

**HAMDEN BOARD OF TRAFFIC AUTHORITY**  
**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF**  
**AUGUST 23, 2011**

**Attending:** Raeann Curtis, Reginald Higgins, Michael Iezzi, Judi Kozak, Gerald Migliaro,

**Absent:** Police Chief Wydra, Deputy Chief Cappiello, Town Attorney Gruen

Guest: Joey Farmery, Coordinator – Closer to Free, A Ride

**Call to Order**

Chairman Kozak called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

**New Business**

- a. Closer to Free A Ride – Yale New Haven Hospital – Ms. Joey Farmery addressed the Commission explaining the route and all management for the ride to be in place on September 10, 2011. Ms. Farmery reviewed the route the locations of Marshall's to help direct the riders and that there will be three emergency medical ambulances along with nurses to help should an issue arise. They will call 911 should it be determined that the issue is serious in order to protect the riders. The ride is a 25 mile, 62.5 mile and 100 mile route and at the moment they have 169 riders. After entering Hamden at Davis St. the riders will make a stop at Mt. Carmel Christian Church at which point the 25 mile route will then turn up Mt. Carmel Ave. and proceed to Shepard Ave., West Woods, Choate Ave., Still Hill, Exeter, West Woods/Gaylord Mt. Rd., Carmel Road to Downs Rd. The other riders will branch off taking Mt. Carmel Ave. to North Haven and the other towns scheduled on the ride. The route signs will be posted on Friday, September 9 and checked in the early morning hours before the ride starts. Ms. Farmery will coordinate with Chief Wydra what services the department will provide. Mr. Iezzi motioned to approve the request with the understanding that Ms. Farmery will contact Chief Wydra to make all the necessary arrangements as stated, seconded by Mr. Migliaro. ***The motion carried unanimously.***
- b. Review of site plans 4133 Whitney Ave. – Chairman Kozak provided information to the members regarding this relocation of a local business from one location to another. The Commission has agreed there is no comment or recommendations on this item.

**Adjournment**

At 6:27 p.m. Mr. Iezzi motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Curtis. *The motion carried unanimously.*

*The next regular meeting will be Wednesday September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 in the Activity Room, Miller Library Complex 6:00 p.m.*

Recorded from documentation provided by Chairman Kozak,

Catherine E. Gempka  
Commission Clerk