

WESTBROOK POLICE ADVISORY/TRAFFIC AUTHORITY BOARD
Special Meeting Corrected Minutes – September 28, 2015

Members Present: Chairman Bonnie Palermo, Mike Oryl, George Rehberg, Michael Polo, Sal Adorno and Tony Fastaia.

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

2. Approval of Minutes: August 10, 2015:

Upon a motion by Michael Polo, seconded by Tony Fastaia, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 10, 2015 as amended.

3. Old Business:

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

and:

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

Chairman Palermo has spoken with the State on both of these issues, but they have not called her back. She will put another call into them.

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

There no longer seems to be an issue at this area so it will be dropped from the agenda.

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

There have been no further complaints, but Chairman Palermo will reach out to Pat Ciccone to follow up with her.

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

The updated ordinance has been approved at a Town Meeting.

f. Town Tickets:

The new Ordinance has been approved and the Board of Selectmen are looking to have new tickets printed ASAP. A copy of the Town of Chester's ticket was distributed to all members. Mike Oryl stated that he would like to make some comparisons to the Resident State Troopers Infraction Book. Chairman Palermo will request that the Board of Selectmen to wait until after the November meeting because we want to make sure it is done right and speeding fines also need to be added

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

VOTED: Unanimously to send a memo to First Selectman Noel Bishop requesting that the Board of Selectmen do not move forward on the Town of Westbrook Traffic Violation Tickets until after the Boards November meeting so that the Board can review and research State Fines to compose the best ticket possible.

g. Pettipaug Road – Lee Company Traffic:

Mike Oryl Put the Speed Machine up in the area. Nothing has really changed and there have not been any further complaints. This road is a public road and we do not have the authority to tell people they can't exit the Lee Company parking lot in the direction that they choose to. No action taken.

Chairman Palermo stated that she printed out the reports from the Speed Machine when it was on Bellstone Avenue and the reports are very extensive. After looking at the reports, it was decided that only the "Speed Summary Report" needs to be printed. Sal Adorno will take the reports home to review and next month he will report which reports he feels would be helpful to our board.

h. Traffic Signal Request – Old Salt Work Road:

All members went to look at the area and agree that it is a very difficult, possibly dangerous intersection when trying to enter Boston Post Road from Old Salt Works Road. Katherine Redmann of 24 Pointina Road has requested a traffic signal to be installed. If a traffic signal were to be put in, it would have to be done by the State of CT DOT. This Board could only make a recommendation to them. The Board will address one step at a time. The first step will be to have the area cleared to improve the line of site. We will see it that improves the area before trying anything else.

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

VOTED: Unanimously to send a letter to CT DOT requesting them to trim all the bushes and trees near the intersection at Boston Post Road and Old Salt Works Road in order to improve the line of site in both directions because this has become a danger to motorists trying to exit Old Salt Works Road.

i. Request for Action – Intersection of Dennison Road/West Pond Meadow Road:

All members went to look at the area and the consensus was that there is a huge tree on the Town Right of Way that blocks the "Stop" sign located at the intersection so people don't see it until the last second.

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

VOTED: Unanimously to send a letter to the Town Tree Warden (John Riggio) to request that the large tree located on the Town Right of Way on Dennison Road just prior to the intersection with West Pond Meadow Road, be removed to improve the line of site in the area.

j. Request for No Parking – 36 Pioneer Road:

Upon a motion by Bonnie Palermo, seconded by Tony Fastaia, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to request Public Works to install a "No Parking Anytime" sign on the right hand side of Pioneer Road.

k. Request for "Dead End" or "No Outlet" sign – Salt Island Road:

Mike Oryl stated that there is already a sign at the end just before the left hand turn by the Right of Way. There should not be a sign prior to that because there are through roads.

