

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2015**

In Attendance:

Ernie Orgera
Captain Tom Wuennemann
Captain Sue Bretthauer
Sgt. Chris Broems
Frank Fedeli
Doug Hoyt
Paul Montanaro
Dan Colleluori
Mani Poola
Veera Karukonda

Guests:

Kari Pollak – Hope in Motion

Sherry Cohen – Traffic Light

Margaret Shameer – Traffic Light

Philip Balestriere – Clambake Connection/Curb/Sidewalk

Maria Balestriere – Clambake Connection/Curb/Sidewalk

Stephanie Block – Boys & Girls Club 5K

Margaret Cluceru – NOBU/Loading Zone

Stanley Hunter – Spruce Street Realignment

Mark Miller – Spruce Street Realignment

Bret Holzwarth – Spruce Street Realignment

Kate Maloney – Walk MS

Jami Sherwood – KIC IT Triathlon

Jon Stellwagen – KIC IT Triathlon

Kyle Rothschild – KIC IT Triathlon

Bill Buckley – Harbor Point

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

Jon Stellwagen – Kids In Crisis – Use of Cummings Beach, Mill River Park and City Streets – The Navigators Stamford KIC IT Triathlon (Olympic and Sprint Distance) – Sunday, June 28, 2015 – 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – Set-Up Starts on Friday, June 26, 2015 and Clean-Up Ends on Sunday, June 28, 2015 – 900 Adults and 100 Children.

- Last year the Sprint Triathlon was added, there were two races going on at the same time, Sprint and Olympic. There are no changes this year to the Sprint and Olympic Triathlons with the exception of moving the start time to 7:00 a.m. The course and use of Mill River Park for the finish line will be the same as last year.

Motion was made by Frank Fedeli, seconded by Captain Sue Bretthauer and passed unanimously to approve The Navigators Stamford KIC IT Triathlon, Olympic and Sprint Distance, on Sunday, June 28, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Jon Stellwagen – Kids In Crisis – Use of Mill River Park and City Streets – The Navigators Stamford KIC IT 5K and 10K Run – Sunday, June 28, 2015 from 6:40 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. – Set-Up Starts at 5:00 a.m. and Clean-Up Ends at 12:00 p.m. – 300 Adults and 50 Children.

- Mr. Jon Stellwagen stated that this year they would like to add on a 5K and 10K.
- The 5K and the 10K will go off simultaneously with the Triathlon. The course is already built, the aid stations are in place as well as Police, the operations groups and volunteers. While the triathletes are swimming and biking, the 5K and 10K runners will be on the course, they will get off the course by the time the triathletes enter the run segment.
- This is a standalone event from the Triathlon.

Motion was made by Frank Fedeli, seconded by Mani Poola and passed unanimously to approve The Navigators Stamford KIC IT 5K and 10K Run on Sunday, June 28, 2015 from 6:40 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

Kari Pollak – Stamford Hospital – Use of Columbus Park and City Streets – Hope in Motion Walk & Run – Sunday, June 7, 2015 from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Set-Up Starts on Saturday, June 6, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. and Clean-Up Ends on Sunday, June 7, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. – 4,000 Adults and 1,000 Children.

- There will be a 5K, a 10K Run and 3 Mile Walk.
- Run Route:
8:00 a.m.
 - 5K and 10K Route – 10K runners will loop the course
 - Start on Main Street
 - Left onto Atlantic Street
 - Follow to Bedford Street
 - Stay on Bedford Street at the Bull's Head intersection
 - Left onto Summer Street
 - Right on West Park Place
 - Finish on West Park Place

- Walk Route:
10:00 a.m.
 - Line up on West Park Place
 - Left onto Atlantic Street
 - Continue Atlantic Street to Bedford Street
 - Left onto Sixth Street
 - Left onto Summer Street
 - Finish down Summer Street to Columbus Park

- Mr. Orgera will talk to Trinity regarding the use of the parking lot.

Motion was made by Captain Brian McElligott, seconded by Paul Montanaro and passed unanimously to approve Stamford Hospital's Hope in Motion Walk and Run on Sunday, June 7, 2015 from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Kate Maloney – National MS Society – Use of City Streets – Walk MS – Sunday, April 26, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – Set-Up Starts at 7:00 a.m. and Clean-Up Ends at 12:00 Noon – 220 Adults and 30 Children.

