

**WESTBROOK POLICE ADVISORY/TRAFFIC AUTHORITY BOARD**

Regular Meeting Minutes – July 13, 2015

**Members Present:** Chairman Bonnie Palermo, Mike Oryl, George Rehberg, Peter Parisi, Tony Fastai, Michael Polo, Sal Adorno and Constable Larry Merrill.

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

**2. Approval of Minutes: June 8, 2015:**

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

**VOTED:** Unanimously to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 8, 2015 as amended (corrected the spelling of Michael Polo on page 3).

**4. New Business:**

**Beach Areas:**

**Grove Beach Area:** Gary Bazzano was present and submitted information on the use of speed humps (“Updated Guidelines for the Design and Application of Speed Humps”). Mr. Bazzano stated that residents of this area are in favor of speed bumps where they are warranted. Last year Mr. Bazzano had requested instituting some type of parking permit system for residents of the area only so other people cannot park in the area and use their private beach. Secretary Kelemen researched all the history on this matter and put together packets for all members. This will be discussed later in the meeting.

**Sagamore Terrace:** Steve Mellen, President of Sagamore Terrace Association, along with other Officers were present stated that they are concerned with excessive speeds in the area, people are not stopping at “Stop” signs. They are looking for guidance of what they can do to stop these problems. They are looking for enforcement in the area. A copy of a map of the area and all current signage was distributed. They also stated that they have a “Deaf Child” sign that hasn’t been needed for a very long time.

**Coral Sands:** Mary Jane Monahan was present and stated that she attended the June, July and August meetings, as well as the site walk done on Seaside Avenue when it was voted to put the additional crosswalks in at the area of Coral Sands. Public Works moved the one cross walk as requested, but they have not installed the additional 2 cross walks at Striper Avenue and Dolphin Avenue. Mike Oryl stated that he met with John Riggio to show him where the crosswalks should go, but Mr. Riggio stated that he did not have the money in his budget to install the crosswalks. Ms. Monahan contacted First Selectman Noel Bishop who said he would contact Director of Public Works John Riggio. She received an e-mail from Mr. Bishop who stated that he was informed by Mr. Riggio that a Board Member had an issue with the placement of the crosswalks and that’s why they were not installed. Ms. Monahan provided pictures of all of the existing crosswalks and where they are supposed to be installed. (It was noted that the crosswalk across the entrance to the Town Beach was painted today).

Chairman Palermo stated that these requests were made prior to budget season and Mr. Riggio should have requested money in his budget.

Upon a motion by George Rehberg, seconded by Michael Polo, it was:

**VOTED:** Unanimously to send a memo to Director of Public Works John Riggio to request that the following motion made on August 27, 2015 be done as soon as possible with a copy of memo going to the Board of Selectmen:

Upon a motion by Mike Oryl, seconded by Sal Adorno, it was:

**VOTED:** Unanimously to request Public Works to install a cross walk on the west side of Dolphin Avenue.

Upon a motion by Peter Parisi, seconded by Mike Oryl, it was:

**VOTED:** Unanimously to request Public Works to move the cross walk located by #482 and #483 on Seaside Avenue by Striper Avenue to east of the grate or angle it when it is time to repaint.

Upon a motion by Sal Adorno, seconded by Tony Fastiaia, it was:

**VOTED:** Unanimously to request Public Works to install a cross walk across Seaside Avenue between #199 and #203 Seaside Avenue.

All crosswalks are to be ADA compliant with cut outs and all appropriate signage to be added.

**West Beach:** Chairman Palermo read a copy of an e-mail from Pat Marcarelli to First Selectman Noel Bishop regarding issues in the area. There were complaints about cars stopping in “No Parking” areas to unload their cars. They feel this is a hindrance to traffic. The people were confronted and they were not from Westbrook. There are other incidents that really should be handled by the police.

**Overall Discussion regarding above matters:**

Chairman Palermo stated that she feels that the drop-off issues on Seaside Avenue will help to slow down traffic. George Rehberg stated that they are not parking, so they are not breaking any laws. The area by the Elk’s corner is posted “No Parking”. Everyone was asked to look at this area for next month. Maybe we should put up poles or boulders to block people from entering the area.

As far as Grove Beach Road area is concerned:

There was discussion that it could all be posted as “No Parking” or make it “1Hour Parking Only”.

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

**VOTED:** Unanimously to not allow parking permits to be issued for any public roads.

All members were asked to go look at the area again to see if there are any other alternatives.

This will be discussed again next month.

