities, and Infrastructure Committee recommend that an ordinance be drafted to install a Yield Sign at the intersection of Mountain View Road with Darling Road.

BACKGROUND:

On May 2, 2017, the City received a written request from a resident on Darling Road to install a Stop sign on Mountain View Road at its intersection with Darling Road. The matter was referred to the Municipal Services, Facilities and Infrastructure Committee and placed on "more time" to allow staff to collect and analyze traffic data.

The Engineering Division performed traffic volume and speed counts on both Mountain View Road and Darling Road between May 30, 2017 and June 6, 2017. The average daily volume measured was 423 trips per day on Mountain View Road and 429 trips per day on Darling Road.

Traffic Engineers typically evaluate the speed that 85% of the vehicles travel at or below, when considering the speed patterns of a given road segment. This is referred to as the "85th percentile speed". The 85th percentile speed on Darling Road was found to be between 31 mph (northbound) and 33 mph (southbound). The 85th percentile speed for vehicles at the intersection on Mountain View Road was measured as being 16 mph. This indicates that many vehicles are rolling through the intersection and not coming to a complete stop.

The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) provides guidance for how an intersection is controlled. The MUTCD recommends a stepped process in reviewing warrants or conditions for intersection control. The steps include the application of the "right-of-way" rule, minor streets yield to major streets, use of Yield condition, and finally a Stop condition. In reviewing the warrants for a Stop condition this particular intersection does not meet those warrants. From the comments received it does appear that the rules of the road are not being followed. The intersection does meet the warrants for the installation of a yield condition.