

HAMDEN BOARD OF TRAFFIC AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 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 6:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Iezzi entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 10, 2012 and the Special Meeting of October 25, 2012. Ms. Curtis motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Migliaro. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

Department Report

- a. Review of department activity – Chief Wydra reported that due to Hurricane Sandy the department was very busy resetting lights and replacement and repair of damages caused by the storm. He reported that the Legislative Council has approved the process for and RFP for Traffic Calming to go out for bids for Traffic Calming Management.
- 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

Lisa Kameneto Kleintjes, 114 Carlton St. – She noticed that this evenings agenda includes a status on Mather Street activities and not knowing what they are yet, first I would like to say thank you for all the hard work that’s been going into that and secondly I have a question related to that, is the work only going to be on five corners or is it going to continue down Mather St. which is also another worry about the high speed traffic on that road, plus the fact that I understand you’ve gotten approvals to put temporary speed, I hope humps on Treadwell and what the impact we suspect will be onto Mather with the humps on Treadwell so I’m looking forward to that report so hopefully we can address it.

Chairman Iezzi inquired of Ms. Civitello about a report to be presented.

Ms. Cindy Civitello, 61 Berkley Court – Ms. Civitello advised the Commission that Mr. Gomes met with about 60 residents and will be making a presentation on December 4th, 2012 noting what he did in Spring Glen and Whitneyville and take each street and say “okay this is what we recommend” for Traffic Calming and that would be the recommendation. Unfortunately “I” don’t think the town has the finances to pay for all the recommendations but they are recommendations and I think some of them will be simple on the six streets that were mentioned.

Sarah Clark, 4032 Whitney Ave. – I wondered if Chief Wydra would talk a little more about that position, would that be a staff position (Ms. Clark speaking too low to be heard) Chief Wydra stated it is not necessarily a position but it is for consulting, it could be a firm, or it could be a person, it could be someone who is retired the sky's the limit and that is why they are engaging in the RFP process. There is not a price fixed on it, it's up to the potential bidders, I don't know if I answered your question? Ms. Clark mentioned a position again, and Chief Wydra noted again, it's not a position it's very open ended the information will come from the potential bidders based on what we are asking them. Ms. Clark, what about the relationship between the Mayor and the Traffic Steering Committee? Chief Wydra stated that none of that will be in the proposal bid package, it's very general. The proposals will come in and they will review them and they will select the one that best fits the entire needs. The Chief is not sure how the Steering Committee, the Traffic Authority the resources we have available will play a role in the decision. Ms. Clark, "will we be involved in the review process of the bids?" Ms. Clark was advised that the public is not involved in that part of the process. Ms. Clark wants to know how do they get the information on what will be in the RFP? Chief Wydra advised Ms. Clark that under the rules it's publicized a certain number of times in the newspapers, although he can very easily get that to her as soon as it is set.

Old Business

- a. Farmington Canal – "Stop" signs – Chief Wydra did visit Brooksvale and found there is a site line problem and would like to with meet Chairman Iezzi to review this. This item will appear on the December 12, 2012 agenda
- b. Mather St. & Waite St. – Chief Wydra stated that the hurricane interrupted the process. This item will appear on the December 12, 2012 agenda.
- c. Waite St. status of changes from Chief Wydra – Again the hurricane interrupted the process. This item will appear on the December 12, 2012 agenda.

New Business

- a. Request for 15 minute parking space at 1648 Whitney Ave. – Chief Wydra advised the Commission that he opposes the request. He noted that this involves public parking on Whitney Ave. and the side street involved. Chief Wydra also noted that he doesn't have the manpower to check if vehicles are parked there more than 15 minutes that the town doesn't have any metered parking and that if someone does go one minute over the 15 minutes one of the other businesses will call and this is not the best use of manpower. Attorney Gruen asked if someone could go to speak with the restaurant employees asking them if they could park further away. Attorney Gruen also noted that there is a Municipal Parking lot across the street that can be utilized. Chairman Iezzi asked Chief Wydra if he would mind addressing this concern with the other businesses and he agreed he ill contact them.

- b. Request for “Handicapped” parking sign at 308 Goodrich St. – A brief discussion ensued regarding this process. The Commission reviewed this process in the past and an application was created. This application was to be available at both the office of the Town Attorney and the Police Department. Mr. Lewis the requestor was not present at the time of Public Comments on Agenda Items and Mrs. Lewis was allowed to address the Commission. Mrs. Lewis advised the Commission that her husband has a lifetime handicapped tag and that she has spoken with neighbors but there continues to be no parking when her husband returns to the home. Due to Mr. Lewis not be aware of the application the Commission agrees to have the sign installed. Mr. Strickland motioned to approve the request for the “Handicapped” sign, seconded by Mr. Migliaro. ***The motion carried unanimously.***
- c. AAA 2276 Whitney Ave. construction change request – Mr. Steve Ryan of Banton Construction Company addressed the Commission also providing a packet with drawings and an outline of the safety measures for pedestrian’s using the area. There will be a 6 foot high fabric covered fence surrounding the existing building which will prevent pedestrian traffic on the sidewalk that the building shares with Worth Ave. The sidewalk along Whitney Ave. will have a protected walkway installed just prior and during the demolition of the building. The fencing around the building will have entrance and exit gates for the construction workers. Approximately 200 feet of the east walk as it leaves the Meadowbrook Co-op complex will have signage indicating closure of the sidewalk and an alternate route across the street. Mr. Ryan also indicated that any paintings recommended or required will be included in the work. Ms. Curtis motioned to approve the request of Banton Construction as stated in their letter of November 14, 2012, seconded by Mr. Strickland. ***The motion carried unanimously.***
- d. Pine Rock Ave parking concerns – Chairman Iezzi requested this item be tabled for the December 12, 2012 meeting. Ms. Curtis motioned to table this item for the December 12, 2012 meeting, seconded by Mr. Strickland. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

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

Adjournment

At 6:31 p.m. Mr. LaTorraca motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Mr. Strickland. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

The next meeting will be Wednesday December 12, 2012 in the Activity Room at the Miller Library Complex 6:00 p.m.

Recorded by,

Catherine E. Gempka
Commission Clerk