

HAMDEN BOARD OF TRAFFIC AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
NOVEMBER 10TH, 2010

Attending: Raeann Curtis, Reginald Higgins, Michael Iezzi, Judi Kozak Police
Chief Wydra, Deputy Chief Cappiello, Town Attorney Sue Gruen

Absent: Gerald Migliaro

Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairman Kozak called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Migliaro not present for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Kozak entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 13, 2010. Ms. Curtis motioned to accept the minutes seconded by Mr. Iezzi. *The motion carries unanimously.* The clerk noted the name of Elliott Kerzner under those attending and this was an error, Ms. Kozak should have been in attending.

Department Report

- a. Review of department activity – Nothing unusual at this time.
- b. Items of concern – Nothing at this time.
- c. Review of site plans – Chairman Kozak wasn't sure what this item was and the Town Attorney advised her that the Commission should be notified by the Planning Dept. of plans that have to do with traffic, parking etc. Chairman Kozak will send a letter to the Planning Department requesting this information be sent to Commission through the Police Chief.

Public/Media Comments on Agenda Items – Nothing at this time.

New Business

- a. Lake Road Action Items – Mayor Jackson has sent a letter requesting the Commission amend its earlier action in favor of his request. Mr. Higgins inquired if this action will put to rest this item and Chief Wydra stated that yes it will. Mr. Iezzi inquired if all safety issues have been addressed and Chief Wydra said they have and should satisfy both sides on the issue. After a brief discussion Mr. Iezzi motioned to accept both **a.** Amend the earlier vote of the Traffic Authority to open Lake Road to add the language “restrict vehicular traffic and establish no parking, with the exception of public safety and public works vehicles, in the area noted as scenic walkway in the conceptual plan provided”. This portion of Lake Road will be maintained by the Town to ensure safe passage of emergency vehicles, including the plowing of snow; **b.** Approve legal parking on the east side of Lake Road, totaling 33 parking spaces, as outlined on the conceptual drawing, and authorize the Police Chief to implement the painting and signage related to establishing this parking and public safety improvement in a proper and safe

- manner. This motion is seconded by Ms. Curtis. ***The motion carries unanimously.***
- b. YMCA Road Race – Mr. Brian Marazzi addressed the Commission explaining this will be the second annual race. He stated the race last year was a success and therefore they would like to do it again. He stated the course will be the same as last year with the same volunteer staffing, the necessary personnel from the Police department and there will be the addition of one ambulance at the end of the race. Chairman Kozak inquire if the Chief had any questions and he inquire how long the race is and Mr. Marazzi stated it is approximately 3 miles with a 2 mile family walk. Mr. Iezzi motioned the Chief accept the plan as proposed and Mr. Marazzi as last year and will meet with the department to make all arrangements necessary from them. The motioned is seconded by Mr. Higgins. ***The motion carried unanimously.***
- c. Request for “Speed Bump” London Drive – Mr. Kevin Miller, 39 London Drive addressed the Commission with his concerns about the speeding traffic on the street. London Drive is a cut through from Ridge Road to State Street and more and more people are using it. There is a Nursery School on the block and the street is a hill and Mr. Miller has grandchildren who come to visit and he fears one of them or anyone will be hurt or worse. Another problem is when parents come to drop off children and pick them up from the Nursery school the cars driving by do not even attempt to slow down. Chief Wydra did place the speed enforcement sign on the street on 11/1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10 and noted that because of the road design he would like to purchase mobile speed bumps and try them and he will check with the traffic technicians to see where the best location is for the speed bump. Mr. Iezzi inquired as to why the Chief has to speak with the traffic technicians and the chief noted that this is their specialty and feels they have a better handle on placement. Mr. Iezzi motioned to approve the recommendation of the Police Chief and the traffic department and come back to the commission with the findings, seconded by Ms. Curtis. ***The motion carried unanimously***

Old Business

- a. Putnam Ave. Bike Lane – Chief Wydra advises the Commission this item is still on his radar and that a meeting of the various participants needs to be held to review the plans and financing for the project. He stated that it is difficult for all parties to be available at the same time which is creating the delay.
- b. Letter from former Commission member Elliott Kerzner – At this time Chairman Kozak entertained a motion to table this item as she wants to review the matter. Ms. Curtis motioned to table this item until available information is reviewed, seconded by Mr. Higgins. ***The motion carried unanimously***
- c. 84 Marlboro St. request for handicapped sign – Chairman Kozak entertained a motion to table this item for further review. Mr. Iezzi motioned to table this item, seconded by Ms. Curtis. ***The motion carried unanimously***

Open Discussion – Commissioners/Department Heads – nothing at this time.

Adjournment

At 7:39 p.m. Ms. Curtis motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Iezzi. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, December 8th, 2010, in the Activity Room, Miller Library Complex 7:00 p.m.

Recorded by,

Catherine E. Gempka
Commission Clerk