

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2014**

In Attendance:

Ernie Orgera
Captain Tom Wuennemann
Captain Brian McElligott
Sgt. Chris Broems
Officer Mike Skoumbros
Doug Hoyt
Lou Casolo
Paul Montanaro
Dan Colleluori
Mani Poola
Veera Karukonda

Guests:

Nancy Rosett – 3 Foot Signs
Michael Norris – 3 Foot Signs
Emily Provonsha – 3 Foot Signs
Jerry Silber – 3 Foot Signs
Penny Mazzuco – Veteran’s Day Parade
Kerri Hagan – Turkey Trot
Bill Buckley – Pacific Street at Washington Blvd.
Frank Verrastro – Columbus Place
Carol Ann Mc Clean – Several Issues
Victoria Gleason – Grove Street Signage
Anthony Gaglio, Sr. – Sidewalk Closure
Anthony Gaglio, Jr. – Sidewalk Closure
Mary Shanahan – Shippan Turkey Trot
Jessica Rosado

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Ernie Orgera, Chair.

Penny Mazzucco – Use of Veteran’s Memorial Park for Veteran’s Day Parade – Sunday, November 9, 2014 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.

- Route will be the same as last year:
 - Start at Hoyt Street and Summer Street.
 - Continue down Summer Street.
 - Left onto Broad Street.
 - Right onto Atlantic Street.
 - Ending at Veteran’s Park.
- They will need the Showmobile for the dignitaries to be dropped off at Fairfield Pizza, around that area.
- Ms. Mazzucco requested that the Police close Atlantic Street, north and south, no later than 12:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Captain Brian McElligott, seconded by Officer Mike Skoumbros and passed unanimously to approve Veteran’s Day Parade on Sunday, November 9, 2014 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Anthony Gaglio – Viking Construction, Inc. – Request for Permit for Sidewalk Closure at 467 Glenbrook Road Between the Hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Until June 1, 2015.

- Mr. Gaglio stated that he is looking for intermittent closure of the sidewalk at 467 Glenbrook Road during the day, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- There is a crosswalk at Scofield Avenue and at Crescent Street. The crosswalk at Scofield Avenue is about 75/80 feet away. The crosswalk at Crescent Street is a couple of hundred feet away.
- They will open the sidewalk up every night.
- Mr. Orgera stated that Mr. Gaglio will have to install a crosswalk or create a walkway on Glenbrook Road in the parking lane.
- Mr. Lou Casolo stated that the Permit needs to be amended to reflect the new condition.
- Mr. Orgera asked Mr. Hoyt to clean the basins and manholes in the area.

Motion was made by Captain Tom Wuennemann, seconded by Paul Montanaro and passed unanimously to close sidewalk at 467 Glenbrook Road between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Victoria Gleason – Request for Street Sign/Light at 161 Grove Street and Hillcrest Avenue.

- Ms. Gleason stated that there are too many accidents happening in the area where Hillcrest Avenue and Grove Street connect.
- The situation is getting very dangerous and there needs to be something done in this area. People are speeding at 60 M.P.H. trying to cross the intersection to get to Strawberry Hill Avenue.
- There have been accidents with people pulling out of their driveway and getting hit.
- There was a three car accident at 159 Grove Street, where one of the cars ended up in the front lawn of the house, almost hitting the house and hitting the electric pole.
- Mr. Orgera asked Doug Hoyt to check the Speed Limit Signage on Grove Street to make sure it's at all intersections, traveling northbound and southbound. We need to find out the correct speed limit on Grove Street.
- Mr. Orgera stated that the plan is to have signage at each approach and make sure the correct speed limit is posted. Mr. Orgera asked Captain McElligott to do some enforcement in the area. These measures will be taken and if the pattern continues, we will take the next step.
- Mr. Orgera requested an accident history of the area from Captain McElligott.

Nancy Rosett – Sound Cyclists Bicycle Club – 3-Foot Law – Donation and Placement of Signs.

