

## **MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2016**

The Traffic Advisory Committee of the City of Stamford held its meeting on March 30, 2016 in the Safety Training Conference Room, Sixth Floor. Chairman Joshua Benson called the meeting to order at 10:34 A.M.

Present at the meeting were:

Chair, Joshua Benson  
Gary Peterson  
Orazio Cirelli  
Sgt. Wayne Scutari  
Veera Karukonda

Robert Zaitooni  
Captain Sue Bretthauer  
Captain Brian McElligott  
Paul Montanaro  
Fire Marshall Charles Spaulding

Guests:

Rep. Rodney Pratt- Stillwater Stop Sign  
George Mead- Parking Signs 107 June Rd.  
Rep. Kieran Ryan -  
Rachel Rothman- JCC/ Maccabi  
Penny Mazzucco- PSEC  
Lynn Collatrella – D.S.S.D  
Jacqueline Wetenhall- D.S.S.D  
Brett Stark- Atlantic Street (MNB)  
Lias Butler- Cove

Rep. Phil Giordano – Stillwater Stop Sign  
Maxine Freilich – JCC/ Maccabi  
Michael Gold – JCC / Maccabi  
Robert Nowal - DOT  
Kari Pollak – Stamford Hospital  
Louis Eveno- CT DOT Construction  
John Rockford- Atlantic Street (MNB)  
Thomas Faughn – Atlantic Street (MNB)

### **I. NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Rep. Rodney Pratt / Phil Giordano – Stillwater & Smith Street**

Rodney Pratt & Phil Giordano appeared before the committee to request the installation of a Stop Sign @ the crosswalk of Stillwater & Smith Street.

- The painted cross walk at the intersection is not protected.
- There is no school crossing guard at the intersection.
- There is more bus traffic on Stillwater because of the New Charter School.

Joshua Benson informed the committee of the new proposed west side traffic study recommendations to change the configuration of the intersection by eliminating the traffic island and bumping out the south sidewalk of Stillwater Avenue.

Rep. Pratt stated that the recommendations will not address the existing traffic issues at the crosswalk.

Motion was made by Capt. McElligott, seconded by Capt. Bretthauer and passed unanimously to have Traffic Engineer / Robert Zaitooni conduct a traffic study by collecting additional data on vehicle and pedestrian movements to observe the traffic operation in the field and then to make a recommendation on how to improve the crosswalk.

**Rep. Kieran Ryan / Lisa Butler- Policing Waterfront @ Shippan Point**

Rep. Ryan & Lisa Butler appeared before the committee to request policing waterfront public access points; illegal boat launching, repair and replacement of parking and park rule signs and a city clean up at Shippan Point.

➤ There are five street-end areas:

- The end of Shippan Avenue to the seawall.
- The end of Stamford Avenue to the seawall.
- Western end of Fairview.
- Eastern end of Fairview.
- Bottom end of Hobson Street.

➤ There are two existing designated public access points:

- The End of Shippan Avenue at the Sea wall.
- The Eastern end of Fairview.

➤ Existing issues:

- Loitering -young people hanging out playing loud music after hours.
- Drinking and littering.
- Late night fishing.
- Boat launching at the street-ends.
- Traffic issues- cars coming & going @ all hours of the night.

➤ Requests:

- Increase police coverage.
- A continual effort from the City to clean up.
- Sign Posting. (All signs must be designed and posted by the City of Stamford)
- Launching boats at street ends.

Motion was made by Gary Peterson, seconded by Veera Karukonda and passed unanimously to replace the missing sign at Fairview, evaluate all existing signs conveying the rules, replace as needed, number as needed and evaluate parking restrictions at each of the street-ends.

**Lynn Colatrella / DSSD "Brews On Bedford Street Event"**

Lynn Colatrella appeared before the committee to approve the Craft Beer Tasting Festival on Saturday, June 11, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. @ Latham Park.

- Request to utilize all metered and handicapped parking spaces along Prospect Street from Walton Place to Forest Street.
- Prospect Street would be closed to traffic from the Chase Bank Parking lot to Forest Street portion of Prospect will remain open to allow customers of chase bank access to the parking lot and police officers will be stationed to direct traffic.

Motion was made by Paul Montanaro, seconded by Sergeant McEligott and passed unanimously to approve the D.S.S.D. "Brews on Bedford Street Event".

**Rachel Rothman & Michael Gold- JCC/ Centennial Maccabi Torch Run and Processional**

Rachel Rothman & Michael Gold appeared before the committee to request the committee to approve the JCC Centennial Maccabi Torch Run and Processional on Sunday May 22, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

- Route:
  - Start at 186 Greyrock Place.
  - Turn left onto Forest Street.
  - Turn right onto Prospect Street and continue to 126 Prospect Street.
  - Take a slight left and continue onto Strawberry Hill Avenue.
  - End at the Jewish Community Center.

