

HAMDEN BOARD OF TRAFFIC AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
JUNE 12, 2013

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

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. Chairman Iezzi announced that Commissioner Migliaro has resigned from the Commission.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Iezzi entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting of May 15, 2015. Mr. LaTorraca motioned to approve the minutes of May 15, 2013, seconded by Ms. Curtis. *The motion carried unanimously.*

Public Comments on Agenda Items

Chief Wydra asked if he could please read and email from Ms. Sarah Clark and the Chairman agreed. Ms. Clark apologized for the late notice of not being able to attend this meeting but thanks Chairman Iezzi for taking the time to review her note of June 7, 2013 sent via email to Chief Wydra for Chairman Iezzi. In the note she thanks Chairman Iezzi and Chief Wydra for “emailing not only the agenda but also scanned documents associated with agenda items” to her for the benefit of the West Woods Civic Association. Ms. Clark hopes the Chairman will consider her suggestion of including public comments as each item comes up for consideration.

(The agenda and associated documents are posted on the Hamden CT web site for the benefit of all residents who wish to attend any meetings of any Board or Commissions.)

Chairman Iezzi explained that he has spoken with various other Boards and Commissions and Executive Branches of Town Government and feels that the Public Session is provided to give residents the opportunity to address items on the agenda. He noted that the Commission has been very liberal in providing time, recommendations, suggestions petitions and other various options during this portion of the agenda and that it will continue to remain on the agenda as it has. If anyone doesn't agree with this decision they can send a letter to the Commission and it can be readdressed.

Department Report

- a. Review of department activity – Chief Wydra reported that the work on the Mather St. project will be completed the week of June 17, 2013. He noted the Church Street project is also almost completed, just a few minor touches. The Mayor's office received a call regarding Cherry Ann St. that some signs needed replacing due to fading. It turns out 65 signs were replaced in the area. The Memorial Day Parade went well as did the Freddy Fixer Parade. The Hamden Road Race was also a success. Ted and Bob from the Engineer Dept. are reviewing the Fitzgerald and Halliday report to see what can be accomplished with very little or no budget.
- b. Review of Site Plans – none at this time.

Old Business

- a. Request for Handicapped sign 55-57 First St. - A letter was sent to Mr. Randy Bunson on May 27, 2013 requesting he or a representative come to this evenings meeting, but no one is here. Ms. Curtis noted that she went to the site and it appears that with the new sign being installed at 59 First St. and only a driveway between the two residents this would create two consecutive signs and would like to see a “Bus” pick up or drop off sign of some kind to accommodate both residents. Mr. LaTorraca motioned to table this item for the September 11, 2013 meeting. *The motion carried unanimously.*
- b. 2384 Whitney Ave. – Expansion & Outdoor Café – any follow up information – A brief Discussion ensued regarding the parking for the additional patrons with the new Café. Mr. Campo from the Planning and Zoning Commission was present to answer any questions and the one question that keeps coming up is the parking for the additional 36 seats at the Café. Mr. Campo indicated that Eli’s parking lot across from the restaurant and the municipal lot in back of the stores next to the parking lot could accommodate the additional cars. Chief Wydra noted that people tend to park where they please and this may create a problem. The department will become more vigilant in monitoring the area to make sure a problem doesn’t persist. Additional signs may help elevate the potential problem. Mr. LaTorraca noted cars are not stopping at the “Stop Here” sign at the Fire Station. It was stated that it may be because the Fire House was closed for the construction and people have forgotten but it should get better as people see the Fire House is back.

New Business

- a. Request for a Block Party, June 28, 2013, 34 Pease Road – The letter for this event was addressed to “The Town of Hamden, Traffic Office Commissioner” and it is dated and stamped as received on May 31, 2013 by the Hamden Police Dept. and sent by email to Chairman Iezzi and the clerk Cathy Gempka. Unfortunately the clerk has not been able to receive emails from the Hamden Police Department since November 2012 therefore the clerk did not receive the email or would have contacted Ms. Camacho by letter asking her to attend the meeting. After a brief discussion and some questions regarding the date and time etc. the Commission has asked Chief Wydra to contact Ms. Camacho for the information needed and to approve the Block Party if it meets the standard request for dates and time set up and breakdown and any possible department needs. Ms. Curtis motioned to approve Chief Wydra to contact Ms. Camacho, seconded by Mr. LaTorraca. *The motion carried unanimously.*

Open Discussion – Commission/Department Heads

Chairman Iezzi request this item be removed from the agenda for future meetings.

Adjournment

At 6:29 p.m. Mr. LaTorraca motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Strickland. *The motion carried unanimously.*

The next meeting will be Wednesday September 11, 2013 in the Activity Room at the Miller Library Complex 6:00 p.m.

Recorded by,

Catherine E. Gempka
Commission Clerk