

HAMDEN BOARD OF TRAFFIC AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
MARCH 14TH, 2012
AMENDED

Attending: Raeann Curtis, Michael Iezzi, Robert LaTorraca, Gerald Migliaro, Mitchell Strickland, Police Chief Wydra, Deputy Chief Cappiello Town Attorney Gruen

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Iezzi entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting of February 3, and the regular meeting of February 8, 2012. Mr. LaTorraca motioned to approve the minutes of February 3, and February 8, 2012. Mr. Migliaro noted two typing error's, under Public Comments Ms. Michael Horn should be **Mr.**, and Ms. Maureen Redente should be **Doreen**. The motioned is seconded by Mr. Migliaro with the changes. *The motion carried unanimously.*

Department Report

- a. Review of department activity – Chief Wydra reported that the Mayor has agreed to have the vacant position of Traffic Technician filled. The Chief advised the Commission that daily maintenance continues. He reported that line painting and sign installations are the first two phases of spring work.
- b. Items of concern –
- c. Chairman Iezzi, Chief Wydra, and the Mayor met regarding the process of site reviews getting to the Commission in a timely matter and it was decided that Mr. Lee Campo of the Planning and Zoning Commission will be the liaison regarding site plans.
- d. Correspondence – Chief Wydra noted the thank you letter in the packet from Mr. Edward Burt complimenting Mr. Ted Braza.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

Mr. Michael Horn, 67 Ridge Road – Mr. Horn is here to thank the Commission and Chief Wydra for signs recently posted. He looks forward to the continuing discussion later in the meeting regarding Ridge and Park Roads.

Ms. Judi Kozak, 180 Cannon St. - Ms. Kozak is here regarding the letter from Mr. Franz Douskey and his notice to the Commission concerning buses using New Road. The buses are Dattco Co. hired by Quinnipiac University to transport students to and from the school for various things. Ms. Kozak would like the Commission to look into this matter and find a solution.

Ms. Cindy Civitello, 61 Berkley Court – Ms. Civitello was here to advise the Commission that she spoke with the project engineer regarding the West Woods Rd. completion and the rock and dirt that is still at the bottom of the road and that she was advised this will all be removed. She also advised the Commission that Todd St. will

be closed starting Monday, March 19, 2012 for 6 weeks for road work of which the Commission is aware of as the approved the work.

Old Business

- a. Review of “Requesting Handicapped Parking on Public Streets in Residential Neighborhoods” packet – Attorney Gruen inquired of the Chief how many Handicapped signs are in the residential areas of town and how many request does the department receive in a month. The Chief wasn’t sure but he will check and get back to the Commission with the information. Mr. Migliaro inquired if the neighboring resides of the individual requesting the sign have to be notified and if the sign is permanent or does the resident have to reapply each year? After a brief discussion it was decided that the Commission has to create an application and review process. Mr. Strickland inquired if the parking area is restricted to just that person who requested the sign and the response is no, anyone who has a state issued handicapped sign or license plate can park in the spot. Ms. Curtis inquired if a fee should be charged if the resident can’t have the spot exclusively? Chief Wydra would like the Commission to create a clear understanding application process as his fear is the possibility of being deluged with as many as 100 applications a month. Attorney Gruen noted that if a fee is to be charged this portion of the process has to be presented to the Legislative Council. This item will continue on the April 11, 2012 agenda.
- b. Follow up on Skiff St. traffic light relocation request – Ms. Curtis motioned to table this item at this time, seconded by Mr. Migliaro. *The motion carried unanimously.*
- c. Request for Handicapped Parking sign 60 Gorham Ave. – Ms. Curtis motioned to table this item for the April 11, 2012 meeting, seconded by Mr. Migliaro. *The motion carried unanimously.* The clerk will send a letter to the resident advising them of the next meeting.

New Business

- a. Bus use on Ives St and New Road by Quinnipiac University bus service – The question was raised regarding an “agreement” mentioned in the correspondence from Mr. Douskey, is it written or verbal? Chief Wydra would like to communicate with Quinnipiac University and the bus company and if there is a written agreement to be provided with a copy of said agreement. Chief Wydra will start with enforcement immediately. Ms. Kozak spoke up for Mr. Douskey as being an outstanding citizen and concerned about what is in the best interest of his neighbors.
- b. Half Marathon Road Race request – Mr. Clinton Tebbetts is present but wasn’t aware that he had the opportunity to speak under “public comments on agenda items.” Mr. Tebbetts explained that he has been doing this for a number of years now in West Haven would like to hold the race in Hamden. The proceeds from the race will benefit the Hamden Food Bank and he is looking for the Commission to approve his request for a permit. Attorney Gruen inquired if there will be water stations and Mr. Tebbetts said yes and that there will be volunteers who will be at the stations and will also clean up. Chief Wydra strongly

recommends the Commission approve this request. Ms. Curtis motioned to approve the Half Marathon Road Race with the principals making the necessary arrangement with the Police Department, seconded by Mr. LaTorraca. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

- c. Request for No Parking signs on Highlandview Ave. – Ms. Sharon Pask addressed the Commission requesting the signs as it affects her driveway. She stated she is not able to safely back out of her driveway at times and is asking that the signs be posted. Chief Wydra stated that he wouldn't take action at this time, he would like to a consensus from the neighbors before recommending action on this matter. The question was raised as to whether parents of St. Rita School students were parking on the street and Ms. Pask stated no. Ms. Curtis motioned to support the recommendation of Chief Wydra regarding the “No Parking” signs on Highlandview Ave. after researching the impact on the neighbors, seconded by Mr. Migliaro. ***The motion carried unanimously.***
- d. Request for Handicapped sin t 68 Gorham Ave. – Chief Wydra is requesting a more formal process before making decisions on these request. Chairman Iezzi agrees with the Chief and requests that this item be tabled for a review of handicapped parking in general. Mr. Migliaro motioned to table the item, seconded by Mr. LaTorrace. ***The motion carried unanimously.*** The clerk has been asked to send a letter to Mr. Mason advising him of the next meeting date.
- e. Traffic Calming Steering Committee Mission Statement – Ms. Curtis noted that the Commission is not sure what it should be endorsing. The Commission would like to turn this back over to the Traffic Calming Steering Committee for review. Ms. Curtis motioned to have the Mission Statement revised and recommends that a paragraph be added to show that the Hamden Traffic Authority has the authority to act on and implement issues brought to them, seconded by M. LaTorraca. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

Open Discussion – Commission/Department Heads - Nothing at this time.

Adjournment

At 7:05 p.m. Mr. Migliaro motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Curtis. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

The next meeting will be Wednesday April 11th , 2012 in the Activity Room at the Miller Library Complex 6:00 p.m.

Recorded by,

Catherine E. Gempka
Commission Clerk