

**WESTBROOK POLICE ADVISORY/TRAFFIC AUTHORITY BOARD**  
Regular Meeting Minutes – April 11, 2016

**Members Present:** Chairman Bonnie Palermo, George Rehberg, Mike Oryl, Tony Fastaia, Sal Adorno and Dong Harger.

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

**2. Approval of Minutes: March 14, 2016:**

Upon a motion by Don Harger, seconded by Mike Oryl, it was:

**VOTED:** Unanimously to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 14, 2016 as submitted.

**3. Old Business:**

**a. Town Traffic Violation Tickets:**

Chairman Palermo stated that Tax Collector Kimberly Bratz contacted and stated that the company that handles the tax collecting software now has software that can be integrated into the tax collectors system for town traffic violation tickets. Ms. Palermo has a meeting scheduled for the end of April to look into the matter. In the meantime, we will request the First Selectman to order 200 to 300 tickets for use.

**b. Parking/Traffic Issues – All 3 Schools:**

Chairman Palermo has not talked to Principal Tara Winch. She will do so before the next meeting.

**c. Crosswalk – Seaside Avenue**

Upon a motion by George Rehberg, seconded by Don Harger, it was:

**VOTED:** Unanimously to request Public Works to install a crosswalk at the beginning of Seaside Avenue at the intersection of Boston Post Road from east to west with the appropriate signage.

Don Harger asked about putting a crosswalk across Wesley Avenue also. Chairman Palermo asked all members to look at the area and it will be discussed at next month's meeting.

**d. Traffic Signals – Route 145 & I-95:**

An e-mail was received from The Department of Transportation's Office of the State Traffic Commission. It states that they have received our request for signal lights at the intersection of Route 145 and I-95. They are forwarding the request to the Department's Division of Traffic Engineering for their review and response. The OSTA numbers are 154-1512-01 (Route 145 at I-95 southbound ramps) and 154-1512-02 (Route 145 at I-95 northbound ramps).

**e. “No Parking Either Side of Street” Sign – Across from 30 Striper Avenue:**

Chairman Palermo received an e-mail from a resident on Striper Avenue and she stated that at the 9/28/15 Meeting of the Board, it was voted to request Public Works to remove the “No Parking This Side of Street” sign located in front of 30 Striper Avenue and replace it with a “No Parking Either Side” sign. Secretary Kelemen was asked to send a memo to Director of Public Works to find out the status of this request.

**f. Request for 1 Hour Parking and Other Parking Issues – 1283/1285 Boston Post Road:**

Chairman Palermo sent an e-mail to Emin Basic at the State regarding this request, as well as the parking issues in the same area on 1/12/16. There has been no reply as of yet.

**g. 1961 Boston Post Road – Bus Stops:**

Notification has been received from the State stating that they have preliminarily approved the “No Parking Bus Stop” signs for 1961 Boston Post Road.

**h. Any Other Old Business:**

**\* Uncollected Traffic Tickets:**

Don Harger stated that he came across 4 town tickets that have not been paid, nor pursued. They date back to 2014 and 2015. He will talk to Tax Collector Kimberly Bratz to discuss whether they can be pursued and he will try to find a copy of the “Dunning Letter” that has been used in the past.

**\* Crosswalk – Mulvey Municipal Center:**

Back in September of 2013, this Board voted to request Public Works to install a crosswalk from the sidewalk at the back of the Mulvey Municipal Center to the kid’s playground for the safety of the teachers and children. This crosswalk has never been installed.

Upon a motion by Bonnie Palermo, seconded by Don Harger, it was:

**VOTED:** Unanimously to request that Public Works install the crosswalk from the sidewalk at Mulvey Municipal Center to the playground area and appropriate signage, as was first requested back in December of 2013, but never installed.

**4. NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Request for Road Closure – Bellstone Avenue – 7/16/16:**

Jim Sabath, President of West Beach Association has requested permission to close Bellstone Avenue to traffic on Saturday, July 16, 2016 between the hours of 3:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for their annual outing.

Upon a motion by Don Harger, seconded by George Rehberg, it was:

**VOTED:** Unanimously to approve the closure of Bellstone Avenue to traffic on Saturday, July 16, 2016 between the hours of 3:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for their annual outing. They are responsible for notifying Valley Shore Dispatch, Police, Fire and EMS and Public Works with regards to this matter.

**b. Request for Crosswalk – 31 McVeagh Road:**

A request was received from the residents of 31 McVeagh Road for a crosswalk from the south side of the street to the sidewalk on the north side of the street for the safety of kids walking to the Middle School and High School. All members were asked to go look at the area and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

**c. Approval for Memorial Day Parade – 5/30/16:**

Upon a motion by Mike Oryl, seconded by Don Harger, it was:

**VOTED:** Unanimously to approve The Annual Memorial Day Parade on 5/30/16.

**d. State Replacement for Flashing Signs:**

Just an FYI from the State. This will not affect the Town of Westbrook.

**e. Vertical Clearance Signs – Pond Meadow Road/North/South I-95 Overpass:**

Notification from the State that they will be updating the signs in this location regarding the clearance from the highway bridge.

**f. Approval of Braking Aids Ride – 9/24/16:**

Upon a motion by Mike Oryl, seconded by Don Harger, it was:

**VOTED:** Unanimously to approve the Braking Aids Ride on 9/24/16.

**g. Any Other New Business:**

**\* Route 153/Flatrock Place:**

Don Harger pointed out that when people are exiting Flatrock Place turning south, the road is very wide and a lot of people think it is 2 lanes. He suggests requesting the State to install a “No Passing” sign in the area.

Upon a motion by Mike Oryl, seconded by Don Harger, it was:

**VOTED:** Unanimously to request the State to install a “No Passing” sign on Route 153 south bound just south of the intersection with Flatrock Place.

**\* Speed Sign:**

Mike Oryl will start putting the speed machine out now that the warmer weather is here. Next week he will be installing them on McVeagh Road and Route 153 by the rail road station. Chairman Palermo requested that it be placed on Route 145 by Christina lane when the first 2 locations are done.

**5. Approval of Bills:**

Upon a motion by Don Harger, seconded by Sal Adorno, it was:

**VOTED:** Unanimously to approve payment of \$63.24 and \$142.16 to Katie Kelemen for Secretarial duties.

**6. Correspondence:**

a. Copy of State Permit for Memorial Day Parade.

**7. Adjournment:**

Upon a motion by Bonnie Palermo, seconded by Don Harger, it was:

**VOTED:** Unanimously to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Kathleen H. Kelemen, Secretary