- Same route as last year:
 - Start Commons Park
 - Straight across street on to Harbor Point Road
 - Follow Walk MS arrow signs – leading up to and around boardwalk by water
 - Follow the boardwalk and continue on sidewalk towards Bateman Way and Dyke Street
 - Take right at Stop Sign on to Dyke Lane
 - Left on Elmcroft Road
 - Left on Woodland
 - Left on South Pacific Street
 - Right on Washington Boulevard and back to park

- Short Route: Once around
 - Long Route: Twice around
- Many noise complaints have been received from residents during Sunday events. Captain Wuennemann stated that the Noise Ordinance is in effect and requested that they pay attention to the sound system and be mindful of area residents.

Motion was made by Captain Brian McElligott, seconded by Doug Hoyt and passed unanimously to approve National MS Society's Walk MS on Sunday, April 26, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Stephanie Block – Stamford Boys & Girls of Stamford – Use of City Streets – Stamford Boys & Girls Club Corporate 5K – Thursday, May 21, 2015 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – Set-Up Starts at 5:00 p.m. and Clean-Up Ends at 9:00 p.m. – 2,250 Adults and 50 Children.

- This route has changed slightly at the start, the rest of the route is pretty much the same as last year. The change was discussed with Captain Wuennemann.
- Captain Wuennemann requested that a variable Message Sign be installed to give advanced notice to the residents in the high rise buildings.

Motion was made by Doug Hoyt, seconded by Captain Tom Wuennemann and passed unanimously to approve the Stamford Boys & Girls Club Corporate 5K on Thursday, May 21, 2015 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Margaret Shameer – Request for Traffic Light.

- Ms. Margaret Shameer resident of Redmont Road explained the traffic issues on this road. Ms. Shameer explained that it is extremely difficult to make a left turn either out of Redmont Road or Diamondcrest Road because there is no Traffic Light between the one at the Merritt Parkway entrance/exit going north on High Ridge Road and the fork bearing left to Scofieldtown Road where Northeast School is located. Ms. Shameer requested a Traffic Light to help with the heavy traffic.
- Mr. Orgera explained that High Ridge Road is a State Road and it's controlled by the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation. The State gives the City requirements of where and when we can install Traffic Signals on High Ridge Road. Mr. Orgera is not sure if we can add a Traffic Signal to that portion of High Ridge Road. Mr. Orgera asked Mani Poola, Traffic Engineer, to look at the area Ms. Shameer is referring to.
- Mani Poola stated that the State Department of Transportation will not approve a Traffic Signal in this location, because it's not warranted. Any signal installed anywhere, in any town, needs State DOT approval. Mr. Poola stated that other

things can be done, such as Do Not Block the Intersection.

- Mr. Orgera suggested that Ms. Shameer contact her State Representatives.
- Mr. Orgera will contact Ms. Shameer when Mr. Poola comes up with an alternate plan.

Margaret Cluceru – NOBU Florist – Request for Loading Zone in Front of or Very Near to 105 Broad Street at 1 Landmark Square.

- Ms. Margaret Cluceru from NOBU Florist stated that there is no Loading Zone near her establishment and requested that either one of the two 15 Minute parking spots or one of the meters be re-designated as a Commercial Loading Zone.

Motion was made by Captain Sue Bretthauer, seconded by Frank Fedeli and passed unanimously to approve a 30 Minute Commercial Loading Zone on the further western space on Broad Street in front of Landmark, from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Bret Holzwarth – Redniss & Mead – Spruce Street Realignment.

