

**Westbrook Police Advisory/Traffic Authority Board**  
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**Westbrook, CT 06498**

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**WESTBROOK POLICE ADVISORY/TRAFFIC AUTHORITY BOARD**  
Regular Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2019

**Members Present:** Vice Chairman Nick Alaimo, Peter Parisi, Michael Polo and Kimberly Bratz.

**1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Vice Chairman Nick Alaimo.

**2. Approval of Minutes: December 10, 2018 Regular Meeting:**

Upon a motion by Michael Polo, seconded by Kimberly Bratz, it was:

**VOTED:** Unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2018 Regular Meeting, as distributed.

**3. Old Business:**

**a. Traffic Concerns – Chapman Beach Road/Waldron Drive:**

A letter dated 1/3/19 was received from Town Attorney Mike Wells regarding this matter. The letter states “As to public streets, the Traffic Authority has the sole authority to establish parking regulations, including whether and where no parking areas should be established, all set forth in Sections 14-297 through 14-314c of the Connecticut General Statutes”. Attorney Wells made this statement knowing that the Traffic Authority had received a petition requesting “No Parking” on Chapman Beach Road and Waldron Drive. The Board feels that the roads are wide enough to handle parking and stand by their motion that was made at the August 29, 2018 Site Walk. (**VOTED:** Unanimously to take no action in the area of Chapman Beach Road and Waldron Drive because after completing the site walk, the members feel that no action is needed).

Upon a motion by Michael Polo, seconded by Kimberly Bratz, it was:

**VOTED:** Unanimously that after seeking legal advice from Town Attorney Michael Wells the Traffic Authority Board will take no action on the Petition submitted by residents of the Chapman Beach and Waldron Drive Area requesting “No Parking” on Chapman Beach Road and Waldron Drive”.

**b. Traffic Ticket Report:**

There was no written report, but Kimberly Bratz stated that on 5 tickets were written during the month of December.

**c. Speed Machine: Wesley Avenue:**

John Riggio has put up a pole on Wesley Avenue so the Speed Machine can be attached. The machine will be placed on the pole in the spring.

**d. Use of Portable Rumble Strips:**

A letter dated 12/12/18 was received from Town Attorney Mike Wells regarding the use of portable rumble strips. The letter states “As to public streets, the Traffic Authority has the sole authority to determine whether and where speed bumps can or should be installed as set forth in Sections 14-297 through 14-314c of the Connecticut General Statutes” that was once again requested by the Council of Beaches. The Board stands by their numerous votes to not allow any type of rumble strip or speed bumps on Town Roads. If the Council of Beaches choose to purchase said rumble strips and place them on private roads, they are more than welcome to go that route, but they will not be allowed on Town Roads.

**e. Approval of State Project #0172-0450:**

Secretary Kelemen spoke with Fire Department Administrative Assistant Cathy Wininger who stated none of the fire apparatus has the equipment on them to use the emergency pre-emption that the State is proposing to install at 2 intersections in town. The Fire Department has not intentions of adding the equipment in the future. If the State installs the equipment, the Town then become liable for the maintenance of the equipment and there is no sense to do this if we will never use the system.

Upon a motion by Kimberly Bratz, seconded by Michael Polo, it was:

**VOTED:** Unanimously to contact the State of Connecticut to notify them that the Town of Westbrook does not want the Emergency Pre-emption equipment installed in Westbrook.

**f. Any Other Old Business:**

There was discussion regarding obtaining trending information from the RST's Office. It was decided to request RST Wayne Buck to attend the Boards meeting in April to discuss trending Data reports.

**4. New Business:**

None.

**5. Approval of Bills:**

Upon a motion by Michael Polo, seconded by Peter Parisi, it was:

**VOTED:** Unanimously to approve payment of \$113.50 (December) and \$90.80 (June) to Katie Kelemen for Secretarial duties.

**6. Correspondence:**

\* Copy of scheduled meetings for 2019.

**7. Adjournment:**

Upon a motion by Peter Paris, seconded by Kimberly Bratz, it was:

**VOTED:** Unanimously to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

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Kathleen H. Kelemen, Secretary