

HAMDEN BOARD OF TRAFFIC AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
OCTOBER 13, 2010

Attending: Raeann Curtis, Michael Iezzi, Elliott Kerzner, Gerald Migliaro, Police Chief Wydra, Deputy Chief Cappiello, Town Attorney Sue Gruen

Absent: Reginald Higgins

Call to Order/Roll Call

Vice-Chairman Curtis called the meeting to order at 7:58 p.m. Mr. Higgins not present for the meeting.

Ms. Curtis welcomed the new member of the Commission, Ms. Judi Kozak.

At this time Ms. Curtis entertained a motion to add the election of a new Chairman to the Commission. Mr. Iezzi motioned to add this item to the agenda, seconded by Mr.

Migliaro. The vote was three in favor and one abstain. ***The motion carries.***

At this time Ms. Curtis entertained a motion to elect a Chairman of the Commission. Mr. Iezzi motioned to elect Ms. Kozak as Chairman, seconded by Mr. Migliaro. Ms. Curtis called for any other nominees, any other nominees, any other nominees. ***The motion carried with one abstain.***

Ms. Kozak stated she is privileged to accept the position of Chairman of the Commission.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Kozak entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 9, 2010 and the special meeting of June 23, 2010. Ms. Curtis motioned to accept the minutes seconded by Mr. Migliaro. ***The motion carries with one abstain.***

Department Report

- a. Review of department activity – Chief Wydra reviewed the report with nothing unusual at this time and noted that the state project for Mt. Carmel. Ave. and West Woods Road is proceeding. Chairman Kozak inquired if the project is on schedule and the Chief stated he doesn't know the schedule. He did note that the Whitney Ave. signal project is slightly behind due to some changes.
- b. Items of concern – Nothing at this time.
- c. Review of site plans – Nothing at this time.
- d. Correspondence – items in packet

Public/Media Comments on Agenda Items

Mrs. Diana Hines, 59 Pine St. – Mrs. Hines is looking for relief with a parking problem directly adjacent to her property and at times on her property. She stated that not only residents block her driveway but they also park on the sidewalk creating sight line problems. Another problem is vehicles taking the turn from Dixwell Ave. on to Pine St. too fast. She is looking for additional “No Parking” signs or a recommendation from the Police Department. She stated that she does call the department and they are responsive but it is frustrating because she fears should her daughter have an asthma attack and she

can't get out of her driveway fast enough to be able to get her to the doctor or hospital if needed.

Old Business

- a. Putnam Ave. Bike Lane – Chief Wydra advises the Commission this item is still on his radar and that a meeting of the various participants needs to be held to review the plans and financing for the project.
- b. Islamic Center – the event for this was held in August.
- c. Skiff Street Beckerman Athletic Center Driveway continued – Chief Wydra advised the Commission that a request has been sent to the state to reduce the speed limit on Skiff St. and he will advise the Commission when he hears back from the state.

New Business

- a. Ducci Electrical Contractors update on changes in work schedule – Chief Wydra advised the Commission that the work hours have been changed from 9-3 to 8-3 to allow more time during the day and it was approved.
- b. Speeding problem Ives Street – Chief Wydra reported that there were a number of accidents at the intersection of Ives St., New Road and South New Road and that he has suggested to the state that a stop light or 4 way stop be installed. The state will do a study and when he hears back from them he will advise the Commission.
- c. Speeding problem on Treadwell Street – Chief Wydra reported that he didn't have statistics and has had conversation with the Mayor and he will advise the Commission at the November meeting of the suggestions and recommendations.
- d. 84 Marlboro St. request for handicapped sign – Chief Wydra opposes this and stated that other towns do not approve the signs. Chairman Kozak entertained a motion to table this item for the November 2010 meeting while she researches various regulations and familiarizes herself with this type of action. Mr. Migliaro motioned to table the item for the November 2010 meeting, seconded by Mr. Iezzi. ***The motion carried unanimously.***
- e. Letter to Mayor Jackson from former Commissioner Elliott Kerzner – Chairman Kozak inquired if the items in the letter were the decision of the Commission and was advised that one of the items had not even been presented to the Commission and that the other item was brought to the Commission and that a number of meetings had been held and a decision made. The decision of the Commission was over turned by the former Mayor Craig Henrici at the request of a particular group of residents of the area. Chairman Kozak entertained a motion to table the item for the November 2010 meeting. Mr. Iezzi motioned to table the item for the November 2010 meeting, seconded by Ms. Curtis. ***The motion carried unanimously.***
- f. Pine St. "No Parking" signs request – Chief Wydra is very appreciative of Mrs. Hines engaging in the government process. He feels that more enforcement is needed and feels it will have a positive impact. Mr. Iezzi inquired if there is parking even where "No Parking" signs exist at this time and Mrs. Hines stated yes and that it is also residents who live there who do it. Chief Wydra will instruct his department to check the area regularly to issue violations.

- g. South New Road/New Road, Ives St. intersection – please see item **b** above.
- h. Waite & Mather Streets – request for warning sign – Chief Wydra suggests the appropriate sign “Curve Ahead” be posted. After a brief discussion Mr. Iezzi motioned to have the sign installed, seconded by Mr. Migliaro. ***The motion carried unanimously.***
- i. Meeting Dates 2011 – Chairman Kozak motioned to add the Meeting Date schedule to the agenda, seconded by Mr. Iezzi. ***The motion carried unanimously.*** After a review of the meeting dates Mr. Iezzi motioned to accept the schedule for 2011 for both the Traffic Authority and Police Commission, seconded by Mr. Migliaro. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

Open Discussion – Commissioners/Department Heads – Ms. Curtis noted that there are some newly planted trees at Jones Road and Fairview Ave. and questioned if they are on town property. This item will be brought to the attention of Public Works for them to look and see if there is a violation and or a sight line problem.

Adjournment

At 7:53 p.m. Mr. Iezzi motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Migliaro. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, November 10th , 2010, in the Activity Room, Miller Library Complex 7:00 p.m.

Recorded by,

Catherine E. Gempka
Commission Clerk