

**HAMDEN BOARD OF TRAFFIC AUTHORITY**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF**  
**DECEMBER 9, 2009**

**Attending:** Reginald Higgins, Elliott Kerzner, Gerald Migliaro, Meg Nowacki,  
Police Chief Wydra, Deputy Chief Cappiello, Town Attorney Sue Gruen

**Absent:** Raeann Curtis

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kerzner 7:00 p.m. Ms. Curtis not available for the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Kerzner entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 12, 2009. Ms. Nowacki motioned to approve the minutes of the meeting, seconded by Mr. Higgins. *The motion carried unanimously.*

**DEPARTMENT REPORT**

- a. Review of department activity – Chief Wydra advised the Commission that work continues on West Woods Rd. at Whitney Ave but no other unusual activity at this time.
- b. Items of concern – Nothing at this time.
- c. Review of site plans – Nothing at this time
- d. Correspondence – items in packet

**PUBLIC/MEDIA COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

***Mr. Robert Patterson, 26 Augur St.*** – Mr. Patterson provided the Commission with a review of *Putnam Avenue and Augur Street Bicycle and Parking lane Project* prepared by Milone & MacBroom, Engineerine, Landscape Architecture and Environmental Science. Also, a recommendation from the Technical Committee from the *Nation Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices* was provided. Mr. Patterson stated he thought he had emailed this report to the Commission and apologized for the delay in getting this information to them. Mr. Patterson gave a brief summary of the reports regarding parking, possible shared parking, striping etc. and is hoping the project can be completed.

***Mr. William Mitch, 30 Ralston Ave.*** – Mr. Mitch rides his bike to work most days and noted that bicycle use has doubled in recent years. He would like to see this project completed as would the Whitneyville Civic Association.

***Mrs. Sharon Cohen, 105 Beacon St.*** – Mrs. Cohen is looking for a “Handicapped” parking sign for her tenant. The sign to be placed in the rear of her property on Dante Place as this is the easiest way for her tenant to leave and enter the home. She has provided the information requested by the Commission and hopes they will approve this request.

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**Mr. Christopher Ritacco, 27313 Town Walk** - Mr. Ritacco is asking for accommodations for a Bicycle Race to be held April 10, 2010 in the East Rock area of Hamden. The race was held last year and was a success and Yale Bulldog Cycling would like to hold the event again. Mr. Ritacco provided the Commission with a map of the course and as in the past will complete the required permits and hire the necessary Police Department services. He would like the Commission to approve the request.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- a. **Putnam Ave., Augur St., Bicycle & Parking Lane project** – Police Chief Wydra advised the Commission that the Traffic Department is working on the recommendations. Deputy Chief Cappiello stated that the current report needs review. Chief Wydra would like to review the reports and come back to the Commission next month with some sort of official recommendation. After a brief discussion and some questions and answers the Commission was in agreement. Chairman Kerzner entertained a motion to continue this item for the January 2010 meeting. Ms. Nowacki moved to table this item for the January 2010 meeting in order for reports to be run and have the Chief and Engineering Department have more information or a recommendation, seconded by Mr. Migliaro. ***The motion carried unanimously.***
- b. **Handicapped parking sign request, 105 Beacon St.** – Chairman Kerzner did go and view the site and thought Mrs. Cohen wanted the sign in front of the home. After a brief discussion and notification to Mrs. Cohen that if the tenant were to move she should notify the department so the sign can be removed. Mr. Migliaro motioned to approve the installation of the “Handicapped” sign, seconded by Mr. Higgins. ***The motion carried unanimously.***
- c. **Woodin St. – any additional information from Chief Wydra** – Chief Wydra advised the Commission that 9 infractions were issued and that patrols have been increased. Chief Wydra discussed this item with Mayor Jackson he would like to see a traffic study done for the greater Woodin St. area then will discuss this further and consider it in an overall plan for the entire town. The Chief would like to know if the Commission wants a traffic study. Ms. Nowacki inquired about the report of accidents that were brought up by the residents. The Chief has not put together a report as he wants some additional direction from the Mayor. The subject of Helen St. was brought up because of an email in the packet. Ms. Nowacki moved that Woodin St. be tabled to the January 2010 meeting, seconded by Mr. Migiliro. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

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**NEW BUSINESS**

- d. a. **Yale Bulldog Cycling race April 2010** – Chairman Kerzner noted that Yale Bulldog Cycling paid for police for he last race. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the bike route. Mr. Ritacco advised the Commission he was also in touch with the New Haven Police Department because as noted a portion of the race is in New Haven. Ms. Nowacki inquired about the numbers of riders. Mr. Ritacco stated they expect approximately 400 riders up a small amount from last years number and expect to add at the most an additional half hour to the race based on the numbers. The really don't not have any indication yet of how many riders. Ms. Nowacki motion to approve the Yale Bulldog Cycling race on April 10, 2010 with accommodations from the police department to the satisfaction of the Hamden Police Department along with the New Haven Police, the logistics and personnel, as long as the police departments conditions have been met, seconded by Mr. Migliaro, seconded by Mr. Migliaro. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

**OPEN DISCUSSION – COMMISSIONERS/DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Chief Wydra went back to the email regarding Helen St. He noted that Helen St. is not designated as a “No Thru Trucks” street and after the residents with the complaints were advised of this then complained about speeding in the area. Mr. Garrison was less than satisfied with the actions of the Hamden Police and the CT State Police Truck Squad and wanted the police there all day. Chief Wydra noted that he had no idea where the trucks were coming from. He noted that the Mayor did speak with a local company and that the trucks did stop. Mr. Higgins inquired if anyone spoke with Tilcon and could the department reach out and talk to them?

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:48 p.m. Ms. Nowacki motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Migliaro. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

***The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, January 13, 2010, in the Activity Room, Miller Library Complex 7:00 p.m.***

Recorded by,

Catherine E. Gempka  
Commission Clerk