

HAMDEN BOARD OF TRAFFIC AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2012

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 6:01 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Iezzi entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 13, 2012 and July 11, 2012. Mr. Migliaro motioned to approve the minutes seconded by Mr. Strickland. *The motion carried unanimously.*

Department Report

- a. Review of department activity – Chief Wydra reported that a new department member has been hired.
- b. Items of concern – Nothing at this time.
- c. Review of Site Plans – none at this time.
- d. Correspondence – all correspondence is in packet.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

Kamemeto Lisa Kleintjes, 114 Carlton St. –Ms. Kleintjes inquired as to the supporting documents for the agenda items. She also would like a copy of the Fitz & Hawley Traffic Calming Report. The clerk stated that the request to post the accompanying documents was made in April 2012 for all meetings. If an item is tabled for the following month she doesn't copy the item again to save the cost of copying and paper. The packet is delivered to the office of the Town Clerk and from there the documents were to be forwarded for posting. The Traffic Calming report was also requested to be scanned in May 2012. *(Since this meeting the clerk was advised that the report is on the town web site under "Archives of News post" but will now be posted on the Traffic Authority site.)*

Ms. Cindy Civitello, 61 Berkley Court – Ms. Civitello stated she would like to see a "No Turn On Red" southbound at West Woods and Whitney and Sherman and Whitney Avenues. There will be a meeting on Tuesday October 2, 2012 at Thornton Wilder Hall with the results of a survey response from the neighbors in the West Woods area regarding, Shepard, Todd, and West Todd. This survey was responded to by approximately 400 residents.

Old Business

- a. Follow up West Side Dr. & Woodin St. stop sign – Chief Wydra conducted an intersection evaluation of the area and found no incidents. He noted that the Public Works did do trimming and he doesn't recommend a "Stop" sign

- b. 3 Way “Stop” at Howard Dr. and Paradise Ave – no incidents or speeding in the area supports a 3 way “Stop” sign. Chief Wydra however will watch the area.
- c. Spring Glen Traffic Calming, report from Chief Wydra – using the electronic speed control signs Chief Wydra found that the traffic is within the speed limit, but that the Committee will be meeting soon.
- d. Farmington Canal – “Stop” signs – report from Chief Wydra – This item will appear on the October 10, 2012 agenda. There are no supporting documents for this item it was a verbal request of Chairman Iezzi.
- e. Mather St. & Waite St. – east & west “Stop” sign – Chief Wydra advised the Commission that he is looking at various alternative plans and will come back to the Commission regarding this matter.

New Business

- a. Pine St. Parking – Mr. Bob Brinton, Town Engineer presented a proposal to the Commission with photos and maps. Mr. Brinton advised the Commission that this will not completely solve the problem but will alleviate the current situation. The question of signs noting drop off and pick up times was inquired about and it is a possibility. The residents have been asking for help for some time now and Mr. Brinton stated this will help some, and he also noted that no public parking will be lost. Ms. Curtis motioned to approve Mr. Brinton going forward with the plan with Mr. Brinton and Chief Wydra reviewing signs and wording, seconded by Mr. LaTorraca. ***The motion carried unanimously.***
- b. Traffic light at Eli Whitney Museum and Eli Whitney Barn on Whitney Ave. – Chief Wydra reported that there was enforcement on August 3 and August 6 and in that time only 3 infractions were issued. The department will continue to monitor the area.

Mr. LaTorraca motioned to add On Street Parking, 190 Pine Rock Ave. and All Way Stop at Eastern and Alstrum Streets, seconded by Mr. Strickland. ***The motion carried unanimously. (The supporting documents for these items were not available until the day of this meeting, therefore could not be scanned onto the web site.)***

Mr. Bernier Pellegrino addressed the Commission with this request. This is a 30 unit student housing building and it has been approved for 15 parking spaces but they would like to relocate the “yellow line” slightly to allow the on street parking. The owner will incur all cost to complete this project. Chief Wydra agrees with the request and notes that the spaces will be lined to prevent any problems. Mr. Migliaro noted that the residents in the area already park where they don’t belong and in the area where the posted sign “No Parking” beyond this point is not obeyed. Ms. Curtis motioned to approve as presented and Mr. Pellegrino consulting with Police Chief Wydra, seconded by Mr. LaTorraca. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

Easton & Alstrum All Way Stop Signs – Chief Wydra conducted a review of the motor vehicle accidents at this intersection. It was found that there have been twelve

(12) accidents at this intersection with five (5) happening in the last twelve (12) months. Based on this information Chief Wydra is recommending All Way Stop signs be posted for the safety for all roadway users and reduce motor vehicle accidents. Mr. Migliaro motioned to approve the request of Chief Wydra, seconded by Mr. LaTorraca. *The motion carried unanimously.*

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

Adjournment

At 6:45 p.m. Mr. Strickland motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Mr. Migliaro. *The motion carried unanimously.*

The next meeting will be Wednesday October 10 , 2012 in the Activity Room at the Miller Library Complex 6:00 p.m.

Recorded by,

Catherine E. Gempka
Commission Clerk