



BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
SHELTON, CONNECTICUT  
***PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE***  
***REGULAR MEETING***  
***May 4, 2016***

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***Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance***

Chairman McGorty called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. She led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Roll Call***

Alderman McGorty, Chairman  
Alderman Finn  
Alderman Capra

***Also Present***

Sgt. Mark Siglinger, Shelton Police Department  
Mike Maglione, Director of Office of Emergency Management  
Chief Francis Jones, Shelton Fire Department

***Public Portion***

Mark Vendetto  
310 Huntington Street  
Shelton, Ct. 06484

- Mr. Vendetto filled a FOI. He hasn't heard back yet.
- The Bridgeport Avenue property study needs improvement.
- He will follow up with the FOI.

***Correspondence***

Chairman McGorty let the committee know that there was a letter that would be read into the minutes. The letter pertained to Fire Marshal Report and would be read when we got to that part of the agenda.

***Agenda items***

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1.1 REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 2, 2016

Alderman Finn moved to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Public Health & Safety Meeting of March 2, 2016. Alderman Capra seconded the motion.

No discussion.

Vote:

All were in favor.

## **2. NEW BUSINESS**

### **2.1 STREETLIGHT REQUEST ON POLE #2181 AT THE ENTRANCE OF HUNTINGTON HEIGHTS CONDO ASSOCIATION ON KING'S HIGHWAY**

Alderman Capra moved to recommend to the Full Board, per the recommendation of the Police Department, to approve the installation of a 100 watt Cobra Head street light at the entrance of Huntington Heights Condo Association on King's Highway on U.I. Pole #2181 at a cost of \$16.07 per month with funding to come from Street Lights Account #001-4600-716.35-03. Alderman Finn seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Sgt. Siglinger told the Committee that Sgt. Ptak had inspected the area. Trees, brush, (on condo property) and a bad "S"-curve hamper the sight line. Kingwood Manor is right across the street and there is some tractor trailer traffic in the area.

The recommendation is for the condo's landscaping company, Evergreen Landscaping, to remove the trees and brush. A streetlight is also recommended.

Vote:

All were in favor.

### **2.2 STOP SIGN REQUEST AT GROVE STREET AND CORAM ROAD**

Alderman Finn moved, per the recommendation of the Police Department, to deny a stop sign at Grove Street and Coram Road. Alderman Capra seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Sgt. Siglinger informed the Committee that there was one crash in 2012. The two stop signs are new and of the proper size. He also told the Committee that the sight lines are good.

Vote:

All were in favor.

### **2.3 TRAFFIC LIGHT REQUEST AT INTERSECTION OF CORAM AVENUE AND MYRTLE STREET**

Alderman Capra moved, per the recommendation of the Police Department, to deny the request for a traffic light at the intersection of Coram Avenue and Myrtle Street. Further authorize the police department to continue investigation and resolution of the sight line issues at Coram Avenue and Myrtle. Alderman Finn seconded the motion.

#### Discussion:

Sgt. Siglinger informed the Committee that there were 44 crashes at the intersection since 2011. New stop signs were just installed along with reflective strips. There was a "Cross Traffic Doesn't Stop" sign installed also.

There's a sight line issue by Kneen Street. We worked with Precise Circuit to get the hedges cut that were interfering with the sight line. There is also a Frontier utility box on a pole that impedes the sight line. We are trying to contact Frontier to see what can be done. We plan on moving the stop bar forward. That will also improve the sight line.

#### Vote:

All were in favor.

### **3. OLD BUSINESS – STATUS UPDATE**

#### **3.1 SPEEDING ON HUNTINGTON STREET FROM COMMERCE DRIVE TO GRISTMILL LANE**

##### Update:

Sgt. Siglinger provided the data sheets from the speed boxes to the Committee. He reviewed the data with the Committee pointing out that there's a 30mph speed limit and 85% of the vehicles were at least 15mph over the speed limit. He further informed the Committee that there are also some high speeds in the data giving a 65mph speed as an example.

As requested by the Committee, Sgt. Siglinger looked into the amount of school bus stops on Huntington Street. There are 29 stops in the morning and 31 stops in the afternoon.

Sgt. Siglinger stated that, "We're just going to keep at it".

Alderman Capra: What could we do to look at Shelton's speed limits? What could we do to make sure these speed limits are realistic?

Sgt. Siglinger: We're not really looking to increase the speed limits. We're giving people 10-15mph over before we stop them so they're getting leeway. We don't really want to look to increase speeds.

Mark Vendetto: Commented that he had been told that Huntington Street was improved because of cars going off the road and since that improvement people seem to be going faster.

Chairman McGorty: What's the next step?

Sgt. Siglinger: We just continue what we're doing.

