

HAMDEN BOARD OF TRAFFIC AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
APRIL 11TH, 2012

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

Absent: Gerald Migliaro

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 meeting of March 14, 2012 Mr. LaTorraca motioned to approve the minutes seconded by Ms. Curtis.
The motion carried unanimously.

Department Report

- a. Review of department activity – Chief Wydra reported that interviews have taken place for the vacant Traffic Technician took place. The department is currently preparing areas for line painting to be completed
- b. Items of concern – none.
- c. Review of Site Plans – none at this time.
- d. Correspondence – the thank you notes were noted.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

Mr. Claudie Mason, 68 Gorham Ave. –Mr. Masons daughter spoke to the Commission requesting the “Handicapped” parking sign and hopes the Commission will approve this request.

Ms. Cindy Civitello, 61 Berkley Court – Ms. Civitello did not speak to an item on the agenda she thanked Chief Wydra for installing Totem Poles she had called about and was thanking him for the immediate attention given to her request. Chairman Iezzi thanked Chief Wydra also.

Old Business

- a. Review of “Requesting Handicapped Parking on Public Streets in Residential Neighborhoods” packet – The Commission was provided with an application for consideration. Attorney Gruen credited Mr. Strickland for this document. Attorney Gruen feels this is a good start stating that as the application is used there probably will be changes. The subject of a fee was addressed and because the parking spot is not exclusively for the applicant it is agreed a fee will not be part of the application process. It was also agreed that the two request before the Commission be grandfathered in. Mr. Strickland motioned to adopt the application process for requesting Handicapped parking signs. Ms. Curtis is amending the motion to include that the applications can be obtained in the office of the Town Attorney and Police Department when relocated to the new headquarters.

- b. Follow up on Skiff St. traffic light relocation request – Ms. Curtis motioned to table this item at this time, seconded by Mr. LaTorraca. ***The motion carried unanimously.***
- c. Request for Handicapped Parking sign, 60 Gorham Ave. – Ms. Curtis motioned to approve the request based on the discussion and decision under item a. The clerk will send a letter to the applicant along with an application and information regarding the decision made by the Commission. The motion is seconded by Mr. LaTorraca. ***The motion carried unanimously.***
- d. Request for Handicapped Parking sign, 68 Gorham Ave. – As noted above Mr. Claudie who is present was advised that his request has been approved and the sign will be installed.
- e. Traffic Calming Steering Committee Mission Statement – Attorney Gruen provided the Commission with information regarding their jurisdiction authority implementation. The memo goes on to note that the Commission may serve in an advisory role and Attorney Gruen state that the Mission Statement of the Steering Committee needs revising.
- f. Bus use on Ives St., and New Road – follow up- Chief Wydra addressed the Chief of Security/Safety, Mr. David Barger of Quinnipiac University who is present. Mr. Barger stated he wasn't familiar with the issue but would like to review this with Chief Wydra and address the bus company with the concerns of the Town. No one was sure if the buses were possibly using this route due to the road construction at Whitney Ave. and West Woods Road but now that the construction is complete the practice should have stopped. Mr. Barger will be in touch with Chief Wydra and speak with the bus company.

New Business

- a. Quinnipiac University Commencement Sunday May 14, 2012 and Sunday May 20, 2012 – Mr. Barger addressed the Commission noting that the undergraduate commencement will be in two parts this year. The first will be at 10:00 a.m. and the second at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Barger will be making the necessary arrangements with the Police Department for the personnel needed for traffic control. A question was raised by the residents of Hogan Road and the amount of traffic. Mr. Barger noted that since there will be two commencements the past problem should not happen. The question of traffic backing up West Woods Road was raised by William May. Chief Wydra explained that the DOT has not turned over control of the lights yet but when they do this will be addressed.
- b. Cheshire Half Marathon Road Race request – Mr. John Bysiewicz, the Event Coordinator addressed the Commission providing a map of the course and intersections and times the riders will arrive at those destinations. After a brief discussion and questions to the applicant, Ms. Curtis motioned to approve the request with the conditions that Mr. Bysiewicz coordinate with the Police Department the necessary personnel, seconded by Mr. LaTorraca. ***The motion carried unanimously.***
- c. Closer to Free Bike ride, Saturday, September 8th, 2012 – Chief Wydra recommends the Commission approve this request. The event took place last

year and went off very well. Chief Wydra will be in touch with the coordinator Ms. Farmery to make all the necessary arrangements. Ms. Curtis motioned to approve the request with the agreement that Ms. Farmery make all the necessary arrangement with the Police Department, seconded by Mr. Strickland. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

Open Discussion – Commission/Department Heads - Chief Wydra noted that the Steering Committee will be meeting on Thursday, April 12 at 3:30 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Conference Room of the Government Center.

Adjournment

At 6:36 p.m. Mr. LaTorraca motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Curtis. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

The next meeting will be Wednesday May 9th , 2012 in the Activity Room at the Miller Library Complex 6:00 p.m.

Recorded by,

Catherine E. Gempka
Commission Clerk