

WESTBROOK POLICE ADVISORY/TRAFFIC AUTHORITY BOARD
Regular Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2014

Members present: Chairman Bonnie Palermo, George Rehberg, Robert Brancato and Mike Oryl.

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Bonnie Palermo.

2. Approval of Minutes – January 13, 2014:

Upon a motion by Bob Brancato, seconded by Mike Oryl, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to approve the minutes of January 13, 2014 as amended.

3. Old Business:

a. Parking Issues – Menunketesuck Avenue South

Samantha Marone of Menunketesuck Avenue South was present. There aren't any "No Parking" signs on the road. At this time, the vans are not parking on the lawn of the residence and are no longer parked in the street. This is really more of a zoning issue. There was discussion whether to put up "No Parking" signs. Samantha Marone stated that she will check with all of her neighbors to make sure they are OK with the signs and will get back to the Board. This item will be on the March Agenda..

i. Any Other Old Business:

1. South Main Street/Route 1 Intersection traffic light:

Mr. Karasay who had previously made a complaint about the timing of the light was present and stated that the State has made an adjustment to the light and he is happy with it.

b. Route 153/Brittney Lane – Passing Zone, Speeding Issues:

Secretary Kelemen has to send a e-mail or letter to the State.

c. Use of Speed Bumps on Town Roads:

All Board members feel that this is a dead issue at this time.

d. Parking/Traffic – Old Mail Trail:

Chairman Palermo stated that she had not contacted Attorney Mike Wells regarding the matter. The Board will relook at this situation in April or May.

e. "No Turn On Red" – Seaside Avenue/Route 1:

Bob Brancato stated that Michael Polo spoke to the owner of Dunkin Donuts and he is willing to make the parking lot “One Way” in and out as long as the Town pays for the signs (4 would be needed). He would like to see the signs and approve them first. Chairman Palermo will contact First Selectman Noel Bishop to discuss the matter with him.

f. Train Station Traffic:

Chairman Palermo stated that she has stopped at the station numerous times and there has been nobody around. Mike Oryl stated that he sees Amtrak employees at Dunkin Donuts once in a while. If he sees them he will talk to them to see if they know anything.

g. “Stop” Sign – Perigee or Apogee Lane/Seaside Avenue:

There was discussion of waiting to make a decision on this after Public Works does the work that the Board requested him to do. This matter will be decided at a future date.

h. Speeding Issues – Old Clinton Road:

Chairman Palermo received another e-mail from First Selectmen Noel Bishop regarding the speeding issues on Old Clinton Road by the Rail Road Bridge. The resident who has been making the complaints was supposed to be at tonight’s meeting, but did not show up. In the meantime, Secretary Kelemen will send another memo asking for enforcement in the area.

There was discussion regarding the need for more Constables in Town. Chairman Palermo will talk to RST about hiring more Constables.

Mike Oryl stated that he spoke to RST Rob Hart about the speed monitoring machine. Mike has offered to take over the handling of the equipment, but would need a space here at the town hall to store the equipment and charge batteries. Chairman Palermo will talk to Noel Bishop about this.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

a. 2nd speed monitoring machine:

Chairman Palermo went before the Board of Selectmen for the proposed budget and the Board of Selectmen liked the idea and agreed with purchasing a second speed monitoring machine. She has gotten a quote for the machine. We just have to wait for the monies to be approved.

b. VISTA Parking Lot:

Chairman Palermo received a complaint that cars parking in the parking spots on Norris Avenue for VISTA are not pulling into the spots all the way and the end of the cars are in the driving portion of the road. All members were asked to go look at the area and it will be discussed at the March Meeting.

c. Approval of Closer to Free Ride:

Upon a motion by Bob Brancato, seconded by Mike Oryl, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to approve the Closer To Free Ride for September 6, 2014.

d. Old Town Hall (John Riggio Building) traffic:

There was discussion about possibly making the entrance off of Route 1 to the parking lot 2-way traffic instead of one way in. We need to see if there is room for 2-way traffic. All members were asked to go look at the area and it will be discussed at the March Meeting.

5. Approval of Bills:

Upon a motion by Mike Oryl, seconded by George Rehberg, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to approve payment of the following:

\$109.84 to Kathleen Kelemen for Secretarial duties.

6. Correspondence:

None.

7. Adjournment:

Upon a motion by Bonnie Palermo, seconded by Bob Brancato, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to adjourn at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen H. Kelemen, Secretary