

**WESTBROOK POLICE ADVISORY/TRAFFIC AUTHORITY BOARD**  
Special Meeting Minutes – December 8, 2014

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

**1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by Chairman Bonnie Palermo.

**2. Approval of Minutes:**

**November 10, 2014:**

Upon a motion by Michael Polo, seconded by Sal Adorno, it was:

**VOTED:** Unanimously to approve the minutes of November 10, 2014 as submitted.

**3. Old Business:**

**a. Discussion of Joint Meeting with Board of Selectmen and Town Attorney – duties of the Board:**

There was discussion regarding coming up with a better way to work and communicate with Public Works to help things run more smoothly. Attorney Mike Wells stepped into the meeting and recommended getting an inventory of all town signs that are out there. Maybe we could hire an intern to this as a summer job. This way we can keep track of all signs and then start tracking when they were put up, if new, or replaced.

George Rehberg asked Attorney Wells about the possible conflict of interest in having 4 members of a 7 member Board from the same beach area. Attorney Wells stated that there is no conflict of interest unless there is a monetary gain for any member. However, it could be an appearance of impropriety. Ethically, it would be appropriate to recuse themselves from a vote that will affect their neighborhood, but it is not a legal issue. All members should be careful about benefitting themselves.

In the future, all memo's sent to John Riggio will be emailed to him and copied to Chairman Palermo and the Board of Selectmen.

**b. High School Traffic Areas:**

This matter has been handled by Public Works.

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

Chairman Palermo still needs to contact the State regarding this matter. Sal Adorno suggested recommending that the State change the signal to red right arrows instead of red circles on the traffic lights.

**d. Decision of allowing Speed Bumps/Tables on Town Roads:**

Sal Adorno distributed information to all members regarding traffic calming. Please read over the information and it will be discussed at the February Meeting.

**e. Old Clinton Road changes – update:**

The “North Bound Traffic Does Not Stop” sign was removed. George Rehberg stated that he has witnessed cars quickly accelerating after stopping. He also feels that the sign should be up further to the bridge. Chairman Palermo asked all members to monitor the area as much as possible.

**f. Site line issues on Old Clinton Road:**

Some members feel there is a site line issue, some do not. The area of concern was discussed again and all members were asked to go look at the area in the spring. This item will remain on the agenda until springtime and the area is reviewed again.

**g. Walk/Don’t Walk Signal at Seaside Avenue/Boston Post Road:**

A memo was sent to the State on 11/14/14. There has been no reply. Chairman Palermo will follow up on this matter with the State. This is a very sensitive wetland area and the property owner was given a cease & Desist Order to stop clearing the area.

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

This Board has not come up with a solution for the area, but all members were asked to continue to monitor the area.

**i. “Stop” Sign – Fiske Lane/South Main Street:**

This is an enforcement issue. Secretary Kelemen will send another memo to the Resident State Troopers.

**j. Any Other Old Business:**

1. Sal Adorno has requested updated information from the speed monitoring machine. Chairman Palermo stated she is working on this.

**4. NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Parking Issues – Fox Street:**

Andy Calderoni, Chairman of the District of Chapman Beach Association stated that he understands that Fox Street is a private Road and that this Board has no jurisdiction over it but they are looking for guidance of how to handle the problem of cars parking and blocking the road because emergency vehicles cannot access to reach the back houses. Chairman Palermo stated she will talk to the Westbrook Fire Chief and she will go look at the area. George Rehberg (Fire Marshal) stated that he will also take Assistant Fire Marshal Dick Leighton and go look at the area.

**b. Any Other New Business:**

**1. “One Way” sign on Knothe Road:**

It was stated that a last month, someone received a ticket before the “One Way” sign was put up and will be fighting the ticket. Sal Adorno feels the location of the sign should be moved. All members were asked to go look at the area.

**5. Approval of Bills:**

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

**VOTED:** Unanimously to approve payment of \$61.56 and \$51.30 to Kathleen Kelemen for Secretarial duties.

**6. Correspondence:**

None.

**7. Adjournment:**

Upon a motion by Bonnie Palermo, seconded by Mike Oryl, it was:  
**VOTED:** Unanimously to adjourn at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Kathleen H. Kelemen, Secretary