Gary Bazzano did not feel that making it “No Parking” or a timed limit will help the matter.

Chairman Palermo made a motion to:

Post the entire area of Grove Beach Road South and surrounding town road with “2 hour parking”. There was no seconded to the motion.

Larry Merrill suggested having no parking after a certain time. Mr. Bazzano stated that the parking is already restricted from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sal Adorno suggested making 3 or 4 drop off spots.

Upon a motion by Michael Polo, seconded by George Rehberg, it was:

**VOTED:** Unanimously to deny the request for “Parking Permits” in the Grove Beach Road Association area.

As for the Sagamore Terrace Beach Association area, all roads are town roads. Speeding is definitely an issue and the “Deaf Child” sign needs to be removed because the child no longer lives in the area. There is also the problem of people not stopping at “Stop” signs. George Rehberg pointed out that when these things are enforced it turns out that the majority of the

perpetrators are people who live in the area. Mr. Mellen stated that this is probably true, but they do have a lot of traffic going through the area.

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

**VOTED:** Unanimously to request the RST and Constables to provide enforcement on the roads located in the Sagamore Terrace Beach Association.

Upon a motion by Bonnie Palermo, seconded by Mike Oryl, it was:

**VOTED:** Unanimously to request Public Works to remove the “Deaf Child” sign at the beginning of Sagamore Terrace Road.

Mike Oryl stated that if someone from the Association can find a post for him, he will install the speed machine in the area.

It was also requested that the speed machine be installed on Seaside Avenue in the Coral Sands area. Mike Oryl will take care of this when it becomes available.

Sal Adorno stated that he feels that enforcement does not help. He feels the first step should be the speed machine because you can also accumulate statistical information from the machine. If necessary we could also obtain a “vehicle counter” from the State.

All members of the Board were asked to go look at the Sagamore Terrace area and come up with a plan to remove, add, replace, etc. any signage in the area.

### **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:**

2 packets on updated guidelines to speed humps/bumps/tables was presented. Secretary Kelemen was asked to make copies and mail to all members. Sal Adorno requested copies of the print outs from the speed machines for any of the times it was on Seaside Avenue.

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

Chairman Palermo stated that Ed Binder owns the property just past the rail road bridge on the west side. She will contact him to discuss the site line.

#### **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 will contact Pat Ciccone.

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

Larry Merrill stated that Chester cannot provide a copy of their policy, but he does have a copy of their ticket. Chairman Palermo will contact the Selectmen's Office to find out the status of the Ordinance.

#### **g. Town Tickets:**

Waiting for Town Ordinance to be approved.

**h. Approval of Braking Aids Ride:**

This was already acted on.

**i. Any Other Old Business:** None.

**4. NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Traffic Issues – Pettipaug Road:**

A copy of any e-mail from William Lee, President of Lee Co. regarding received traffic complaints on Pettipaug Road. The e-mail was read for the record. All Board members were asked to go look at the area, especially north of Lee Company to Monahan Road. Mike Oryl stated that the Lee Company has always staggered the release time of employees to eliminate traffic problems. Chairman Palermo will get clarification if the employees have been requested to not turn right onto Pettipaug Road. This will be discussed at the August Meeting. It is not something that can be enforced, because it is a public road.

**b. Any Other New Business:**

**1. Chapman Mill Pond – Boat Launch:**

Weekends seem to be the worst. Peter Parisi suggested having parking on one side only.

Upon a motion by George Pytlik, seconded by Michael Polo, it was:

**VOTED:** To request Public Works to put up “No Parking on Either Side of Street” signs on Chapman Mill Pond Road from the intersection of Route 145 up to the bridge that crosses over I-95. (Vote: Ayes: Bonnie Palermo, George Rehberg, Tony Fastaia, Sal Adorno and Michael Polo. Nays: Peter Parisi) The motion carried.

All members were asked to go look at Nolin Road to see if “No Parking” signs also need to be put up there.

**5. Approval of Bills:**

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

**VOTED:** Unanimously to approve payment of \$61.56, \$41.04 and \$21.08 to Katie Kelemen for Secretarial duties.

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

**VOTED:** Unanimously to approve payment of \$3,000.00 to All Traffic Solutions for the necessary applications for the 2 speed machines.

**6. Correspondence:**

- a. Copies of re-appointment letters to Michael Polo, George Rehberg and Bonnie Palermo.
- b. Copy of Highway Permit for Daisy Ingraham Trick-Or-Trot.

**7. Adjournment:**

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

**VOTED:** Unanimously to adjourn at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Kathleen H. Kelemen, Secretary