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

VOTED: Unanimously to request Public Works to replace the existing "Dead End" sign with a new "No Outlet" sign on Salt Island Road at the corner of the Right of Way across from the Pepperidge Avenue "Stop" sign.

l. Parking Issues – Salt Island Road:

Chairman Palermo stated that she went and looked at the area and did not see any problems with people parking in “No Parking” areas. She did notice that something was blacked out on the Town Sign. There is no “WTA” or “Per Order of the Selectmen” on the sign which needs to be addressed. The sign should probably be replaced. Mike Oryl will talk to Noel Bishop regarding the matter. No action was taken regarding parking issues in the area.

m. Request for Street Light – Tarpon Avenue:

There are currently 3 street lights each on both Stripper Avenue and Dolphin Avenue. There are only 2 on Tarpon Avenue. There has been a request for a 3rd street light on Tarpon Avenue. Upon review of the area by members of the Board, it was concluded that the area is very dark at night. The Board was concerned about the residents whose home it would be near and would they want it so close to their homes. Mary Jane Monahan stated that the 2 residents were at the last meeting and are in favor of this request

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

VOTED: Unanimously to send a request to the Board of Selectmen to have a street light installed on Tarpon Avenue in the area of #43 & #47.

n. Request for “No Parking” on Stripper Avenue:

After members went and looked at the area, the signage is very confusing.

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

VOTED: Unanimously to request public works to remove the “No Parking This Side of Street” sign located in front of 30 Stripper Avenue and replace it with “No Parking Either Side” sign.

o. Use of Uniform “No Parking” Signs:

There have been requests that the Town use uniform signs around town to make things less confusing. This is really impossible because each circumstance is different.

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

VOTED: Unanimously to request Public Works to replace all signs necessary in the West Beach area of Seaside Avenue and Coral Sands area including all side roads so that they are uniform and all read “No Parking Either Side”.

p. Any Other Old Business: None.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Request for Approval – Brotherhood Ride – September 14 and 15, 2015:

Upon a motion by Tony Fastaia, seconded by Michael Polo, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to approve the Brotherhood Ride on September 14 and 15, 2015.

b. Middle Beach Issues:

The information is really just an FYI. There have been a lot of complaints in the area regarding many different issues and some will probably eventually come before this Board.

c. Middle Beach “Private” Sign:

A memo was received from First Selectman Noel Bishop asking if this Board had approved the “Private” sign at the beginning of Salt Island Road. The sign was never approved by this Board, but it would not be under the authority of this Board to do so. At this time, the sign has been removed.

d. Request for “Speed Limit” Sign – Seaside Avenue:

A memo was received from First Selectman Noel Bishop stating that they received a request for the “Speed Limit” sign located on Seaside Avenue south as you turn from Route 1 to be replaced with a larger more visible sign. Mike Oryl stated that this has already been done and the pole has been replaced.

e. Approval of Annual Tree Lighting Parade:

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

VOTED: Unanimously to approve the Annual Tree Lighting Parade on December 6, 2015.

f. Any Other New Business:

1. Chapman Mill Pond Road “No Parking” Issue:

Carol Ann Tyler, a resident of Chapman Mill Pond Road who had previously sent a request that the “No Parking” signs that were recently put up, be removed. She indicated to First Selectman Noel Bishop that she wants a better explanation as to why her request was denied. Chairman Palermo drafted a response to Ms. Tyler that Secretary Kelemen will forward to her.

2. Request for “Blind Driveway” Sign – 811 Old Clinton Road:

First Selectman Noel Bishop forwarded a request from a resident at 811 Old Clinton Road for a “Blind Driveway” sign. All members were asked to go look at the area and this will be on the next meeting’s agenda.

5. Approval of Bills:

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

VOTED: Unanimously to approve payment of \$137.02 and 84.32 to Katie Kelemen for Secretarial duties.

6. Correspondence:

- a. Copy of Highway Use Permit for Emily’s Walk on 9/12/15.
- b. Copy of Highway Use Permit for Brotherhood Ride on 9/14/15.
- c. Copy of Highway Use Permit for Closer to Free Ride on 9/12/15.
- d. Copy of letter sent to ZEO Nancy Rudek dated 8/24/15 regarding Zoning Referrals received.
- e. Copy of memo sent to Public Works dated 8/13/15 regarding requests made by this Board for action.

7. Adjournment:

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

VOTED: Unanimously to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen H. Kelemen, Secretary