

HAMDEN BOARD OF TRAFFIC AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
MAY 9TH, 2012

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

Absent: Deputy Chief Cappiello

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Iezzi entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 11, 2012. Mr. LaTorraca motioned to approve the minutes seconded by Mr. Strickland. *The motion carried unanimously.*

Department Report

- a. Review of department activity – Chief Wydra reported that line painting has been accomplished in the area’s discussed at earlier meetings. The residents of Ridge Road are very happy and seem to feel the lines are working. Chief Wydra reported that he met the vendor who did the work when he went out to check out the area and was impressed that the vendor took the time to come and inspect the work to make sure it was done properly. The Chief advised the Commission that he co-signed the letter regarding the “Red Light Cameras.” He also mentioned that some school buses are equipped with “smart bus cameras” and feels this is a good thing. There was a slight problem with the newly installed replacement light at Whitney and Armory. The previous light had a 2-3 second delay and the DOT wasn’t aware of this but the situation has since been corrected. The Chief also reported that the “Bus” shelters around town are being cleaned and all broken glass replaced. He also reported that the “No Turn on Red” at West Woods and Whitney will remain. Some residents complained of the long wait but the Chief feels the requirement is necessary due to the volume of traffic.
- b. Items of concern – none.
- c. Review of Site Plans – none at this time.
- d. Correspondence – nothing unusual.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

Ms. Alison Rahn, 187 Colony St. –Ms. Rahn is here to request a blocking of part of Colony St. for a Block Party to be held on May 27, 2012. She hopes the Commission will approve her request.

Ms. Cindy Civitello, 61 Berkley Court – Ms. Civitello did not speak to an item on the agenda. She thanked Commissioner Strickland for coming to the last Traffic Calming Steering Committee meeting in April. She stated “she” agrees with Chief Wydra regarding the light at West Woods and Whitney Ave. She was very critical of the posting of the agenda for this meeting. She stated that due to the time of posting it

was a waste of time to notify her neighbors about the meeting for any items they may have concerns about.

(For the record due to circumstances beyond the control of the Chief the information for the meeting was not available in the usual time frame and this is the first time this has happened in 1 ½ years.)

Mr. Andrew Quintman, 113 Woodlawn St. – Mr. Quintman and his neighbors of Spring Glen are concerned about the speeding and volume of traffic in the area. They would like to be included in the Traffic Calming Committee discussions and noted that other areas are being reviewed and measures for them being instituted. He feels the entire Town should be recognized and issues in their areas be addressed. He provided a report and they will be on the agenda for the June 13, 2012 meeting. Chief Wydra will set up enforcement in the area and will advise the Commission at the next meeting what transpired.

Old Business

- a. Follow up on Skiff St. traffic light relocation request – Chairman Iezzi advised he Commission that this item has been withdrawn by Hamden Hall Country Day School. No further action at this time.

New Business

- a. Christian Tabernacle Baptist Church – request for walk permit – The Church is celebrating its' 50th Anniversary and would like a permit to walk from their former location of 308 Dixwell Ave. to the current site 425 Newhall St. There will be between 75 and 100 people taking part in the walk on Sunday, July 8, 2012 starting at 8:30 a.m. and Pastor King feels the walk will take about 45 minutes. Ms. Curtis motioned to approve the request with Pastor King reviewing the necessary safety issues with the Chief, seconded by Mr. LaTorraca. ***The motion carried unanimously.***
- b. Block Party request Colony St. – Ms. Rahn apologized for not knowing how to proceed with her request. She checked with the Police Department to see if there were any forms to be completed and Chief Wydra note there are no forms at this time. After a brief discussion and informing Ms. Rahn of the safety requirements and some items needed i.e. wood horses for blocking the street where mentioned between Thompson and Westminster the Commission agreed to the request. Ms. Curtis motioned to approve the request on the condition that the wood horses be utilized and that a responsible adult be readily available to move the horses should an emergency arise, seconded by Mr. Strickland. ***The motion carried unanimously.***
- c. Correct title on minutes of March 8, 2012 and March 14, 2012 – The clerk explained that when the minutes were done she didn't correct the title removing the word "special" thus the minutes were incorrect. Mr. Migliaro motioned to approve the correction, seconded by Mr. LaTorraca. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

Open Discussion – Commission/Department Heads – Chief Wydra advised the Commission that he has been in touch with Mr. Maurice Smith coordinator for the Freddi

Fixer Parade which will take place on May 20, 2012. This event was not held last year due to funding but is all set to go for this year. Mr. Smith is aware of his needs from the Police Department and will be coordinating with them. Chief Wydra would like this item added to the agenda.

Chairman Iezzi entertained a motion to add this to the agenda. Ms. Curtis motioned to add this item to the agenda, seconded by Mr. Migliaro. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

Chief Wydra advised the Commission that there are no state roads involved in the Hamden portion of the parade and recommends approval.

Mr. Migliaro motioned to approve the parade per the advice of the Chief and that Mr. Smith meets all the necessary requirement of the Hamden Police Department, seconded by Ms. Curtis. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

Adjournment

At 6:35 p.m. Ms. Curtis motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Strickland. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

The next meeting will be Wednesday June 13 , 2012 in the Activity Room at the Miller Library Complex 6:00 p.m.

Recorded by,

Catherine E. Gempka
Commission Clerk