Motion was made by Fire Marshall Charles Spaulding, seconded by Capt. Brethauer and passed unanimously to approve the Centennial Maccabi Torch Run and Processional on Sunday, May 22, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Penny Mazzuco – Patriotic Special Events Commission / 2016 Memorial Day Parade**

Penny Mazzuco appeared before the committee to request the committee to approve the 2016 Memorial Day Parade on Sunday, May 29, 2016 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

- Requests:
  - Close Summer Street @ Second Street at 10:30 a.m.
  - Close Hoyt @ Bedford at 10:30 a.m.
  - Close Summer @ Woodside at 10:30 a.m.
  - Post "No Parking Signs" at Hoyt Street from Bedford to Summer Street.
- Route:
  - The parade will start at the corner of Hoyt and Summer Street
  - Continue traveling on Summer Street to Main Street.
  - Turn left onto Main Street.
  - Finish on Main Street at Veterans Park.

Motion was made by Captain McEligott, seconded by Paul Montanaro and passed unanimously to approve the 2016 Memorial Day Parade- Sunday May 29, 2016 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Kari Pollak – Stamford Hospital Foundation Hope In Motion Walkathon/ Run**

Kari Pollak appeared before the committee to request approval for the Hope in Motion Walk/ Run at Columbus Park on Sunday, June 5, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

- Run Route:  
8:00 a.m.
  - Start on Main Street.
  - Make a left onto Atlantic Street.
  - Follow to Bedford Street.
  - Stay on Bedford Street at the Bulls Head Intersection
  - Make a left onto Summer Street.
  - Make a right on West Park Place.
  - Finish on West Park Place.
  
- Walk Route:  
10:00 a.m.
  - Line up on West Park Place.
  - Make a left onto Atlantic Street.
  - Continue Atlantic Street to Bedford Street.
  - Make a left onto Sixth Street.
  - Make a left onto Summer Street.
  - Finish down Summer Street to Columbus Park.

Motion was made by Capt. McEligott, seconded by Fire Marshall Charles Spaulding and passed unanimously to approve the Hope In Motion Walkathon/ Run on Sunday, June 5, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Mike Palmer/ Bridge Street Wienery- Hot Dog Eating Contest**

Mike Palmer – No Show- rescheduled to appear on April 27, 2016.

**Brett Stark / Thomas Faughn BL & Yonkers Contracting Companies- Metro North Bridge Over Atlantic Street Reconstruction (Project 135-301- Phase 1**

Brett Stark and Thomas Faughn appeared before the committee to request the committee to approve the Metro North Bridge Over Atlantic Street Reconstruction (Project 135-301).

❖ **Contract (1) Anticipated Completion: June 2018**

**The project is scheduled to be completed in two (2) phases.**

- Construction start: April 2016
- Utility Corridor (Pipe Jacking)
- Reconfigure I-95 NB Exit 8 off-ramp.

- New Ramp Bridge over Atlantic Street.
- Minor Track Level Work.
- Contaminated Soil Management.
- Sanitary Sewer Relocations.

**Traffic Impacts during Construction of Contract (1)**

- Temporary Lane & Shoulder Closures during off peak hours. I-95, Atlantic Street, South State Street, and Canal Street.
- Manhattan Street closed between Atlantic & Garden.
- Weekend Closure of I-95 NB exit 8 off- ramp.
- Proposed 30-Day closure of South State Street.

**❖ Contract (2) Anticipated Completion: Fall 2019**

**The project is scheduled to be completed in two (2) phases.**

- Construction start: Spring 2017.
- Extensive Track Level Work.
- Railroad Bridge Replacement (ABC).
- New Track Platform.
- Lowering of Atlantic Street.

**Contract (2) – Accelerated Bridge Construction Sequence**

- Install “Jump” Spans
- Excavate below Jump spans and Construct Abutment & Piers.
- Roll- In Period(s)
  - Remove Jump Spans.
  - Demolish portion of Existing Bridge.
  - Install new superstructure.
  - Restore Rail operations.

**Traffic Impacts during Construction of Contract (2):**

- Continued Temporary Lane & Shoulder Closures of Atlantic Street, South State Street, and Canal Street.
- Temporary Detours during Jump Span Installation and Roll- In Periods.
- Approx. 2-3 Month Closure of Atlantic Street to Complete Roadway Lowering.

The Committee will set up regular meetings with Brett Stark to monitor the construction of the Metro Bridge over Atlantic Street Project.

**Motion was made by Sgt. Scutari, Seconded by Gary Peterson and passed unanimously to suspend the rules to add George Mead to the Agenda.**

**George Mead- Excessive Posting of “No Parking Signs” @ the Intersection of Guinea & June Roads.**

George Mead appeared before the committee to request approval to reduce and relocate the excessive posting of “NO Parking Signs” at the intersection of Guinea and June Roads.

- (3) Signs on poles
- (2) Posted in the ground

Joshua Benson requested to have Robert Zaitooni research the history and evaluate the field conditions and then make a determination to see if we can make adjustments.

### **III. OLD BUSINESS:**

There is no old business to discuss at this time.

### **IV. PENDING & MINUTES**

Motion was made by Gary Peterson, seconded by Captain Bretthauer and unanimously passed to approve the minutes from Feb 24, 2016.

As there were no further business, motion was made by Paul Montanaro, seconded by Fire Marshall Charles Spaulding to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m. and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted  
Crystal Mitchell  
April 05, 2016