- Ms. Nancy Rosett is the Community Relations Chair for Sound Cyclists Bicycle Club. Sound Cyclists Bicycle Club started a project to educate the public about a public law that was passed six years ago and became effective on October 1, 2008. The law states that the driver of a vehicle overtaking another vehicle proceeding in the same direction shall pass to the left there of at a safe distance. Safe distance means not less than three feet when the driver of a vehicle overtakes and passes a person riding a bicycle.
- Sound Cyclists Bicycle Club has already donated signs to four towns. They are currently working with three other municipalities in addition to Stamford.
- Ms. Rosett has already met with Mani Poola and he suggested posting the signs at the entrances to the City to give maximum visibility. Mr. Poola also suggested a

bigger sign than the one proposed.

- Mr. Orgera thinks it's a great idea.
- Mani Poola asked Ms. Rosett to ask the State DOT District 3, if signs can be placed on State highways.
- Mr. Orgera stated that the Statute Number should be incorporated on the signs as well as the cyclist symbol.
- Mr. Poola would like the larger signs to go on all entrances to the City. The other signs will strategically be placed in other areas of the City.

Motion was made by Captain Tom Wuennemann, seconded by Dan Colleluori and passed unanimously to approve 3 Foot Law donation and placement of signs.

Carol Ann McClean – Pulaski Street and Washington Boulevard Safety.

- Ms. Carol Ann McClean stated that there are problems with the corner that was re-done on Pulaski Street and Washington Boulevard.
- Mr. Bill Buckley stated that BLT worked on that corner, they pulled the corner in, this was a plan that was approved by the SDC and the City Engineer. The corner was pulled in about 2 ft. – southwest corner of Pulaski at Washington in 2009.
- This is a Bus Stop and the Board of Education was not informed to give their input. The Board of Education moved three of the Bus Stops to another location in August. Because of the dangers of vehicles not managing that corner and coming up on the sidewalk, the Board of Education moved a few more when school started. Even though the School Bus issue was resolved, it is still a concern for pedestrians; it is a very unsafe corner.
- Mani Poola stated that BLT is in the process of talking to the church/property owners to get the land released. Mr. Buckley stated that BLT is waiting for the Diocese's approval. Once approved they will be able to move on with the project. This is a \$71,000 job. This work will extend the radius of the corner. Mr. Orgera stated that if necessary he will speak to the Diocese. Mr. Buckley stated that a letter of support from the City would be very helpful.

Carol Ann McClean – Bike Lane from Pulaski Street to Atlantic Street.

- Ms. Carol Ann McClean had some questions regarding the Bike Lane from Pulaski Street to Atlantic Street. Director Orgera stated that he is waiting for a map with the Bike Lanes from Norman Cole, as soon as he gets it, he will share it with Ms. McClean.

Carol Ann McClean – Parking for Owners who Qualify for the Residential Parking Permit Program on Washington Boulevard.

- Ms. Carol Ann McClean stated that her neighbor next door needs parking, she does not have a driveway, there is no access to her property from Berkeley Street or Pulaski Street. The condominium also needs some overflow parking in the evening. Mr. Poola asked BLT if they could provide space in their parking lot and they are willing to do it for the neighbor next to Ms. McClean's property who has a visiting nurse coming to her house. Ms. McClean requested that the City coordinate that the condo complex also gets some empty spaces in the parking lot next door. Mr. Poola explained that this is not a public lot, it is private property.
- Captain Wuennemann stated that there had been talks about reconfiguring the condominium parking lot, but Ms. McClean stated that they cannot afford to do that right now. Mr. Orgera will ask the owner of the property to allow some cars to park there.
- Mr. Bill Buckley from BLT stated that he was asked to look at the condominium parking lot; he thinks he can get 9 extra parking spots there. Mr. Buckley is willing to come over to the property, look at it and give Ms. McClean a verbal plan.
- Ms. McClean stated that regarding the parking in front of their building, when cars are parked from Mrs. Howell's house on, they have no problem seeing coming out of the driveway. The Crossing Guard does not have a place to park anymore; he now parks in the Bike Lane. They did not want their parking removed, they were asking for minimized parking. Ms. McClean would appreciate if a solution is found.

Bill Buckley – Washington Blvd.

