

**Traffic Committee**  
**MINUTES**  
*March 18, 2014*

**Committee Members**

**Present:**

Chairman Susan Ruinen, Vice-Chair Clyde Smith, Secretary Karen Hanner, Rob Diatkar, Dan Walker, Randy Edwards, Larry Yon, Mark Churchill, Bob Ferrell, Rosemary Wilson, Lieutenant Matt Davis, Planning Commission Liaison Lisa Gibson

**Attending:**

Town Administrator Britt Poole, Municipal Attorney Brad Cunningham, Chief Terrence Green, Major Jay Koon, Planning, Building and Zoning Director John Hanson

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 AM in the Third Floor Conference Room by Chair Susan Ruinen.

**February Minutes:**

Chair Susan Ruinen asked if there were any corrections or comments regarding the February 2014 minutes. Clyde Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Larry Yon seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

**Relocation Corley Mill Rd:**

Randy Edwards told the committee there are no new developments on the Corley Mill Road project. Mark Churchill commented that he had recently seen two accidents on Corley Mill Road at the first entrance to River Bluff High School during the morning hours. The location is outside of the Town. Susan Ruinen asked Randy Edwards to request Lexington County enforcement at that location.

**Phase 1:**

Britt Poole reported the mast arm and signal head installation should be completed soon. Final paving will continue when the weather improves. Temporary striping will be done and permanent reflective striping will be installed when the weather is warm. Susan Ruinen asked about the left turn signals at Old Chapin Road. Britt Poole said he would talk to the project engineer later today.

**Insync Signal:**

Britt Poole told the committee that SCDOT has an engineering contract that the Town will use to do the design work for the system. This will save on the length of time for the RFP process.

**Vision Plan:**

Clyde Smith stated he was aware that the medians on the 100 block of Main Street were the subject of a discussion at the Council Work Session Monday night. He stated he was adamantly opposed to their removal.

Susan Ruinen said she had provided Federal Highway Administration information to Hazel Livingston regarding medians and the documented reductions in pedestrian and vehicle accidents. She commented that the medians contribute to the pedestrian friendly access intended for the Icehouse Project. Britt Poole commented that the new mayor is hearing from a lot of people who believe the medians shouldn't be there and he wanted to have a discussion. Mr. Poole said there were a few members of the business community at the meeting who were also opposed to the removal of the medians. Mr. Poole reported that the conclusion of the meeting was to obtain a study to see if removing the bump outs and adding a right turn lane would improve traffic flow. He suggested asking SCDOT to do some modeling to determine if any change would be worth investing in an engineering study.

Britt Poole told the committee that the contractor is beginning salvage work on the Icehouse Project site. They plan to begin removing the buildings by April 15. There is a contract underway for the sale of the Shirey's building. A TIF district plan for a public project is on the Town Council agenda for April.

Work is progressing on the I-20/378 Interchange Town of Lexington sign project. The smaller Corridor Improvement projects will use funds from businesses and the Beautification Foundation to make improvements at 25 locations around the town.

**Resurfacing:** Dan Walker said project is complete and there is a meeting with the contractor today to go over the punch list.

**Park Rd at Willowbrooke:** Susan Ruinen reported SCDOT is looking at this.

**Crosswalk at Old Chapin Rd:** SCDOT is looking at this also.

**Penny Tax Projects:** Britt Poole stated that the project list has been submitted to the Committee. Cost estimates will be added to the submission.

**Fort Street:** Chief Green reported a traffic count of 10,000 over a seven day week. Randy Edwards suggested a No Left Turn sign with a time limit similar to the Main at Church intersection, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**N Lake at Roundknob:** There was a discussion of possible solutions to the problem of left turns at this intersection. Chief Green will check on the accident count.

**Potholes Hendrix, Ellis:** Brad Cunningham reported that the owner of the parking lot has been contacted. Britt Poole said a possible solution is being worked on. Susan Ruinen will contact SCDOT about the bad condition of Hendrix Street from Barr Road to Gibson Road.

**The next Traffic Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 22, 2014, at 8:00 AM in the Third Floor Conference Room at the Lexington Municipal Complex, 111 Maiden Lane, Lexington, SC.**

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Dan Walker seconded by Clyde Smith with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Hanner,

**Approved By:**

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**Susan Ruinen, Chair**