Alderman Finn: What about the possibility of rotaries? Have we talked with the mayor about that?

Sgt. Siglinger: That's expensive. You need an engineer to do a feasibility study. Would you have enough land?

Alderman Finn: Can we send it to the Streets Committee for review?

Chairman McGorty: Yes, we can also keep the speed boxes up.

#### **4. STATUS UPDATES FROM POLICE DEPARTMENT**

##### **4.1 A. NO ITEMS**

#### **5. REPORTS OF THE EMERGENCY SERVICES**

##### **A. POLICE SERVICES**

Alderman Capra noted that the police department has really ramped up the drug arrests. "Congratulations."

##### **B. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

##### **C. FIRE SERVICES**

Chairman McGorty commented that the Fire Services Report was always thorough. She thanked Chief Jones.

Chief Jones explained to the Committee that they have started an exploratory committee for a new Echo Hose firehouse. The current firehouse was built in 1962 so it's time. The committee will also look into the possibility of putting a substation off Mohegan. The third item that the committee will be looking at is renovations to Huntington Station (built in the 60's). The trucks are bigger now.

Chairman McGorty asked Chief Jones to elaborate on number three in his report. He responded that he attends Planning and Zoning (P & Z) Meetings. He meets with Rick Schultz and members to look at development plans. He looks at hydrant placement and emergency egress of vehicles besides the main entrance.

Alderman Finn wanted to know if he had any say in the new development on Bridgeport Avenue in regards to boulevard placement. Chief Jones told Alderman Finn that he had been to the public meeting for the development. Alderman Finn went on to ask Chief Jones if he could request a gate for emergency access. Chief Jones did let the Committee know that there is going to have to be emergency access.

Chairman McGorty wanted to know if Chief Jones was being kept in the loop. He felt that he was being kept abreast of things. He commented that, "Until they have the site plans nothing is set."

Chief Jones went on to explain that he also looks at expansion plans like Woodside Diner. Parking and dumpsters were an issue so he sent that up to P&Z.

Alderman Finn wanted to get back to the new development. Without the Medical and Assisted Living did it decrease the size?

Mike Maglione explained to Alderman Finn that the Medical and Assisted Living haven't been removed; they've been put on hold until a later date. The size hasn't decreased.

Chief Jones noted that he's involved with the plans as they're being developed and he has input throughout the process.

#### **D. FIRE MARSHAL**

Chairman McGorty explained that a memo was sent to the Fire Marshal, as per motion in the March 2016 minutes, with a request for a representative from that office to attend the Public Health and Safety Meetings.

Chairman McGorty read the letter into the minutes that was the response to the Committee's memo. She noted that the Committee continues to have questions and concerns. She further noted that other senior members are at the meeting and commented that she wasn't sure why the Fire Marshal is treated differently. We should treat all the senior folks at emergency services the same.

Alderman Finn commented that there are six pages of zero inspections and other concerns that we still have questions about. There's no explanation. What is the blasting inspection?

Alderman Capra said, "I think it's a shame. I think we should have some sort of representation here."

Chairman McGorty felt that another letter should be sent with these questions and also to include a question as to why he's being treated differently.

Alderman Capra wants to send another letter with direct questions. Chairman McGorty noted that the minutes from the last meeting spell out our direct questions.

Alderman Finn commented that we shouldn't have to explain ourselves. We set the policies. Chairman McGorty will put that comment in the letter. The other thing that she is going to put into the letter is, after specifically questioning the "estimated permits inspections" and "estimated permit review", they are no longer included in our reports. Why is this?

#### **E. OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Finn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48PM. Alderman Capra seconded the motion.


No discussion.

Vote:

All were in favor.

**MEMO**

To: Noreen McGorty, Chairman, Public Health & Safety Committee

From: Jack Bashar, Administrative Assistant 

Re: Public Health & Safety  
Committee Meetings  
Attendance by City Employees

Date: April 5, 2016

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Dear Chairman McGorty:

Your memo to James Tortora, Fire Marshall dated February 24, 2016 has been referred to me by the Mayor. Rather than having the Fire Marshall attend each and every meeting of the Public Health & Safety Committee, it would be more appropriate to have him available at meetings when there is a Fire Marshall Office issue on your agenda.

Thus, in the event that your committee has a specific agenda item for any of your regular or special meetings, which involves the Fire Marshall or his office please contact me ahead of time with the specific agenda item. I will review the agenda item and determine the need for the Fire Marshall or a representative from his office to attend, or I will obtain the necessary information from his office for your committee prior to your meeting.

Thank you.

Cc: Hon. Mark A. Lauretti  
James Tortora, Fire Marshall

*Respectfully submitted by K. Anglace, clerk*