

BOARD OF ALDERMEN
PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, June 1, 2005
7:00 P.M. IN ROOM 104
SHELTON CITY HALL, 54 HILL STREET, SHELTON, CT

➤ **CALL OF THE MEETING/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Papa in Room 104 of the Shelton City Hall at 7:00 P.M. All in attendance pledged allegiance to the flag.

IN ATTENDANCE ALDERMAN PAPA, CHAIRMAN
ALDERMAN FINN
ALDERMAN LANZI

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: CHIEF ROBERT VOCCOLA

➤ **PUBLIC PORTION**

No one from the public spoke at this time.

➤ **AGENDA ITEMS**

**ALDERMAN FINN MOVED TO ADD TO THE AGENDA 2.15
CROSSWALK AT HUNTINGTON STREET AND ROARING
BROOK. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LANZI. ALL IN FAVOR.
MOTION CARRIED 3-0.**

**ALDERMAN FINN MOVED TO START WITH OLD BUSINESS 3.1
UNREGISTERED VEHICLE ORDINANCE FOLLOWED BY NEW**

**BUSINESS 2.7 HUNTINGTON STREET SIGN IMPROVEMENTS.
SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LANZI. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION
CARRIED 3-0.**

3.1 UNREGISTERED VEHICLE ORDINANCE

**ALDERMAN FINN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL
BOARD FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES OF JUNE 23,
2005 THE REVISED ORDINANCE #548 FOR ABANDONED OR
UNREGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES. SECONDED BY
ALDERMAN LANZI. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.**

Alderman Papa discusses that we added section #8 to help the Chief and Planning & Zoning to go after abandoned cars on private property.

ZEO Tom Dingle states it is an amendment to the original ordinance to help them go on to private property to remove vehicles. Going to civil courts takes six, to nine months and also there is appeal time. This expedites the situation and shouldn't be abused and it is also important that the Police Department is on board. It will give the property owner plenty of time to cooperate. Also a notice goes into the newspaper.

Alderman Papa states the Planning & Zoning office and Police Department worked together with this.

The section that is amended is as follows:

Section 8:

- A. Any motor vehicle located on private property that is abandoned or inoperable or unregistered and remains unmoved for a period exceeding thirty (30) days after the Zoning Enforcement Officer has (1) provided notice to the property owners on which such motor vehicle remains, requesting removal of such motor vehicle and (2) said notice was published in a newspaper having a substantial circulation in such municipality; may be removed by the City of Shelton.
- B. The Zoning Enforcement Officer shall be responsible for notifying such property owner, publication of the general notice, and for removal and disposition of such motor vehicle by an approved City of Shelton towing company as authorized by the Police Department.
- C. The property owner shall be responsible for the cost of the removal of any motor vehicle and shall be fined not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each day (each day being a separate offense) that the vehicle remains on the property after the thirty (30) day notice expires.
- D. A property owner that moves the motor vehicle on the property does not exempt said vehicle from this ordinance.
- E. The Shelton Police Department may issue the City ordinance violation prior to the removal of said vehicle.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. REGULAR MEETING MARCH 2, 2005

ALDERMAN FINN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL BOARD TO WAIVE THE READING AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY MEETING OF MARCH 2, 2005. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LANZI. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

2.7 HUNTINGTON STREET SIGN IMPROVEMENTS

ALDERMAN FINN MOVED TO FORWARD TO THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES PER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO APPROVE THE HUNTINGTON STREET SIGNAGE IMPROVEMENTS AS DETAILED IN THE ATTACHED MEMO. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LANZI. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Memo from Chief Voccola to Alderman Papa dated May 24, 2005:

The following improvements to the signage on Huntington Street have been ordered:

- ◆ Near Commerce drive, the existing 30 MPH will be replaced with a larger (24 x 30) size
- ◆ Near Trap Falls Road Extension, the "side road" signs will be replaced by a larger (30 x 30) size.
- ◆ Near Trap Falls Road Extension, a 30 x 30 "Winding Road" sign will be installed.
- ◆ Huntington Street, north of Trap Falls Road, replace existing "School Bus Stop Ahead" with new 30 x 30 sign.
- ◆ Huntington Street, south of Trap Falls Road, install new (24 x 30) "30 MPH Limit" sign
- ◆ Huntington Street southbound near #504, install (3) new chevron alignment signs (18 x 24)
- ◆ Huntington Street near #536 southbound, replace existing "30 MPH Speed Limit" sign with larger (24 x 30)
- ◆ Huntington Street near Isinglass Road cut back brush near the Route 8 sign.
- ◆ Huntington Street between Isinglass and Bridgeport Avenue, install new (36 x 36) advance signal sign southbound.
- ◆ Huntington Street northbound near #586, install new (24 x 30) "30 MPH Speed Limit" sign.
- ◆ Huntington Street, south of #504, install (3) new chevron (18 x 24)
- ◆ Huntington Street northbound near #500, install new (24 x 30) "30 MPH Speed Limit" sign.
- ◆ Huntington street south of Trap Falls Road, install new (30 x 30) side road sign.
- ◆ Huntington Street north of Trap Falls Road, replace existing "30 MPH Speed Limit" sign with larger (24 x 30)
- ◆ All existing signs will either be straightened or replaced if faded, as needed.
- ◆ All areas with brush will be trimmed as needed.
- ◆ Weather permitting; the lines on the street will be repainted, including the white fog lines.

