

**WILLIMANTIC TRAFFIC AUTHORITY
MEETING
MINUTES**

DATE: May 14, 2009

Time: 5:00 pm.

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

Chairman, Joe Gardner called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm. Present were the Public Works Superintendent Brad Wojick and Chief of Police Lisa Maruso-Bolduc. First Selectman Jean de Smet also attended.

Citizens and Delegations: The Chairman stated citizens could speak at their agenda items.

Approval of Minutes from August 27, 2008 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 Restricting Parking to one side on Walnut Street between Valley and Prospect Streets. John Bailey, 114 Walnut Street has a two family with 6 bedrooms and rents to 6 college students. Each has a car. Parking is always a problem. He suggested making road one way. There is not enough parking now. Bernard Deuteuil 168 Walnut Street said area is congested, more people living in apartments then should be. Not in favor of making road one way, in favor of limiting parking to one side. Jean de Smet felt it would be unfair for just one block. Paul Clements 256 Prospect Street is not in favor of limiting parking. People would be parking two blocks away. He questioned how would contractors service houses? Gary Koval 86 Chapman agreed with Clements. Chief Maruso-Bolduc felt traffic speed would increase if made one side parking. Also concerned that there is not sufficient parking. She would like to monitor for thirty days. Brad Wojick agreed with Jean de Smet. Joe Gardner read section of AASHTO regarding parking. Suggested painting parking on side of street. Brad Wojick made a motion to table until next meeting. Motion was seconded by Maruso-Bolduc and passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Additional Stop Signs on Prospect Street.. Joe Gardner read an email from Paula Stahl who was in attendance. She stated speeders were heading east and running stop sign. Chief Maruso-Bolduc will do speed enforcement on street. Brad Wojick will paint stop bars, install reflective stop signs. Brad Wojick suggested a stop sign at Turner Street in problem continues.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Installing a Crosswalk on Bridge Street.. A motion was made by Brad Wojick seconded by Lisa Maruso-Bolduc to install the crosswalk. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding A Pedestrian Signal on Main Street Near the Mill Museum. Brad Wojick made a motion that it be added to the CIP Plan. The motion was seconded by Chief Maruso-Bolduc and passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Traffic Calming Measures on South Ridge Drive. Chief Maruso-Bolduc raised issue of traffic calming policy. Brad Wojick stated Lt Curtis had spoken against speed humps on South Ridge last year. Chief Maruso would like to try portable speed humps. Brad Wojick will buy after July 1, 2009.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Crosswalks at Town Schools. Jean de Smet suggested in front of High School. Chief Maruso-Bolduc suggested asking ECSU to pay for signs. No action was taken.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Request for Stop Sign on Oak at Carey Street. A motion was made by Chief Maruso-Bolduc to install the stop signs. The motion was seconded by Brad Wojick and passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Request for Stop Sign on Summit Street at Chestnut Street. A motion was made by Brad Wojick to install the stop signs. The motion was seconded by Chief Maruso-Bolduc and passed unanimously.

Citizens and Delegations: Mike Mazzolla of 116 Prospect Street stated cars not stopping at stop sign near his house.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Brad Wojick to adjourn at 6:13 pm. The motion was seconded by Chief Maruso-Bolduc and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Joseph Gardner, P.E.
Chairman.

