

**WESTBROOK POLICE ADVISORY/TRAFFIC AUTHORITY BOARD**  
Regular Meeting Minutes – July 14, 2014

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

**Also Present:** Members of the Public.

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

**2. Approval of Minutes – June 9, 2014:**

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

**VOTED:** Unanimously to approve the minutes of June 9, 2014 as distributed.

**3. Old Business:**

**a. Memorial Day Parade:**

This item was supposed to be for the August Meeting.

**b. Traffic Calming – River Road/Old Mail Trail:**

The brush around the “Stop” sign going up the hill has been removed.

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

**VOTED:** Unanimously to request Public Works to move the existing “Stop” sign located at the intersection of River Road and Old Mail Trail forward approximately 10’, as close to the drainage basin as possible.

**c. Train Station Traffic:**

On hold.

**d. Request for Funds – New Speed Monitoring Machine:**

The machine has been ordered.

**e. High School Traffic Areas:**

Chairman Palermo stated that she is not sure if this work has been completed. To be place on next month’s agenda.

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

Chairman Palermo is still waiting to hear from Mr. Thomas Silva.

**g. Brittney Lane/Route 153 – No Passing Zone:**

Chairman Palermo is still waiting to hear from Mr. Thomas Silva.

**h. Budget Funds:**

Chairman Palermo has spoken with Director of Finance about the funds for Conferences no longer being in our budget. Mr. Urban stated that he will reimburse Sal Adorno for the conference out of the equipment line.

**i. Seaside Avenue:**

Mike Oryl stated that he had the speed monitoring machine up for 3 weeks and residents told him that it was working to help slow people down.

**j. Joint Meeting with Board of Selectmen and Town Attorney Mike Wells:**

Chairman Palermo stated that the Board of Selectmen have requested to meet with us in September to discuss the duties of the Police Advisory/Traffic Authority. Mike Oryl provided a packet which was given to him by the Selectmen's Office when he became a member of the Board, which included duties of being a Board Member. Secretary Kelemen will make copies and distribute to all members before the next meeting.

**k. Any Other Old Business:**

**1. Cross Walks – Striper/Dolphin/Tarpon Avenues:**

Residents of this area requested cross walks at the intersection of each road to the south side of Seaside Avenue. Sal Adorno recommended that this be done. There was discussion about installing cross walks where there are stairs going down to the beach, at every jetty. Larry Merrill pointed out that this might be a handicap issue because a crosswalk has to go to a sidewalk, not a curb, therefore they may not be ADA compliant. There are already 6 crosswalks on Seaside Avenue. There was discussion that a crosswalk should also be installed across the entrance to the Town Beach. The only problem is that signage has to go with all these crosswalks, if installed, and the residents don't want any signs in front of their home. The board will look into ADA compliance, how many crosswalks there are currently and where, a cost from John Riggio to install each cross walk, input from property owners, signage for "Cross Walks Ahead". Also, all members were asked to go look at the area again at all existing cross walks and the areas recommended for new crosswalks. Pat Marcarelli has offered to pay for the paint for crosswalks in his beach area.

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Traffic Issues – Chapman Avenue/First Avenue:**

A letter was received from Paul Beaulieu, President of the Cedar Crest District Beach Association asking for assistance in addressing a traffic situation at the intersection of Chapman Avenue and First Avenue. Secretary Kelemen was asked to send a copy of the letter to all members and then they can go look at the area before the next meeting.

**b. Any Other New Business:**

**1. Intersection of Dunkin Donuts onto Route 153:**

Kathleen Rotan and Lorraine King came to the meeting to discuss the fatal accident that happened on June 26<sup>th</sup>. She thought perhaps that "Stop" signs could be put up at the exits from Dunkin Donuts or possibly "No Left Turn" signs. This could possibly prevent another terrible accident in the area.

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

**VOTED:** Unanimously to contact the State to discuss the matter with them and request that they look at the area to see if there is something that can be done.

Chairman Palermo will contact the State.

**2. Requested Crosswalk across Route 1 from Antonie Road:**

Chairman Palermo received an e-mail from First Selectman Noel Bishop. He received a request for a crosswalk across Route 1 from Antonie Road (There was a crosswalk in this location prior to the last paving when the building was used as a school). The State is coming on Tuesday to look at the area and discuss the matter. The Board will look at the area after the meeting is over and Sal Adorno will attend the meeting with the State and the First Selectman to discuss the matter.

**3. Speed Machine:**

Chairman Palermo showed the members how the information can be displayed on the computer.

**4. Approval of VISTA Tour de Shore Cycle Event:**

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

**VOTED:** Unanimously to approve the VISTA Tour de Shore Cycle Event for October 9, 2014

**6. Approval of Bills:**

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

**VOTED:** Unanimously to approve payment of \$69.89, 59.91, 59.91 and 29.95 to Kathleen Kelemen for Secretarial duties.

**7. Correspondence:**

- a. Copy of letter dated 6/13/14 to Mike Oryl from First Selectman Noel Bishop reappointing him to the Board until July 1, 2017.
- b. Notice of upcoming seminars.

**8. Adjournment:**

Upon a motion by Sal Adorno, seconded by George Rehberg, it was:

**VOTED:** Unanimously to adjourn at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Kathleen H. Kelemen, Secretary