

**WILLIMANTIC TRAFFIC AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES**

DATE: January 16, 2014

Time: 2:00 pm

Place: First floor Meeting Room, Windham Town Hall, 979 Main Street, Willimantic, CT.

Chairman, Joe Gardner, Town Engineer called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm Present were the Public Works Superintendent Brad Wojick and Chief of Police Lisa Maruzo-Bolduc.

Citizens and Delegations:

Bernard D'Auteuil said problem of cars parked on roads has been going on for a long time. He said parking on one side of the street will not work.

Maria Segur suggested Authority heed the Councils recommendation.

Matt Hicks of ECSU student council requested ban be revoked, would like input on any future parking changes.

Mayor Ernest Eldridge said he could not see revoking ban, he suggested suspending in a couple of weeks.

Henry Crane said police did their job, snow plows did a better job. He questioned how alternate side of street parking would be done, however he felt it was a good idea.

Bunny Lescoe stated the streets were better plowed, however it created a problem for people with no driveway. She suggested continuing until February 15.

Joe Marsalisi said his street was perfect but recommended repealing.

Tom DeVivo said ECSU needs to provide parking for students, police do not ticket cars blocking driveways, hydrants, etc. He stated it is a valid parking ban. He suggested changing end date. He suggested a blue ribbon task force look in parking.

Approval of Minutes from November 19, 2013

A motion was made by Lisa Maruzo-Bolduc to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Brad Wojick and passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Winter Parking Ban

Chief Lisa Maruzo-Bolduc stated she had not been in favor of ban. Police Department has difficulty getting tow trucks during snow storms.

Public Works Superintendent Brad Wojick said it worked great for Public Works.

A motion was made by Brad Wojick to suspend the parking ban effective February 2, 2014, and that a task force with ECSU, council and residents be established.

Motion was not seconded.

A motion was made by Chief Lisa Maruzo-Bolduc that the parking ban remain in effect until February 2, 2014 at which time enforcement will be suspended, and that the Traffic Authority meet with the Council to discuss issues, and to work towards solutions before next fall. The motion was seconded by Brad Wojick and passed unanimously.

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Adjournment

A motion was made by Brad Wojick to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 pm. The motion was seconded by Chief Maruzo-Bolduc and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Joseph Gardner, P.E.
Chairman.

