

WESTBROOK POLICE ADVISORY/TRAFFIC AUTHORITY BOARD
Regular Meeting Minutes – August 12, 2013

Members present: George Rehberg, Robert Brancato, Sal Adorno and Preston Pope.

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Secretary Kathleen Kelemen.

2. Approval of Minutes – July 8, 2013 and July 12, 2013:

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

VOTED: Unanimously to approve the minutes of July 8, 2013 and July 12, 2013, as distributed.

3. Old Business:

a. Sports Complex and High School Parking and Travel Areas:

No update at this time.

b. Cross Walk – Route 1/Wilcox Fuel; and:

c. Train Station:

No update at this time.

d. Sidewalk Lines on Bellstone and Post Avenues:

It does not look like this has been done.

Upon a motion by Sal Adorno, seconded by Bob Brancato, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to request Secretary Kelemen to send another request to Public Works and send a copy to the Board of Selectmen with a copy of all previous correspondence regarding the matter.

e. Seaside Avenue Crosswalks:

It does not look like anything has been done regarding the repainting of the crosswalks, as requested. Another request will be included in the correspondence to John Riggio.

There was discussion the possibility of requesting the bright green/yellow “Stop for Pedestrians” signs (like the ones by the High School) to be put up along Seaside Avenue.

Upon a motion by Bob Brancato, seconded by George Rehberg, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to request Public Works to put up bright green/yellow “Stop for Pedestrians” signs along both sides of Seaside Avenue at each crosswalk.

f. Do Not Enter Signs – Post Avenue/Seaside Avenue

The signs have not been put up as requested. To be included to memo to John Riggio.

g. Trolley Avenue Signs:

The requested signs have not been put up. This will be included in the memo to John Riggio.

h. Use of Town Tickets:

The RST have not responded whether more tickets are needed or not. Secretary Kelemen will send another memo to the RST.

i. No Parking/Sidewalk – Christy’s:

Nothing has been done regarding this request. To be included to memo to John Riggio.

j. Use of reflective cones on road work:

There has been no response from the Board of Selectmen.

k. Repair of Speed Monitoring Machine:

Secretary Kelemen was informed today that a package addressed to Bonnie Palermo had been delivered to the Selectmen’s Office weeks ago. She got the package and opened it and it was the Speed Monitoring Machine. She will see to it that the RST get it as soon as possible.

l. Any Other Old Business:

1. Inverted Speed Bumps:

Sal felt that this Board should look further into the inverted speed bumps for town roads.

2. Perigee Lane:

Bob Brancato stated that he would recommend putting a “Stop” sign on Seaside Avenue by Perigee Lane, it might slow the traffic down some. George Rehberg stated that this Board doesn’t use “Stop” signs to slow down traffic. Mr. Brancato pointed out that it is at an intersection and people do have difficulty exiting Perigee Lane. This item will be on next months Agenda and all members are asked to go look at the area.

3. Light up “Stop” Sign:

The Board requested John Riggio to get a quote for the red blinking “Stop” sign. The amount quoted for one sign is \$1,599.00. The President of Middle Beach was looking into getting some kind of Grant to obtain one of these signs to put at Seaside Avenue by the Elk’s Club. Mr. Brancato was asked to remind him that any street sign would have to go through this Board for approval even if a Grant was obtained.

4. New Business:

a. Intersection of Route 153 and Route 166:

We received an e-mail from CT DOT regarding an upgrade to the existing traffic signal at the intersection of Route 153 and Route 166. They are proposing to install Mast Arms and want to know if the Town of Westbrook has any objections.

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

VOTED: Unanimously to reply to the e-mail stating that this Board concurs with their proposal.

b. Any Other New Business:

1. Preston Pope raised the subject of problems with vehicles turning right on red when exiting Flat Rock Place. Everyone was asked to go look at the area and it will be discussed at next month's meeting. It is also the same exiting I-95 North Exit, turning right onto Route 153.

2. A letter was received from Marilyn McKinney requesting that the crosswalk that went from Antonie Road across Route 1 to the Town Hall be put back as it was years ago. This would be a State matter, but will be discussed at next month's meeting.

5. Approval of Bills:

Upon a motion by George Rehberg, seconded by Robert Brancato, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to approve payment of the following:

\$38.96 and \$107.14 to Kathleen Kelemen for Secretarial duties for June and July.

There is an invoice in the amount of \$992.50 for the repair of the speed monitoring machine.

This bill is to be handled by Finance Director Andrew Urban.

6. Correspondence:

1. Copy of letter to Sal Adorno from First Selectman Noel Bishop regarding his reappointment to the Board.
2. Copy of letter from State DOT regard paving program that will affect Westbrook on Route 1.
3. Copies of available seminars from Connecticut Transportation Institute.

7. Adjournment:

Upon a motion by Bob Brancato, seconded by Preston Pope, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to adjourn at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen H. Kelemen, Secretary