- Mr. Bret Holzwarth discussed the proposed realignment of Spruce Street which is on the east side of the Hospital, between West Broad Street and Stillwater Avenue. The realignment was approved as part of the Zoning Application. The realignment will eliminate awkward 90 degree bends in the road and create a smooth transition between Wright Street and Spruce Street.
- Mr. Holzwarth requested that this section be closed down for 60 days while the realignment is under construction. The realignment is being projected for between mid-April to mid-June. This will create a temporary dead end on Wright Street to the north of the construction area and a detour to Hillhurst Street to the south.
- In addition to the realignment, Aquarion Water Company, is proposing to install a new 12" water main from West Broad Street all the way through to Stillwater Avenue. They will need to displace parking, which will impact the residents, but it will be a temporary condition. Mr. Orgera stated that he cannot allow people not to have a place to park.
- Phase I is the portion from Stillwater Avenue on Spruce Street to Hillhurst Street that is just the waterline replacement to be done in February and March. At the same time they will be working on Phase I-A, which is the section from Broad Street along Wright Street to the point of the last house with residents on it. This will be done in sections, so the interruption of parking spaces will be limited to the number of spaces that they can dig and back fill in one day.

Once Phase I and Phase I-A are complete, they will start with Phase II in April, which is the section roadway from Hillhurst Street up to the connection point at the

Hospital. The Hospital has control of all the properties in the realignment.

- Mr. Orgera asked that an outreach program be in place when water main work is being done, letting people know they are coming and where they should park.

Motion was made by Captain Wuennemann, seconded by Paul Montanaro to approve closure of the intersection of Wright Street at Spruce Street for 60 days, starting in mid-April to mid-June, and also to eliminate parking as needed to install water main.

YES: Ernie Orgera
Captain Tom Wuennemann
Captain Sue Bretthauer
Sgt. Chris Broems
Doug Hoyt
Paul Montanaro
Dan Colleluori
Mani Poola
Veera Karukonda

NO: Frank Fedeli

Maria Balestriere – Clambake Connection – Curbs Blocking Access to Driveway.

- Mr. Philip Balestriere stated that a few years ago the City installed new sidewalks on Culloden Road (side going towards Glenbrook). The front of Mr. Balestriere's establishment has five parking spots, if cars are either pulling in or backing in, the new sidewalk that was installed creates a problem, the sidewalk was not there originally.
- Mr. Balestriere stated that they do not want the crosswalk to be disturbed at all, but would like to request the new sidewalk be flattened out as it was before.
- Mr. Orgera explained that there is a rule that states that driveways cannot be over a certain length. Mr. Orgera will check with the Engineering Department to see if their driveway would be grandfathered in because the sidewalk was not there before. Mr. Orgera will get back to Mr. Balestriere.
- Mr. Orgera also explained that by law, when there is a crosswalk we have to create a crosswalk that would accommodate handicapped people, including sight impaired people.

Nancy Carbone – Wire Mill Road Speeding.

- No representative was present.

Mani Poola – Truck Prohibitions.

- Mr. Orgera stated that the Board of Representatives has passed a No Trucks Over 18,000 Pounds Ordinance. Mr. Orgera stated that any small trucks with dual axels on the back or dual wheels on the back could be over 18,000 pounds, plow trucks are 36,000 pounds.
- The Ordinance reads that per resident's request the City will have to hold a Public Hearing, if everyone agrees, City will install signs "No Trucks over 18,000 Pounds Allowed". Mr. Orgera stated that this could get out of control and enforcement will also be an issue.
- Mani Poola did Traffic Counts on Turner Road and it was minimal.
- We are looking to create a Policy about truck prohibition on residential streets in March. The Traffic Advisory Committee should be involved in creating this Policy.

Mani Poola – No Right Turn for Trucks Over Three Axels for the Eastbound Approach on Broad Street at Atlantic Street.

- Trucks travelling eastbound on Broad Street and turning right onto Atlantic Street are going over the curb compromising pedestrian safety at this location.
- Prohibiting right turns for trucks over three axels will improve traffic safety and operation.
- Atlantic Street could be accessed from Broad Street from the westbound direction, and doesn't prohibit truck access by implementing turn restrictions.
- It is recommended that right turns from eastbound Broad Street onto Atlantic Street for trucks over three axels be prohibited to improve traffic safety and operation, in addition to preventing damage to street scape elements. All businesses in this area be informed of this truck turn restrictions.
- Signs will be installed – "Trucks No Right Turn".

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

Respectfully submitted
Margarita Arenas
February 9, 2015