We will continue to monitor the area with use of radar, laser and our educational speed monitoring radar trailer.

The Chief states that the Mayor has a proposal for an Engineer to come in and look at this situation. It will happen in the near future. The Chief also points out that Commerce Drive at the end of June will be renovated and there will be an increase of traffic on Huntington Street and Bridgeport Avenue during this

time. The Police are out there but Huntington Street is not the only street being monitored in the City.

Alderman Lanzi states also on River Road, there is much speeding.

Alderman Finn makes an observation of the speeding on this road.

Mrs. Daniels of 502 Huntington Street presents the Board with pictures she has taken along this strip of road. She states her neighbor's car was hit by a 17 year old boy and totaled car. This happened on Trap Falls and Huntington Street. She feels there is an element on this road that should be addressed. The Chief and Committee ask Mrs. Daniels about what she means as an element in the road. She states people drive over the center line coming from the curve.

She discussed the pictures with the Chief and Committee and they are on file in the Office of the Board of Aldermen. She has put up reflectors on the street. She feels when they come along the road it is a curve and they are crossing the center line.

Chief Voccola states he does not take this lightly. He was there that day the boy was killed. Mrs. Daniels thanks the Chief for meeting with her.

➤ CORRESPONDENCE

4 Letters are read into the minutes and are attached at the end of the minutes:

1. Mirror – 148 Kneen Street
2. Sightline Obstruction – 195 East Village Road
3. Complaint of Tara Wener
4. Commendation **(Clerk please send copy of this letter to**

Parks & Recreation Department (R. Herrick) to be shown to the employees that have been commended)

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC LIGHT – BRIDGEPORT AVE.

Chief Voccola states this is a State Road and a Traffic Light is scheduled to be put up at this location.

Note to clerk: Please send a letter to Mr. Viglione that this is being addressed and a street light will be going up in the neighborhood of that location.

2.2 STOP SIGN REQUEST – CHAMBERLAIN & FIELDSTONE DRIVE

ALDERMAN LANZI MOVED TO FORWARD TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE AND CITY ENGINEER FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN FINN. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

2.3 BRIDGEPORT AVE AT CENTER STREET – REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC LIGHT

Chief Voccola has already sent a letter to the State Traffic Commission asking that the State assess the need for such signalization.

2.4 SIGN REQUEST – CROSS STREET

ALDERMAN FINN MOVED TO FORWARD TO THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES PER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF “SLOW, CHILDREN” SIGNS TO BE INSTALLED ON CROSS STREET AT THE INTERSECTION OF HILL STREET AND THE INTERSECTION OF ORCHARD STREET. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LANZI. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

2.5 SIGN REQUEST – PINE ROCK PARK

ALDERMAN FINN MOVED TO FORWARD TO THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES PER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF

“SLOW, CHILDREN” SIGNS TO BE INSTALLED ON MANHASSETT IN THE AREA OF OJIBWA. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LANZI. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

2.6 SIGN REQUEST – NAVAJO TRAIL

ALDERMAN FINN MOVED TO FORWARD TO THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES PER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF “SLOW, CHILDREN” SIGNS TO BE INSTALLED IN THE AREA OF #23 NAVAJO TRAIL. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LANZI. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

2.7 HUNTINGTON STREET SIGN IMPROVEMENTS

Discussed earlier in the meeting

2.8 GUIDE RAIL REQUEST – 80 RIPTON ROAD

ALDERMAN FINN MOVED TO FORWARD TO THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES PER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF “SLOW, CURVE AHEAD” SIGNS TO BE INSTALLED ON RIPTON ROAD.

FURTHER, THAT THIS BE FORWARDED TO THE CITY ENGINEER FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION.

FURTHER, MOVE TO FORWARD THIS REQUEST TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FOR AN 8-24 REFERRAL. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LANZI. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Alderman Papa refers to a letter from City Engineer Kulacz that he confers with the recommendation of the Chief regarding the installation of warning signs; The Chief has determined that there are no physical conditions at this location which warrant the installation of a guide rail.

2.9 SIGN REQUEST – CAPE WELL PARK

Alderman Lanzi states the police department has determined that warning signs should be installed on Nichols Ave. advising motorists of Cape Well Park. This request has been forwarded to the State Department of Transportation for immediate action.

The Chief states the signs are already in place

2.10 WORN AND OR FADED STOP SIGNS

ALDERMAN FIN MOVED TO FORWARD TO THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES PER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO APPROVE THE REPLACEMENT OF WORN AND OR FADED STOP SIGNS AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- **THOMPSON STREET AT WALNUT TREE HILL ROAD**
- **NORMAN LANE AT WALNUT TREE HILL ROAD**
- **WINTERGREEN LANE AT LONG HILL AVE.**
- **FOREST AVE. AT KNEEN STREET**

**SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LANZI. ALL IN FAVOR.
MOTION CARRIED 3-0**

2.11 SIGN REQUEST – ENGLISH LANE / BUDDINGTON

ALDERMAN FINN MOVED TO FORWARD TO THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES PER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF “STOP” SIGNS TO BE INSTALLED AT THE INTERSECTION OF ENGLISH LANE AND BUDDINGTON ROAD. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LANZI. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

The Stop Sign will be on English Lane.

