

HAMDEN BOARD OF TRAFFIC AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
DECEMBER 8TH, 2010

Attending: Raeann Curtis, Reginald Higgins, Michael Iezzi, Judi Kozak Gerald
Migliaro Police Chief Wydra

Absent: Deputy Chief Cappiello, Town Attorney Gruen

Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairman Kozak called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Deputy Chief Cappiello and Town Attorney Gruen not present.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Kozak entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 10, 2010. Mr. Iezzi motioned to accept the minutes seconded by Mr. Higgins. *The motion carries unanimously.*

Department Report

- a. Review of department activity – Chief Wydra advised the Commission that Lake Road is moving along and any delays would be weather related.
- b. Items of concern – Nothing at this time.
- c. Review of site plans – Chairman Kozak noted the letter in the file to Ms. Creane.

Public/Media Comments on Agenda Items

Mrs. Diana Hines, 59 Pine St. – Mrs. Hines wanted to thank Chief Wydra for the fast action on Pine St. to help alleviate the parking and speeding problem on her street. She also thanked the Commission for their concern regarding this matter.

Mr. Aris Stolis, 256 Johnson Rd. - Mr. Stolis a licensed landscape architect addressed the memo sent to the from the West Woods Neighborhood Association to the Commission regarding calming in the area. He would like the focus to be on the Canal Trail Crossing as he feels this is a quality of life issue and he would also like signage to be reviewed first. He spoke to a possible bumping out of the roadway and proceeded to explain to the Commission how it would benefit the area. Chief Wydra stated that a study was in the process and would be presented to Mayor Jackson sometime this month. He also invited the Association to send a representative to a meeting to be held discussing all the suggestions and recommendations in the memo from the Association. He will advise the Association of the date and time of the meeting.

Mr. Russell Gieselman, 26 Westerly Dr. – Mr. Gieselman addressed the Commission regarding his letters of November 12, 2010 and December 11, 2009 and the speeding problem on Ives Street. He stated that he has had encounters with drivers at various times and some not so pleasant and one threatening. Mr. Gieselman did go to the police on this one matter but did not file a report because he was concerned about possible retribution, but stated that the driver did in fact come to his home and apologized to him. He thanked the Chief for the enforcement but is looking for relief with this problem.

Ms. Sarah Clark, 4032 Whitney Ave. – Ms. Clark inquired about funding for some of the items, signage, painting ect. and the Chief advised the Commission that the Legislative Council has approved funds in the capital budget for traffic calming.

New Business

- a. Request for “Stop” sign at Ives St. & Westerly Dr. - Chief Wydra recommends having the engineering department do field visit to formulate a recommendation. The Chief feels that sign enforcement can fix the problem but will wait for the report from the engineering department. Chairman Kozak would like to hold this item over for the January 2011 meeting.
- b. Signage Prospect St. & Mill Rock Road – Chief Wydra noted that this area was reviewed a few years ago and some changes were made. He is looking at bright strips available to put in the post the signs are on that will help. He noted other towns are now using these strips and they are working out fine. The funds for the strips are in the budget and it is a less costly measure than purchasing and installing new and/or additional signage.
- c. West Woods Neighborhood Association calming request – After a brief discussion and the upcoming meeting mentioned above by Chief Wydra to be held Chairman Kozak would like to hold this item over for the January 2011 meeting.
- d. Letter to Leslie Creane regarding “Site Plans” – Chairman Kozak is waiting for a response to the letter and will advise the Commission when she receives one.

Old Business

- a. Putnam Ave. Bike Lane – Chief Wydra advises the Commission this item is still in the works.
- b. Response to Elliot Kerzner regarding reversal of decision made by the Traffic Authority – this item is withdrawn from the agenda.
- c. 84 Marlboro St. request for handicapped sign – Chairman Kozak advised the Commission that this item is withdrawn from the agenda.

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, January 12th, 2011 in the Activity Room, Miller Library Complex 7:00 p.m.

Recorded by,

Catherine E. Gempka
Commission Clerk