

**WILLIMANTIC TRAFFIC AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES**

DATE: March 24, 2011

Time: 10:00 am.

Place: Auditorium, Windham Town Hall, 979 Main Street, Willimantic, CT.

Chairman, Joe Gardner, Town engineer called the meeting to order at 10:03 am. Present were the Public Works Superintendent Brad Wojick and Chief of Police Lisa Maruso-Bolduc. Lt. Ray Evans of the Police Department was also in attendance.

Citizens and Delegations: Shirley Mustard complimented the work done this past winter by the Public Works Department.

Approval of Minutes from September 8, 2010

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

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Letter from Shirley Mustard Pertaining to Truck Traffic and Parking in the Hill Section.

Ms. Mustard explained there was a problem with trucks, 16 wheelers getting lost and ending up on Walnut and Washburn Streets. She requested that Walnut Street be posted no through trucks from Prospect to Washburn Streets. She requested a parking study be done of streets in the Hill Section. Many narrow streets with parked cars making streets almost impassable. Joe Gardner explained that Town Manager had requested staff review parking in the Hill Section. Would be looked at this spring/summer.

A motion was made by Lisa Maruso-Bolduc seconded by Brad Wojick for the Chair to write a letter to the DOT requesting the posting of Walnut Street "No Through Trucks" from Prospect Street to Washburn Street. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Letter from Peter Quercia Pertaining to Additional Painted Crosswalks.

Mr. Quercia's letter was reviewed. A motion was made by Brad Wojick seconded by Lisa Maruso-Bolduc to not install any additional crosswalks due to budget limitations. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Letter from Jimmy Montalvo Pertaining to Speeding on Memorial Drive.

Mr. Montalvo explained problem. Speed limit blatantly ignored. Lt. Evans said the police department would place speed trailer on road and follow up with enforcement. Chief Lisa Maruso Bolduc requested Mr. Montalvo to contact Lt. Evans if problem persisted. It was noted that portable speed humps could be used to slow traffic.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Request by Iglesia De Dios Pentecostal Church for a Parade.

Pastor Georda Rivera explained parade would go from church down Main Street to Memorial Park. About 150 people expected. Lt. Evans reported there had been no incidents with parade over last five years. A motion was made by Lisa Maruso-Bolduc to allow the parade as long as the church worked out details with Lt. Evans for police protection. The motion was seconded by Brad Wojick and passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Request by the Covenant Soup Kitchen to Block off a Section of Riverside Drive for a Motorcycle/Event Fund Raiser.

Paul Doyle from the Soup Kitchen explained event. Riverside Drive would be closed on April 30th in the afternoon from Main Street to Railroad Ave. They planned on hiring a police officer for each end. A motion was made by Lisa Maruso-Bolduc to approve closure of Riverside Drive subject to details being worked out by the Soup Kitchen and Lt. Evans. The motion was seconded by Brad Wojick and passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Request by the DeVivo's to Restrict Traffic on Riverside Drive and Pedestrian Traffic on Main Street during Demolition of the YMCA.

David Brown and Mark Zessin of Anchor Engineering explained project. Three weeks of hardcore demolition during which traffic would be restricted to one 14 foot lane on Riverside Drive and no Pedestrian Parking Traffic on Main Street. Contractor would use certified flaggers as needed. It was noted that the DOT planned on paving Main Street this year. Any utility work should be done before the road is repaved.

A motion was made by Lisa Mauso-Bolduc to grant the restriction on Riverside Drive and no pedestrian traffic on Main Street with the following conditions:

1. Demolition work shall be accomplished during summer school break.
2. Demolition Contractor to work with Lt. Ray Evans on details of traffic control
3. Police Department reserved right to require police traffic control on Main Street if safety becoms a concern.
4. Trucks loaded with demolition debris shall not utilize Main nor Valley Streets, they shall proceed down Jackson Street to the Route 6 bypass.

The motion was seconded by Brad Wojick and passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Request by the Mansfield Numismatic Society for Temporary Parking on High Street.

A motion was made by Brad Wojick to grant the request. The motion was seconded by Lisa Maruso-Bolduc. Lt. Evans reported that the Society had retained an officer for traffic control. The motion passed unanimously. As this is an annual event, in the future they only need to contact the police department.

Citizens and Delegations: None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Brad Wojick to adjourn at 11:00 am. The motion was seconded by Chief Maruso-Bolduc and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Joseph Gardner, P.E.
Chairman.