



**WESTBROOK CITY COUNCIL
FACILITIES & STREETS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY OCTOBER 5, 2020 AT 6:00 PM
WESTBROOK PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, 471 STROUDWATER ST.**



Westbrook City Council's Facilities & Streets Committee, chaired by Councilor Michael Shaughnessy, will meet at 6:00pm, immediately prior to a regularly scheduled City Council Meeting

1. **Speed on Forest Street**
2. **Street Light at 23 Everett Street**

From: [Michael Foley](#)
To: [Eric Dudley](#)
Cc: [Rebecca L. Dillon](#); [Maria](#); [David Morse](#); [Sarah Emerson](#); [Janine Roberts](#); [Jerre Bryant](#); [Angela Holmes](#)
Subject: Re: speed on Forest Street
Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2020 12:39:09 PM

Thanks for the update Eric. I believe we should soon schedule a Committee meeting to update the Council on the issue and get a recommendation from them on requesting the speed study from the state. It seems as if this will be necessary to move forward.

Did you have any progress on downgrading the street with the state as you had mentioned?

Thank you all again for your patience.

Sincerely,

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On Sep 29, 2020, at 4:37 PM, Eric Dudley <edudley@westbrook.me.us> wrote:

I performed a speed study on Forest Street on June 30th and July 3rd. The results are as follows:

Median Speed 31 MPH

Average Speed 31.8 MPH

85th Percentile Speed 34 MPH

Highest recorded speed was 38 MPH.

Right now Forest Street is improperly posted at 25 MPH. Our last guidance from a few years ago was to remove the signage or request a speed study, which the traffic engineer at the time suggested would raise the speed limit to 30 MPH. If you consider 30 MPH as the baseline on Forest Street, the results of my study indicate that the observed 85th percentile speed is a little higher than we would want compared to a 30 MPH posted limit but not atypical for the average street. My recommended course of action, although probably not popular, would be to request an official speed study by

MaineDOT. If the ruling is to raise the limit to 30 or 35 MPH, we would repost it appropriately. I hesitate to say there should be aggressive enforcement or deploying dynamic speed signs without either removing the speed limit signage or requesting the study and signing it correctly.

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From: Michael Foley <mfoley@westbrook.me.us>
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 2:41 PM
To: Rebecca L. Dillon <rdillon@gawronturgeon.com>
Cc: Maria <mhuntress207@gmail.com>; David Morse <morsedc@gmail.com>; Sarah Emerson <sarahj5@mac.com>; Eric Dudley <edudley@westbrook.me.us>; Janine Roberts <jroberts@westbrook.me.us>; Jerre Bryant <jbryant@westbrook.me.us>
Subject: Re: speed on Forest Street

Thanks for reaching out and sharing the continued concern. I have copied Eric for an update on the status of the street with the state and also copied Chief Roberts to update us on some speed signage. I know the PD has recently secured a speed trailer and also some movable speed signs that we though might also help.

We did recently have some success with the state surrounding Lincoln Street recently and hopefully we can begin to make some progress here.

Thank you all for your continued patience on this matter.

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On Sep 29, 2020, at 2:36 PM, Rebecca L. Dillon
<rdillon@gawronturgeon.com> wrote:

Hi David,

I would like to echo Maria's concerns and comments. As I have been working from home part time I have noticed the speeding picking back up significantly as more people are out and about after the late spring quarantine. The last bit of information that I got at a council meeting was that the City was working with MDOT on downgrading the type of road that Forest Street is considered in an effort to be able to have more control over what can potentially happen on the street to work towards better controlling the speed. I am not quite sure where that has ended up.

I have also seen on occasion where the police have been able to be on the street and stopped people for speeding but they cannot be there all the time, understandably, so some other ideas in tandem with the police presence would be a logical next step.

Thanks,
Rebecca

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From: Maria <mhuntress207@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2020 3:06 PM
To: David Morse <morsedc@gmail.com>
Cc: Rebecca L. Dillon <rdillon@gawronturgeon.com>; Sarah Emerson <sarahj5@mac.com>
Subject: speed on Forest Street

Hi David,
I hope you and your family are well.
I am writing again to express my concern about the driving on Forest Street where I live.

There has been more police presence and more pulling vehicles over for running the sign, rolling through and speed in general and that has been appreciated.

The speeding, however, continues to be non stop.

I see downtown that there are plans and improvements in making walkways safer as well as better for bicyclists.

To quote a city hall staff person "People have been complaining about traffic on Forest Street forever."

There have been ideas tossed around, some short term intervention, but the fact still remains it is a residential street that is a cut through and speed has been a concerning factor, yes, forever.

Today, as I worked from home, I noticed how fast the driving was and thought again I would voice my concern.

My house has been hit twice and my next door neighbor's vehicle totalled in their driveway. This has happened over the past few years.

Thanks for any help.

Maria

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COMMITTEE REFERRAL FORM

REFERRAL TITLE: Street Light at 23 Everett Street
REQUESTED BY: Administration, on behalf of Daniel Tucker (Resident)
DATE CREATED: July 29, 2020
COMMITTEE: Facilities & Streets Committee

Description of referral:

Daniel Tucker, resident at 23 Everett Street, submitted a request to the Public Services Department for the installation of a street light in front of his property. This request was forwarded to the City Administration so that a referral to the Facilities & Streets Committee could be drafted.

Name, address and telephone number of citizen(s) to contact for additional information:

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Angela Holmes

Subject: FW: Pole at 23 Everett Street

From: Eric Dudley <edudley@westbrook.me.us>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 3:09 PM
To: Angela Holmes <aholmes@westbrook.me.us>
Subject: RE: Pole at 23 Everett Street

We have a street light on the next pole up the street and next pole down the street. It seems excessive to add one in the middle. Standard policy for new streets is for a light at each intersection and at dead ends. Everett, like many older streets, has more than that.

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