

Police Advisory/Traffic Authority Board
Special Meeting – September 23, 2010

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Members Present: Chairman Bonnie Palermo, George Rehberg, Michael Oryl and Marcia Munson.

1. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bonnie Palermo at 7:30 p.m.

2. Resignation of Council of Beaches Representative Al Quarti

A letter of resignation was received from Al Quarti, Representative of the Council of Beaches. Mr. Quarti states in his letter that he has already requested the Council of Beaches to replace him.

Upon a motion by Bonnie Palermo, seconded by Marcia Munson, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to accept Al Quarti's resignation, with regret.

3. Approval of Minutes – May 10, 2010 and August 9, 2010

Upon a motion by Marcia Munson, seconded by George Rehberg, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2010, as submitted and to accept the minutes of August 9, 2010, as amended.

4. Old Business -

a. Painting of Poles on Seaside Avenue: – Chairman Palermo stated that she has a list of the poles and will contact SNET and CL&P to get their permission.

b. Speeding – Wesley Avenue – Constable Larry Merrill is not present to discuss the matter.

c. Old Clinton Road/Hammock Road – Stop Sign – Secretary Kelemen (from memory) stated that the reason why the stop sign was removed was because residents in the area complained about the smell from large trucks when they stopped and then started again, as well as vehicles taking off at rapid speeds after they stopped. At this time, the Board is not sure why the RST's have requested that the sign be put back. A request will be sent to the RST to attend the October Meeting to discuss the matter.

d. Seaside Avenue Issues – The separate special meeting that is to be held by the First Selectmen to discuss these matters has not been held yet.

e. Radar Speed Sign – The RST will be requested to attend the October Meeting to discuss this matter.

f. Pedestrian Crossing Signal – Flat Rock Place/Route 153 – There has been no response from the State regarding this matter. Chairman Palermo will contact them to discuss the matter.

g. Speeding Issues – Pond Meadow Road – Mr. Sears submitted a letter stating that the worst time for speeding in the area is between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m. Secretary Kelemen was asked to send a request to the RST for enforcement at those times.

h. Traffic Slowing – Westbrook Post Office/Route 1 – There has been no response from the State at this time, Chairman Palermo to contact the State to discuss the matter.

i. Golf Links Road – Status of "One Way" – Some members feel that the road has been made "One Way", others feel that it has not. All members are to go look at the area before the October Meeting.

j. Handicap Parking Issues in front of the Historical Society – The State has said that they cannot put handicap parking spots in front of the Historical Society on Route 1. They did say that if the bump outs were removed on Route 153, handicap spaces can be put there. The Town is currently working on having the bump-outs removed.

k. Board Vacancies – At this point, we are still waiting to hear from the Council of Beaches and the Board of Selectmen.

4. New Business -

a. McVeagh Road – Since the road has been repaved, there is excessive speeding. Per Mike Oryl, the RST's and Constables are keeping an eye on this.

b. Pedal for Paws Application – Upon a motion by Mike Oryl, seconded by Marcia Munson, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to approve the DOT Application for Pedal For Paws on Saturday, October 2, 2010.

c. 209 Salt Island Road – Chairman Palermo spoke with resident Veronica Wardwell who complained that the parking spot located in front of her home is being abused, as well, she complained that the beach in the area needs work. The maintenance of the beach is not the purview of the Traffic Authority Board. All members were asked to go look at the area of the parking spot before the October Meeting.

d. Speed Limit – Old Mail Trail – A request to lower the speed limit on Old Mail Trail was received from Gary Bazzano. The Traffic Authority cannot lower the speed limit because the Town's minimum speed limit is 20 MPH, which is what the speed limit currently is. Secretary Kelemen will send a letter to Mr. Bazzano stating this and request times when the speeding seems to be the worst, so that enforcement can be requested.

e. Request for Crosswalk – Osprey Circle/Route 1 – Town Resident Mildred Clements has requested a crosswalk in this area. Chairman Palermo will contact Ms. Clements to discuss the matter with her.

f. Vista Vocational & Life Skills Center – DOT application – Upon a motion by Mike Oryl, seconded by Marcia Munson, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to approve the DOT application for Vista Vocational & Life Skills Center on Sunday, October 17, 2010.

5. Approval of Bills

Upon a motion by Marcia Munson, seconded by George Rehberg, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to approve the payment of \$90.08 to Al Quarti for reimbursement of payment for replacement parts for the radar/speed check machine, but from this time forward, no member of the Board is allowed to make purchases without permission to do so, by the Board.

Upon a motion by Marcia Munson, seconded by George Rehberg, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to approve the payment of \$89.60, \$89.60, \$35.84 and \$71.68 to Kathleen Kelemen for Secretarial duties.

6. Correspondence:

a. Copy of quote from All Traffic Solutions for a new Radar/Speed Machine.

b. Copy of memo dated 8/31/10 to RST Rob Hart.

c. Copy of Letter dated 8/31/10 to Dave Fabry of CT DOT.

d. Copy of Memo dated 8/18/10 to Director of Public Works John Riggio.

e. Copies of letters dated 8/30/10 from Town Attorney Mike Wells regarding FOI information.

f. Copies of Board responses to : Marvin Sears, Marge Alexander, Darylle Connelly, Wand Ramm, Mr. Smith and Mr. Difusco.

g. Numerous copies of seminars available.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Marcia Munson, seconded by Mike Oryl, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by:

Kathleen H. Kelemen
Secretary