2.12 SIGN REQUEST – PERRY AVENUE

ALDERMAN FINN MOVED TO FORWARD TO THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES PER THE RECOMMENDATION OF

THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF “25 MPH SPEED LIMIT” SIGNS TO BE INSTALLED ON PERRY AVENUE. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LANZI. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

2.13 182 WALNUT TREE HILL ROAD

ALDERMAN FINN MOVED PER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO FORWARD THE COMPLAINT OF A NARROW ROAD IN FRONT OF 182 WALNUT TREE HILL ROAD TO THE CITY ENGINEER FOR FURTHER REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LANZI. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 3-0.

Alderman Papa feels this should go to Street Committee. It is also a safety issue.

ALDERMAN FINN AMENDS THE MOTION TO INCLUDE TO FORWARD TO THE STREET COMMITTEE TO ALDERMAN OLIN TO PUT ON THE AGENDA UPON RECEIVING THE REVIEWS. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LANZI. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

2.14 SIGN REQUEST – WAKELEY STREET & JORDAN AVE.

ALDERMAN FINN MOVED TO FORWARD TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION THE REQUEST FOR A “CHILDREN PLAYING” SIGN TO BE PLACED IN THE AREA OF WAKELEY AND JORDAN AVE. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LANZI. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Alderman Papa asks the Chief about who makes the signs. Chief states they keep them uniform according the standards

2.15 CROSS WALK – HUNTINGTON STREET AND ROARING BROOK

ALDERMAN FINN MOVED TO FORWARD TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION FOR AN INSTALLATION OF A CROSS WALK AT HUNTINGTON STREET AND ROARING BROOK AND FOR INSTALLATION OF SIGNAGE. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LANZI. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

The Chief will meet with woman at 190 Huntington Street. Alderman Finn states that the woman wishes to take her children across for a walk. There is a handicapped child that lives here.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 UNREGISTERED VEHICLE ORDINANCE

Previously addressed.

3.2 MOHEGAN SCHOOL SPEEDING

ALDERMAN FINN MOVED TO FORWARD TO THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES PER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF TWO (2) "SCHOOL ZONE" SIGNS TO BE PLACED IN BOTH DIRECTIONS ON MOHEGAN ROAD AND THAT THE CROSSWALK AND "SLOW, SCHOOL" MARKING ON THE ROADWAY BE REPAINTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

FURTHER, MOVE TO FORWARD TO THE CITY ENGINEER FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION THE FEASIBILITY OF THE INSTALLATION OF FLASHING, TIMED WARNING LIGHTS TO BE ATTACHED TO EXISTING SIGNS. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LANZI. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Alderman Papa states he got a call from Ms. Griswold from Mohegan School Safety Comm. about these signs.

The Chief states he is getting reports from the others schools about the flashing lights. Signage is easy but the lights are a different story. The feasibility of the

installation of flashing, times warning lights to be attached to existing signs will be forwarded to the Engineering Department for review.

The Chief states that in front of Sunnyside School with the Deli across the street the trucks block the driveways and they can't get in or out. He has a police officer there in the morning and has asked the State to post it "no parking".

3.3 PARK AVENUE / WILLOUGHBY ROAD INTERSECTION REALIGNMENT

ALDERMAN FINN MOVED PER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY ENGINEER TO FORWARD TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION. FURTHER, MOVE TO FORWARD TO PLANNING & ZONING FOR AN 8-24 REFERRAL. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LANZI. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

There is discussion about the T intersection which will be safer since it eliminates conflicting turning movements.

Alderman Finn requests that the developer do a site line on the Maler/Pine/Willoughby intersection. A letter to Planning & Zoning should be sent stating this problem and discuss with developer on these problems.

3.4 REQUEST FOR CROSS WALK – PLATT ROAD

ALDMERNA FINN MOVED TO FORWARD TO THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES PER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF WARNING SIGNS TO BE INSTALLED ON PLATT ROAD IN THE AREA OF THE BRENNAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY OFFICE BUILDING AND THAT THE PAINTED CROSSWALK BE DONE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LANZI. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

The Chief states that he is told there will be reconstruction done on this highway and he would like it put on hold till the work is done.

ALDERMAN FINN AMENDS THE MOTION TO INSTALL SIGNS AND CROSSWALK AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE ROAD

**WORK. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LANZI. ALL IN FAVOR.
MOTION CARRIED 3-0.**

4. REPORTS OF THE EMERGENCY SERVICES

- A. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**
- B. POLICE SERVICES**
- C. FIRE SERVICES**

No reports from the Emergency Services and Fire Department

➤ ADJOURNMENT

**ALDERMAN FINN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:50
P.M. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LANZI. ALL IN FAVOR.
MOTION CARRIED 3-0.**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

**MARGARET WEBER, CLERK
PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE**