

HAMDEN BOARD OF TRAFFIC AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
DECEMBER 10, 2014

Attending: Raeann Curtis, Michael Iezzi, Robert LaTorraca, Betty Murray, Mitchell Strickland, Police Chief Wydra, Deputy Chief Cappiello

Absent: Town Attorney Sue Gruen

Call to Order

Chairman Iezzi called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Iezzi entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 12, 2014. Mr. LaTorraca motioned to approve the minutes of November 12, 2014 seconded by Mr. Strickland. *The motion carried unanimously.*

Public Comments on Agenda Items

Teresa Charron, 215 West Woods Road – Ms. Charron advised the Commission that she is still waiting to hear from the USPS about possibly moving the mail boxes to the other side of the road as previously discussed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- a. Review of department activity – Chief Wydra advised the Commission that parking at Shepard Glen School has been an ongoing problem and that he has addressed this with the Engineering Dept. and they are reviewing the site to come up with a solution. They are looking at dedicated bus space separate from the drop off of children by parents. He will bring the information to the Commission when it is ready. Wilmot Road where it meets Woodin Street the temporary fence will remain in place until all postings and signage agreed to with New Haven are in place before opening the road.
- b. Site Plans – none t this time.
- c. Correspondence – none at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Rocky Top Road continued from November 12, 2014 – Chief Wydra provided the Commission with a map detailing the changes he recommends. There will be a “Stop” sign added at Rocky Top and Nutmeg and he hopes drivers obey the sign. There will be line painting along with “Stop Ahead” on the approach to this intersection. Taller signs will be installed and a “Stop” bar painted on the road with similar items at Rainbow Court in to Rocky Top. Chief Wydra would like the Commission to consider approving the plans as presented. Mr. Strickland motioned to approve the changes as shown on the map dated December 4, 2014, seconded by Mr. LaTorraca. *The motion carried unanimously.*

- b. West Woods Road continued from the November 12, 2014 meeting – Chief Wydra provided the Commission with a map detailing the changes he recommends. The plan shows line paintings, a double yellow line new speed limit signs as laid out on the map dated 12/4/14. Ms. Curtis inquired as to how long this will take? Chief Wydra stated that due to the time of year the paintings will have to be completed with oil base paint and in the Spring epoxy paint can be used. Ms. Curtis motioned to approve the plan as presented by Chief Wydra with completion in Spring 2015. ***The motion carried unanimously.***
- c. Eleanor Street follow up from Chief Wydra – Chief Wydra and Deputy Chief Cappiello reviewed this situation and would like to make the following recommendations. There will be installation of Chevrons, painting a double yellow line, and painting an island to help slow down the traffic. Install “Stop” signs with reflector strips. These changes will take place on Eleanor and Vantage and Vantage and Harrison. Chief Wydra would like to come back to the Commission in January with a full plan. Mr. LaTorraca motioned to table this item for the January 14, 2015, seconded by Ms. Curtis. ***The motion carried unanimously.***
- d. Woodin Street – commentary only – there is no additional information at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Iezzi would like to add an item, Whitney Ave. at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. Ms. Curtis motioned to add this time to the agenda, seconded by Mr. Strickland. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

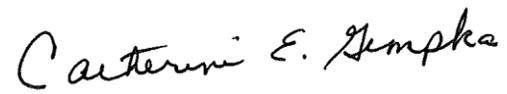
- a. Chairman Iezzi has been approached by residents that the crosswalk light is not long enough for some parishioners to get across the street. He would like the Commission to give permission to Chief Wydra to send a letter to the Department of Transportation (DOT) to make this change. He would also like Chief Wydra to assign an officer at the church on Saturday in the winter for the 4:00 p.m. mass and the balance of the year at the 5:00 p.m. mass. Ms. Curtis motioned to give permission to Chief Wydra to send the letter to the DOT for extension of the time allotted at the crosswalk light at Whitney Ave. and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, seconded by Mr. Strickland. ***The motion carried unanimously.*** Ms. Curtis motioned to have an officer assigned at the 4:00 pm. and/or 5:00 p.m. mass, seconded by Mr. Strickland. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:25 p.m. Mr. LaTorraca motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Strickland. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

The next meeting will be Wednesday January 14, 2015 in the Legislative Council Chamber, Hamden Town Hall, 2372 Whitney Ave., Hamden CT at 6:00 p.m.

Recorded by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Catherine E. Gempka". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Catherine E. Gempka
Commission Clerk