- Mr. Bill Buckley is requesting to get approval for cars traveling southbound on Washington Boulevard to be able to make a right turn into their garage. The garage is located north of Pulaski Street, west of Washington Boulevard, south of the Rail Road and east of the river. There are six lanes of traffic; they are now installing a traffic signal, which will be ready in March or April. In the interim they would like this request approved. Nobody will exit out of that garage onto Washington Boulevard right now; it will just be right turn in.
- At a meeting with Mani Poola, he requested that they put barriers to prevent northbound drivers on Washington Boulevard from trying to cut across traffic.

Motion was made by Captain Tom Wuennemann, seconded by Sgt. Chris Broems and passed unanimously to approve request.

Bill Buckley – Pacific Street at Washington Boulevard – Land Use Control.

- Mr. Bill Buckley from BLT requested permission to modify the existing lane arrangements on Pacific Street westbound at Washington Boulevard to improve existing traffic conditions at this intersection, and facilitate construction traffic in this area. The approach currently has an exclusive left turn lane and a shared through/right turn lane. It is recommended that this approach be modified to provide a shared left turn/through lane and an exclusive right turn lane. The change will be made by eradicating and replacing the existing lane arrow markings in each approach lane, installing new lane use signs, and installing double yellow centerline cat tracks between the Pacific Street east and west legs of the intersection. In addition, the existing striped 5' bike lane on the north side of the roadway will need to shift to be located in between the shared through/left and exclusive right turn lanes, consistent with MUTCD guidance. Depending on any future development in this area, this plan may not work, but it works now and it works for the buildings that are under construction. There may be a need to modify this intersection in the future.

Motion was made by Sgt. Chris Broems, seconded by Paul Montanaro and passed unanimously to approve request to modify the existing lane arrangements on Pacific Street at Washington Boulevard.

Frank Verrastro – Constant Speeding on Columbus Place.

- Mr. Frank Verrastro complained about the speeding on Columbus Place. There are no sidewalks on this street making it very dangerous for pedestrians.
- Sgt. Chris Broems will pass the information to Captain Sue Bretthauer.
- Police will do enforcement.

Kerri Hagan – Department of Health & Social Services – Turkey Trot – Thursday, November 27, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. – Set-Up Starts at 7:30 a.m. and Clean-Up Ends at 11:00 a.m. – Approximately 200 People.

- Route will be the same as last year; the loop will be done twice.
- Route is as follows:
 - Start at Commons Park.
 - Exit park by taking right on Washington Boulevard.
 - Take immediate left (in between buildings, after Exhale Spa).
 - Proceed down street, around circle, up the steps onto boardwalk.
 - Follow boardwalk to end and make left through Costal Gardens loop.
 - Take right on Dyke Street.
 - Take left on Elmcroft Road.

- Take left on Woodland Place.
- Take left on Pacific Street.
- Right onto Washington Blvd.
- Loop it again and end at Commons Park.

Motion was made by Doug Hoyt, seconded by Officer Mike Skoumbros and passed unanimously to approve Turkey Trot on Thursday, November 27, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Mary Ann Shanahan – Shippan Turkey Trot – Thursday, November 27, 2014 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – 150 Adults and 100 Children.

- Event starts and ends at 280 Ocean Drive East.
- Manual Traffic Control was never required in the past.
- Captain Brian McElligott feels that the event has grown in size and will request one Police Officer this year.

Motion was made by Mani Poola, seconded by Doug Hoyt and passed unanimously to approve Shippan Turkey Trot on Thursday, November 27, 2014 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with one Police Officer.

Mani Poola – Rose Park Avenue – Reversal of One Way Flow.

- Mani Poola stated that he received a request from the neighborhood to make Rose Park Avenue One Way southbound, currently it is northbound.
- Mr. Poola stated that if this is done, Ann Street will have to be changed to One Way northbound.
- Mr. Poola was told to go ahead with the survey process and then a Public Hearing.

As there were no further business, motion was made by Captain Brian McElligott, seconded by Paul Montanaro to adjourn the meeting at 11:51 a.m. and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
 Margarita Arenas
 October 30, 2014