

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2015**

In Attendance: Ernie Orgera  
Lou Casolo  
Frank Fedeli  
Captain Tom Wuennemann  
Captain Sue Bretthauer  
Sgt. Chris Broems  
Sgt. Wayne Scutari  
Officer Mike Skoumbros  
Thomas Turk  
Doug Hoyt  
Fire Marshall Charles Spaulding  
Paul Montanaro  
Veera Karukonda

Guests: Penny Mazzucco – Memorial Day Parade  
  
Johnny Sanchez – Parking Permit  
  
Justin Bonor – Harbor Drive  
  
Rep. David Watkins – Harbor Drive  
  
Bill Buckley – Harbor Point  
  
Arnold Knittel – Engineering Department  
  
Jay Inzitari – RMS Construction  
  
David Griffin – Crane Removal  
  
Matthew Combs – Crane Removal

Meeting was called to order at 10:34 a.m. by Ernie Orgera, Chair.

**Penny Mazzucco – Patriotic & Special Events Commission – Memorial Day Parade  
– Sunday, May 24, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Set-Up Starts at 9:00 a.m.**

### **and Clean-Up Ends at 2:00 p.m.**

- Parade marchers at Hoyt and Summer Street, march down Summer Street, left onto Broad Street, right onto Atlantic Street and end at Veteran's Park.
- Ms. Mazzucco requested No Parking Signs be installed on Summer Street from Hoyt Street to Main Street.
- Road closure requested on Hoyt Street, Bedford Street to Summer Street at 10:30 a.m.

Motion was made by Officer Mike Skoumbros, seconded by Doug Hoyt and passed unanimously to approve Memorial Day Parade on Sunday, May 24, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### **Marie Marino – Sacred Heart Church – Good Friday Procession – Friday, April 3, 2015 from 7:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. – 75 Adults and 25 Children.**

- No representative was present.

### **Representative David Watkins – Discussion of Traffic and Safety Concerns on Harbor Drive.**

- Representative Watkins expressed his concerns about traffic and speeding issues on Harbor Drive.
- About a quarter of the way down Harbor Drive there is a cut thru that represents a parking lot for Czescik Park and it also cuts thru into Shippan Avenue. As you come out of the cut thru heading west there is no visibility on the incoming traffic, the traffic heading north from the business park. The reason why there is no visibility is because the condominium complex has built a fence that goes to the road side. Representative Watkins asked the Committee to ask the Condo Association to move their fence.
- Representative Watkins also discussed the issues at Palmer Landing and Schooner Cove exit onto Harbor Drive, just short of a 90° turn. There is no visibility for people exiting Palmer Landing and Schooner Cove. Representative Watkins suggested traffic calming, enforcement or installing a mirror at the corner to help the incoming traffic or the people exiting Palmer Landing.
- Mr. Orgera stated that there is a City Ordinance that requires a particular sightline at an intersection. Mr. Orgera will ask the Traffic Engineer and City Engineer who is in charge of the Traffic Department to investigate the fence line to make sure it allows the proper sightline, if necessary, a letter will be sent to the owner to remove the fence.

- Mr. Orgera will also ask the Traffic Engineer and City Engineer to investigate the 90° turn. Maybe something can be put there that will require people to stay in their lane as they make the turn exiting their properties, or something else to improve the intersection.

**Elizabeth Nivicella – Discuss Concerns Regarding Safety at the Intersection of Linden Place and Washington Boulevard.**

- No representative was present.
- Mr. Fedeli stated that the structures at the intersection of Linden Place and Washington Boulevard were placed on the road to enhance safety, not to cause a safety problem. After some discussion, Doug Hoyt was asked to handle the complaint.

**John Sanchez – Request for Parking Passes for the Hinckley Avenue Residential Parking Permit Zone for Residence Located on West North Street and Hinckley Ave.**

- Mr. John Sanchez asked the Committee for Parking Permit for Hinckley Avenue. Mr. Sanchez's house is located between Hinckley Avenue and West North Street, at the corner, both his entrance doors to the house face Hinckley Avenue.
- Mr. Sanchez is having a hard time finding parking on West North Street.
- Mr. Orgera stated that there is a corner restriction on Hinckley Avenue, there is no parking within 25 ft. of that intersection.
- Mr. Orgera granted Mr. Sanchez's request for residential pass for Hinckley Avenue.

**Frank Fedeli for Toni DeCarlo – Request for Turning Arrow at Greenwich Avenue for Easier Access to 1 Stamford Place.**

- After some discussion the Committee denied the request because there is no room to create another lane, which is needed for a Turning Arrow.

