

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2014**

In Attendance: Ernie Orgera  
Captain Sue Bretthauer  
Captain Brian McElligott  
Captain Tom Wuennemann  
Captain Bill Mullin  
Sgt. Chris Broems  
Officer Mike Skoumbros  
Thomas Turk  
Dan Colleluori  
Frank Fedeli  
Mani Poola

Guests: Jordan Giles – Half Full Brewery 5K  
  
Jon Stellwagen – Half Full Brewery 5K  
  
Ann Taylor – Triangle at Old Long Ridge & Long Ridge Roads  
  
Tom LaRocca – Triangle at Old Long Ridge & Long Ridge Roads  
  
Marjorie Sacks – No Parking Signs on Roxbury Road  
  
Marcia Gorfain – No Parking Signs on Roxbury Road  
  
Michael Wofsey – Speed Bumps for Plymouth Road  
  
Michael Chambers – Speed Bumps for Plymouth Road  
  
Christelle Maginot – Speed Bumps on Penzance Road

Meeting was called to order at 10:29 a.m. by Ernie Orgera, Chair.

**Jordan Giles & Jon Stellwagen – Half Full Brewery, Inc. – Half Full Brewery Road Race  
– Sunday, June 29, 2014 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – 400 Adults and 100 Children.**

- The benefactor of the race will be Achilles International CT Chapter. Achilles mission is to enable people with all types of disabilities to participate in mainstream athletics.

- The Parks & Recreation Commission has approved the race going through Kosciuszko Park.
- Route:
  - Boardwalk in Harbor Point.
  - Go into Kosciuszko Park and do three loops instead of going on the streets of Harbor Point area.
  - Go back on the Boardwalk.
  - Bateman Way will be the only road they will be crossing.
- Captain Wuennemann stated that since the runners will be on a public road for such a short distance, there will not be a need for Police personnel.

Motion was made by Frank Fedeli, seconded by Mani Poola and passed unanimously to approve Half Full Brewery Road Race on Sunday, June 29, 2014 from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

**Annie Selkovits Taylor – Offer from Citizen to Underwrite and Maintain Landscaping at the Triangle at the Mouth of Old Long Ridge Road and Long Ridge Road.**

- Ms. Annie Selkovits Taylor explained that Mr. Tom LaRocca expressed an interest that he would like to take over the care and maintenance of the triangle at the southern tip of Old Long Ridge and Long Ridge Roads.
- This piece of land is State property. Mr. Orgera stated that Mr. Tom LaRocca will need a Permit from the State and Mani Poola will be able to help him with the application.
- If Mr. LaRocca wants to put up an Adopt a Spot Sign, there will be restrictions on the size of the sign. Mr. Poola stated that Mr. LaRocca will not be allowed to put any rocks on the area.

**Marjorie Sacks – Parking and Traffic Concerns on Roxbury Road.**

- Ms. Marjorie Sacks stated that she is from Dural Farm which is located on Roxbury Road between Temple Beth El and the Roxbury Swim Club.
- There is a situation with cars on Roxbury Road parked all over the lawn when there are different events both at the Temple and the Swim Club. The Swim Club is only a problem during the summer months, but the Temple is a twelve month problem for the residents.
- Ms. Sacks complained that besides destroying the lawn that they try to care for, their line of sight when the people are there is obstructed. Ms. Sacks requested permanent “No Parking Signs” on the south side from Temple Beth El to the Roxbury Club. This year for the first time, during the high holidays for the Temple, the City put up signs on the trees.

- Mr. Orgera stated that a study needs to be done to see what we can accommodate there. Mani Poola will conduct a study and evaluate the whole area.

### **Mike Chambers – Speed and Pedestrian Safety on Plymouth Road.**

- Mr. Mike Chambers lives on Plymouth Road which is a cut through from Hope Street to Colonial Road. People speed on the street and he is concerned for the safety of the kids in the area. Mr. Chambers would like to request Speed Bumps and presented a petition signed by the neighbors to the Committee.
- Mr. Orgera asked Captain McElligott to patrol the area.
- Mr. Orgera asked Mani Poola to evaluate Plymouth Road, may do speed counts and have traffic enforcement while the area is being evaluated.
- Mr. Orgera explained that we have suffered some Budget cuts. One of the things that were cut last year was the Traffic Calming Budget, which is what we used to purchase speed bumps.
- Thomas Turk will take a look at the street and see what kind of signage can be installed in the meantime.
- In order to reduce the speed on any street it has to go through the State.

### **Christelle Maginot – Speeding on Penzance Road.**

- Ms. Christelle Maginot complained that since the work on Culloden Road started, cars are cutting through and speeding on Penzance Road. A person almost got hit last week.
- Penzance Road has 50% elderly residents and 50% families with children.
- Ms. Maginot had a petition signed by street residents requesting Speed Bumps.
- Mr. Orgera stated that the street will be evaluated and asked Captain McElligott to do enforcement in the area.
- Mr. Orgera suggested installing signage to reduce speed to 20 MPH with a speed advisory at the top of the hill.

### **Sergio Palancia – Volunteer Cleanup Work Near Day Laborer’s Site from Elm Street to Lafayette Street.**

- Mr. Sergio Palancia did not attend the meeting; Mr. Frank Fedeli presented the request to the Committee on Mr. Palancia’s behalf.

- Mr. Palancia belongs to a church group that has been cleaning up on a volunteering basis the area where the Day Laborers stand. This group cleans the area all the way from the intersection of Elm Street down to where the Day Laborers stand under the thruway. Mr. Fedeli suggested that Mr. Palancia gets the approval from the Committee before continuing with the clean-ups.
- The consensus is that the Committee gives the approval for Mr. Palancia to continue the clean-up.

As there were no further business, motion was made by Captain Sue Bretthauer, seconded by Sgt. Chris Broems to adjourn the meeting at 11:27 a.m. and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted  
Margarita Arenas  
May 29, 2014