

WESTBROOK POLICE ADVISORY/TRAFFIC AUTHORITY BOARD
Regular Meeting Minutes – July 12, 2021

Members Present: Chairman Mike Oryl, Peter Parisi, Jill Brainerd and Kimberly Bratz.

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Mike Oryl.

2. Approval of Minutes: June 14, 2021 – Regular Meeting:

Upon a motion by Kimberly Bratz, seconded by Jill Brainerd, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2021 Regular Meeting, as distributed.

3. Old Business:

a. East Pond Meadow Road – Lowering Speed Limit and New Requests:

Chairman Oryl stated that he has spoken with LC Doane and Riggio Construction which are both located on East Pond Meadow Road. Both companies agreed to ask their employees and delivery trucks to slow down. The request to the State to lower the speed limit on East Pond Meadow Road was submitted and the State replied that the speed limit was approved by the State at 25 miles per hour from the beginning of East Pond Meadow at the split all the way to the Essex Town line. Secretary Kelemen was asked to request DPW to put up 25 MPH signs along East Pond Meadow Road both sides where he feels they are appropriate.

b. General Speed Limits in Town:

The CT State DOT submitted the State approved speed limits for roads in Westbrook. A copy of this information will be submitted to DPW.

c. Any Other Old Business:

1. Chairman Oryl stated that he just received the damaged speed machine back after being repaired. The other machine was stolen and has not been located.

2. Magna Lane No Parking signs have not been put up by DPW. Secretary Kelemen will send a reminder to DPW.

4. New Business:

a. Speeding Issues – Plymouth Road:

Chairman Oryl recused himself from the meeting and Kimberly Bratz took over as Chairperson. There were 4 residents of Plymouth Road present: George Prouty of 87 Plymouth Road, Jenero Labriola of 100 Plymouth Road, Matt Radichi of 103 Plymouth Road and Dwayne McKay of 84 Plymouth Road. All stated that concern for safety because of the speeding traffic on this road. The Selectman's Office did reach out to RST April Moran and there has been police presence up there recently. The residents of the road did say that they have seen the police in the area lately. It was stated that there are a lot of kids, grandkids and dogs in the area. They requested "Slow – Children at Play" signs. Acting Chairman Bratz stated the Town does not use those types of signs in Westbrook because we don't want to encourage anyone to be in the road. The residents also asked if we could put up more speed limit signs. They stated that the worst times for speeding is in the morning and evening when people are going to and from work. There are only 2 signs on the entire road and one of them is covered by bushes.

Upon a motion by Kimberly Bratz, seconded by Jill Brainerd, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to request the police staff do additional enforcement in the area and to request John Riggio to go look at the area for speed limit signs and place new ones where he feels they are necessary.

Chairman Oryl returned to the meeting at this time.

b. Any Other New Business:

None.

5. Approval of Bills:

Upon a motion by Kimberly Bratz, seconded by Jill Brainerd, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to approve payment of \$24.70, \$120.15 and \$24.03 to Kathleen Kelemen for Secretarial duties for May, June and July.

6. Correspondence:

- a. Copy of 2021/2022 Department Budget.
- b. Copy of letter sent to all residents on Westbrook Heights Road regarding parking in the street.
- c. Thank you letter from Scott Abercrombie of Seaside Avenue.
- d. Committee Member renewal letters for Jill Brainerd, Peter Parisi, Donald Harger and Kimberly Bratz.
- e. Copy of State Permit for Westbrook Fire Department 100th Anniversary Parade.
- f. Copy of State Permit for Westbrook Fife & Drum Annual Muster Parade.

7. Adjournment:

Upon a motion by Kimberly Bratz, seconded by Jill Brainerd, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to adjourn at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Kathleen H. Kelemen, Secretary