**Matt Combs – Erland Construction, Inc. – 184 Summer Street Crane Removal.**

- Work to begin tentatively the weekend of May 9<sup>th</sup> and May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and roll into the closure on the week of May 11<sup>th</sup>. Lower Summer Street will remain open with intermittent traffic stoppage while sections are being placed onto trucks. This is estimated as a 15 minute stoppage every 2 hours of work.
- Removal of crane mast  
Saturday and Sunday  
Daytime 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

15 Minute closures to pedestrian and vehicular traffic every 2 hours (approximately). Road will be open to vehicular traffic except for the 15 minutes closures noted above.

- Message Boards will be posted as follows:
  - Advance Message Board on Spring Street will be set up a week before to notify traffic of the changes.
  - The Thursday or Friday prior to May 9<sup>th</sup>, will start to reposition other Message Boards. Mr. Orgera stated that it is important that the Message Board on Summer Street southbound goes up at least one week in advance, in the verbiage use Alternate Route rather than Washington Boulevard.
  - There will be Message Boards northbound on Washington Boulevard and on Broad Street.
  - Signs north of Hoyt Street, north of North Street were suggested.
  - There will be signs posted at the two ends of the lower Summer Street block to inform people that the garage is still open. Residents from 66 Summer Street expressed concerns, they anticipate having residents moving into their new building about the same time and they wanted signage posted.
- Bi-directional traffic will be allowed in both directions on lower Summer Street from Broad Street to the construction site and from Main Street north.
- Alley must be protected to allow access for Fire Trucks.
- Once the crane is removed, the fence needs to be moved for the weekend for the Hope in Motion Cancer Walk on June 7, 2015.

Motion was made by Thomas Turk, seconded by Captain Wuennemann and passed unanimously to pass the plan as demonstrated.

Motion was made by Frank Fedeli, seconded by Captain Sue Bretthauer and passed unanimously to Suspend the Rules for Jay Inzitari from RMS Construction to discuss Rippowam Place staging and logistics plan.

### **Jay Inzitari – RMS Construction – Rippowam Place SL-1 Staging and Logistics Plan.**

- The new development at Washington Boulevard and Rippowam Place will have 122 units.

- Mr. Jay Inzitari proposed some sidewalk closures and placement of Jersey Barriers along Washington Boulevard during construction and demolition. RMS Construction will pay for the parking meters. The cost for the parking meters will be \$10 a day per meter. Meters will have to be removed to do the sidewalks.
- Mr. Casolo stated that Washington Boulevard is a State highway and Mr. Inzitari needs to contact CONNDOT.
- Mr. Inzitari stated that they are in the process of submitting to the State, they should have plans to them within a day or two.
- Mr. Casolo stated that tenants have the legal right to be in the premises that RMS barricaded off and suggested that the barriers be brought into their entrance for egress and access.
- Demolition will start in about two or three weeks.
- Mr. Orgera asked Mr. Inzitari to taper the southernmost point to allow traffic to get into the Government Center.
- There will be no pedestrian access on Washington Boulevard.
- Barricades will be up for about 10 months.
- Mr. Casolo suggested that a sidewalk shed could be possible on Phase II of the project. Mr. Orgera asked Mr. Inzitari to work with Mr. Casolo.
- Veera Karukonda asked that a sign stating that the sidewalk is closed be installed on the island. Sidewalk on Main Street and Washington Boulevard should be fenced off.

Motion was made by Frank Fedeli, seconded by Officer Mike Skoumbros and passed unanimously to approve plan.

### **New Business**

#### **Captain Sue Bretthauer – Complaints from Residents from Ridgewood Avenue Regarding Parent Pick Up from Toquam School.**

- Captain Sue Bretthauer has received a lot of complaints in the last couple of months regarding parents picking up their kids from Toquam School and staying parked for a long time. The parents are parking on residents' driveways.
- Mr. Orgera stated that Parent Pick Up – Do Not Block Driveway Signs can be installed. Captain Bretthauer to work together with Thomas Turk and Doug Hoyt on the signage.

### **Captain Tom Wuennemann – Conflicting Signs.**

- Captain Tom Wuennemann advised that there are two signs across the street from Police Headquarters that conflict each other. If you are westbound on Hoyt Street, there is one sign that has two right arrows and the next sign has a straight arrow and a right turn.
- Mr. Orgera and Mani Poola will go out and figure out which sign needs to be taken down or correct it.

### **Fire Chief Charles Spaulding – Alternate Side Parking for Street Cleaning.**

- Fire Chief Charles Spaulding asked if the City opposed to alternate side parking for street cleaning in neighborhoods. Mr. Orgera stated that he asked the Board of Representatives to put on the Steering Committee Agenda, alternate side parking especially during snow events. Mr. Orgera will let Fire Chief Spaulding know when the meeting will take place.

As there were no further business, motion was made by Thomas Turk, seconded by Captain Sue Bretthauer to adjourn the meeting at 11:46 a.m. and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted  
Margarita Arenas  
April 7, 2015