

**WILLIMANTIC TRAFFIC AUTHORITY
DRAFT SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES**

DATE: November 19, 2013

Time: 10:00 am.

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

Chairman, Joe Gardner, Town Engineer called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Present were the Public Works Superintendent Brad Wojick and Chief of Police Lisa Maruzo-Bolduc.

Citizens and Delegations: Jeff Viens concerned about safety of citizens parking cars in municipal lots and then walking home if there is a parking ban. He suggested parking on alternate side of streets. Felt ban was detrimental to town.

Kathy Dubay said do not discriminate against college students.

Dan Ouimette concerned about safety for residents who park cars in municipal lot then walk long distance home.

Vinetta Calkins asked that ban not be passed. She has college students that rent from her.

Charles Kratt suggested parking on one side of street. Tow only during snow storms.

Bernard D'Auteuil said families moving out college students moving in. Suggested parking on one side of street.

Approval of Minutes from September 26, 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 was not in favor of ban. It would overtax the police department.

Public Works Superintendent Brad Wojick explained need for ban during situations such as an ice storm.

A motion was made by Brad Wojick to enact a parking ban beginning on December 15, 2013 at 12:01AM and ending on March 1, 2014 at 11.59 PM, with the exception of:

Main Street from Church to High Street

Church, North, Bank, Walnut, and High Streets from Main Street to Valley Street.

from midnight to 6:00 am, every day of the week. The ban would remain in effect for two years after which it would be re-evaluated.

The motion was seconded by Chief Lisa Maruzo-Bolduc.

The Chief stated her department would first place courtesy notices on vehicles. After this they would ticket vehicles. When a snow or ice storm was impending they would then begin to tow vehicles.

Brad Wojick said he 100% supported this procedure.

The Chair called for a vote as follows:

Lisa Maruzo-Bolduc voted NO

Brad Wojick Voted YES
The Chair Joe Gardner voted YES.
The motion carried

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Adjournment

A motion was made by Chief Maruzo-Bolduc to adjourn at 10:35 am. The motion was seconded by Brad Wojick and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Joseph Gardner, P.E.
Chairman.