

HAMDEN BOARD OF TRAFFIC AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
APRIL 10, 2013

Attending: Michael Iezzi (by phone), Robert LaTorraca, Gerald Migliaro, Mitchell Strickland, Police Chief Wydra, Deputy Chief Cappiello, Town Attorney Sue Gruen

Absent: Raeann Curtis

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

Approval of Minutes

Vice Chairman LaTorraca entertained a motion to approve the minutes of March 13, 2013. Mr. Migliaro motioned to approve the minutes of March 13, 2013, seconded by Mr. Strickland. *The motion carried unanimously.*

Public Comments on Agenda Items

Ms. Cindy Civitello, 61 Berkley Court – Ms. Civitello wanted to thank the person responsible for providing the backup documents for this evenings meeting. It was very helpful to be able to review the items on the agenda for possible input on them.

Attorney Pellegrino, 475 Whitney Ave. New Haven - stated he is present to address the Quinnipiac University parking for Ireland’s Great Hunger Museum.

Mr. Michel Reynolds, Hamden/North Haven YMCA 5K Road Race – Mr. Reynolds is here to answer any questions regarding this request.

Clinton Tebbetts, 14 Lenore St., West Haven – Mr. Tebbetts is here to answer any questions regarding the Half Marathon & 5K Road Race.

Department Report

- a. Review of department activity – Chief Wydra reported that there are 3 projects running, the department is in the process of replacing signs, better signage in the area of Church Street School and the electronic speed signs are being placed around town. Work is continuing on the Mather St. and DeNicola Park projects that were approved in the fall now that the snow has melted.
- b. Review of Site Plans –
 1. *3043-45 and 3047 Whitney Ave., Parking for Ireland’s Great Hunger Museum*, Attorney Pellegrino addressed the Commission reviewing the changes noted in the application to the Planning and Zoning. There will be a pedestrian crossing proper signage indicating the street is a one way. Mr. Dan Kops of the P&Z department advised the Commission that P&Z approved the request on the condition the applicant works in conjunction with the Traffic Authority. Chief Wydra recommends this be approved as noted by Mr. Kops. Mr. Migliaro motioned to approve the application for the parking and crosswalk along with signage and the cost to be covered by Quinnipiac University, the applicant, seconded by Mr. Strickland. *The motion carried unanimously.*

2. *109 Sanford St.* – Mr. Kops advised the Commission this item didn't need to come before the Commission. This item is closed.
3. *2518 Whitney Ave* – Bank and Apartments – Mr. Kops advised the Commission that this project is replacing the former businesses that were in the location. Mr. Kops sees no serious traffic implications. Chief Wydra noted the proposed parking area is sufficient for the project. No action on this item.
4. *2695 State St.* – Storage Building – Mr. Kops noted there is no traffic issue – no action on this item.
5. *272 Anns's Farm Road* – Group Day Care Home – Mr. Kops noted this is a Family Day Care that the parking be created and that volume will not be an issue. No action on this item.
6. *2384 Whitney Ave. Eli's Expansion & Outdoor Café* – Mr. Kops noted this will be on the site of the Conte Building recently acquired by Eli's. The building will be torn down, with the kitchen being moved and Outdoor dining added. Mr. Kops noted the parking meets P&Z as they have a parking lot across the street from the restaurant and that the municipal lot can handle overflow. Chief Wydra is concerned with the parking situation and safety of the pedestrians. Chief Wydra noted that patrons do not tend to respect parking regulations and that the department has issued a number of violation because people will park where ever they see an empty spot, legal or not. Attorney Gruen suggests that the available street parking be reviewed make sure there is signage in place. Mr. LaTorraca asked Chief Wydra if he was comfortable with the current parking and the Chief stated he is not. He noted they need to account for the additional 36 seats. This item will go before the P&Z in the next two weeks. Chairman Iezzi would like the Chief to come back to the Commission with a recommendation. No action will be taken at this time and this item will appear on the May 8, 2013 agenda.

Old Business

- a. Request for help with speeding cars, truck traffic and noise, Davis Street – Chief Wydra asked for the item to be tabled. Mr. Strickland motioned to table the item for the May 8, 2013 meeting, seconded by Mr. Migliaro. ***The motion carried unanimously***

New Business

- a. Request to block street for filming – this item was handled at a Special Meeting on April 9, 2013.
- b. Request for Rock to Rock Bike Ride April 20, 2013 – Chief Wydra spoke with the requestor and he recommends this request be approved. Mr. Migliaro motioned to approve the request pending adequate safety measures reviewed and agreed to, seconded by Mr. Strickland. ***The motion passed unanimously.***
- c. Request for 5 K Road Race – Hamden/North Haven YMCA - Mr. Reynolds from the YMCA advised the Commission that there will be approximately 100 runners. Chief Wydra recommends this request be approved with all safety measures

- discussed and agreed upon. Chief Wydra to advise the Commission at a later date that all has been set up.
- d. Request for approval for Hamden Hills Half Marathon & 5K, May 25, 2013 – Mr. Clinton Tebbetts provided a description of the race along with maps of the course. Chief Wydra supports this plan as presented and with all safety measures. Mr. Migliaro motioned to approve the Hamden Hills Half Marathon & 5K set for May 25, 2013, seconded by Mr. Mitchell. ***The motion passed unanimously.***
 - e. Request for street closure for block party Colony St., May 26, 2013 – The request is to close the street between 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Chief Wydra supports this request and the residents will be using their driveways and there will be no street obstructions should an emergency arise. Mr. Mitchell motioned to approve the closing of Colony St., May 26, 2013 for a Block Party, seconded by Mr. Migliaro. ***The motion passed unanimously.***
 - f. Quinnipiac University Commencement, Sunday May 19, 2013 – Mr. David Barger, Chief of Security/Safety addressed the Commission noting the plan and that this year there will be two events, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Chief Wydra noted the great working relationship with the University for this Annual Event and recommends approval of the request. Mr. Migliaro motioned to approve the request, seconded by Mr. Mitchell. ***The motion passed unanimously.***

Open Discussion – Commission/Department Heads

Commissioner Migliaro noted that vehicles are parking at 190 Pine Rock Ave. in “No Parking” areas. Chief Wydra will have this looked at.

Adjournment

At 6:57 p.m. Mr. Strickland motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Migliaro. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

The next meeting will be Wednesday May 8, 2013 in the Activity Room at the Miller Library Complex 6:00 p.m.

Recorded by,

Catherine E. Gempka
Commission Clerk