

WESTBROOK POLICE ADVISORY/TRAFFIC AUTHORITY BOARD
Regular Meeting Minutes – June 8, 2015

Members Present: Chairman Bonnie Palermo, Mike Oryl, George Rehberg, Peter Parisi, Tony Fastaia, Constable Larry Merrill (at 7:03 p.m.) and Michael Polo (at 7:05 p.m.).

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairman Bonnie Palermo.

2. Approval of Minutes: May 11, 2015:

Upon a motion by Peter Parisi, seconded by Tony Fastaia, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 11, 2015 as submitted.

3. Old Business:

a. Flat Rock Place – Right Turn from Far Right Lane Only Sign:

No response from the State yet.

b. Decision of allowing Speed Bumps/Tables on Town Roads:

Sal Adorno is not present. Tabled until the next meeting.

c. Site-Line Issues - Old Clinton Road/Rail Road Bridge:

The Town of Westbrook controls 50' from the center of the road, which is into the bushes on the north side of the road just after the rail road bridge heading west. It is unknown what the rail road owns. Secretary Kelemen was asked to find out who owns the property so Chairman Palermo can contact them.

d. Walk/Don't Walk Signal at Seaside Avenue/Boston Post Road:

Chairman Palermo will contact the State to set up a meeting for them to come and look at the intersection and discuss possible solutions.

e. Drop-Off/Pick-Up Area at Westbrook Middle School:

Chairman Palermo has still not heard from School Superintendent Pat Ciccone. She will contact her again to find out the status of this matter.

f. Update of Revised Town Ordinance Regarding Traffic Authority Board:

Chairman Palermo attended the last Board of Selectmen's Meeting and Director of Finance Andrew Urban has some concerns regarding the change to the Town Ordinance. He has requested information on how the Town of Essex and the Town of Chester handles the same situation. Larry Merrill will talk to the RST in Chester and have information for the next BOS Meeting to be held on 7/2/15. Chairman Palermo will not be able to attend that meeting but requested Mike Oryl to attend in her place.

g. Town Tickets:

Waiting for Town Ordinance to be approved. There was discussion regarding changing the fee for different violations. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

h. Approval of Braking Aids Ride:

Upon a motion by Mike Oryl, seconded by Michael Polo, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to approve the Braking Aids Ride for 9/26/15,

i. Boat Launch – Rout 145:

There seems to be an issue with people parking on Chapman Mill Pond Road in order to gain access to Chapman Mill Pond. All members were asked to go look at the area, including Nolin Road for the possibility of putting “No Parking” signs in the area. Also, the boat launch area is being handled by Tom ODell for improvements.

j. Any Other Old Business: None.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Approval of 7th Annual Vista Tour De Shore – 10/18/15:

Upon a motion by Mike Oryl, seconded by Michael Polo, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to approve the 7th Annual Vista Tour De Shore for 10/18/15.

b. Traffic Solution Aps:

Chairman Palermo stated that we have to renew our aps for the speed machines. She OK'd this and will bring the invoice forward for approval when received.

c. Road Accident Reduction Plan:

This matter should be forwarded to Resident State Trooper Wayne Buck.

d. Approval of all Speed Limits on Town and State Roads:

An e-mail was received from David A. Sawicki, Executive Director of the State Traffic Administration that stated that they are responsible for approving all speed limits that are less than 55 MPH, including school speed limits, on public roadways (State and town maintained) and in any parking areas for ten (10) or more cars. Chairman Palermo will contact the State regarding the change in the speed limit on Old Clinton Road.

e. Parking Permits – Beach Associations:

An e-mail was received from Gary Bazzano from Grove Beach Point asking if this Board looked into the feasibility of parking permits for association residents. Secretary Kelemen was asked to research old minutes to see what, if any, action or discussion took place regarding this matter.

f. Rumble Strips – Center of Roads:

The State DOT has created a State Project for the installation of centerline rumble strips. In Westbrook they would install them on Route 1 from the Clinton Town line to the west portion of South Main Street and from Salt Island Road to the Old Saybrook Town line.

George Rehberg made a motion that this Board not agree with the installation of Centerline rumble strips on Route 1. There was no second to the motion.

Upon a motion by Bonnie Palermo, seconded by Michael Polo, it was:

VOTED: To recommend that First Selectman Noel Bishop sign the contract for State Project #170-3336, Installation of Centerline Rumble Strips in the Town of Westbrook for State Roads only. (George Rehberg voted Nay). The motion carried.

g. Any Other New Business:

1. FYI:

Chairman Palermo attended a presentation for automated signs (like the one in front of Old Saybrook High School). The Town is forming a committee to look into obtaining some of these signs for Town use. Chairman Palermo volunteered to be on this committee. If anyone else is interested in being on the committee, please contact the Selectmen's Office.

5. Approval of Bills:

Upon a motion by Mike Oryl, seconded by Michael Polo, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to approve payment of \$71.82, \$30.78 and \$61.56 to Katie Kelemen for Secretarial duties.

6. Correspondence:

a. Information from State DOT regarding 1961 Boston Post Road.

7. Adjournment:

Upon a motion by Michael Plol, seconded by Mike Oryl, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to adjourn at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen H. Kelemen, Secretary