

BOARD OF ALDERMEN
PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 2004
7:00 P.M. IN ROOM 104
SHELTON CITY HALL, 54 HILL STREET, SHELTON, CT

◆ CALL OF THE MEETING/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Papa called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The pledge of allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

IN ATTENDANCE: Alderman Papa
Alderman Finn (left at 7:30 P.M., excused)
Alderman Lanzi

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Rep. Richard Belden
Chief Robert Voccola

◆ PUBLIC PORTION

JOHN A. TODICE – 130 WAKELEE AVE. EXT.

Mr. Todice submitted a letter from the owners of Stellers Garage relating to traffic and speed on Bridgeport Ave. He states there have been many accidents on Bridgeport Ave. between 112 and Sullivan Ave. People have lost their spleens, they have crashed into a house. He has talked to the DOT, Governors office, the Chief of Police many times and Mayor Lauretti. He said there are two signs that say 30MPH and 25 MPH. It is not enough.

He went to the neighbors and Stellers Garage has submitted their letter. He feels someone will die on this road. On this 500' strip, someone will lose a life.

In an accident three months ago, a woman had three baby car seats in her car and all seats were ejected. The Chief sent him a letter saying it was a dead issue. The Chief questions that letter. He put up a sign to slow down. He just wants a fair shake.

Alderman Papa asks what does Mr. Todice suggest. He states he would put a two way stop on Sullivan and Bridgeport Ave. They feel they should stop them at some point. He knows it is Rte 714(a state road), that is why he asked Rep. Belden to come here tonight. There will be an accident there every week. He thanked Alderman Lanzi for responding to his call. They need someone to slow people down. He states the Police don't get the money from tickets.

Alderman Lanzi states that coming from Exit 13 the cars pick up speed to about 45 MPH.

Rep. Belden states the State will have to put up signs. Alderman Papa asks Rep. Belden to help with signs.

Mr. Todice believes there was a three way stop on Bridgeport Ave. / Sullivan St. at some point.

Rep. Richard Belden – 14 Keron Drive

He states that Shelton gets no money from tickets because a deal was cut with the municipalities several years ago because of the cost of the court system. Road aid was increased in lieu of the fine money.

He asks the Chief to meet with him on the statistics of the road.

❖ AGENDA ITEMS

ALDERMAN LANZI MOVED TO ADD TO THE AGENDA 2.3 WABUDA PLACE AND 3.3 BRIDGEPORT AVE/SULLIVAN. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN FINN. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ALDERMAN LANZI MOVED TO ADDRESS 3.3 BRIDGEPORT/SULLIVAN AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING BEFORE CORRESPONDENCE. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN FINN. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

3.3 BRIDGEPORT AVE/ SULLIVAN INTERSECTION

Alderman Lanzi states that Mr. Todice called him to look at this problem. He looked at the accident and the Ambulance and Fire Dept. was also present. As he stated coming from exit 13 you pick up momentum. He didn't know the Chief had a meeting with the neighbors early in the week.

The Chief states he had a meeting with the residents of Sullivan Ave. and the Mayor two days ago. He discussed the problem and said he would research this and get back to them. He has already wrote a letter to the State to request to install a traffic light. He justified it with statistics that the State requires.

He has a report on this stretch of Bridgeport Ave., which will be available from the Board of Aldermen's clerk.

In the past year, there were 96 motor vehicle stops. They have called out the State to work with them:

31 infractions for a variety of reasons (speeding, reckless speeding etc.)

54 Verbal or Written warnings, juvenile referrals, possession of alcohol – miscellaneous.

The report states the accident activity for that section:

16 Collisions (Bridgeport Ave. between Perry Hill Rd and Sullivan Ave.)

3 Loss of Control

5 Rear End Collision

2 Vehicles crossed over center line.

6 ROW encroachment into Sullivan Ave. (in or out)

He knows the State will come back and say it does not warrant a light or stop sign. They will continue to check speed and use radar squads. There is a uniform manual to follow to put up signs. If not done correctly, there could be a liability to the City.

Alderman Finn left at 7:30.

The driver of the vehicles must have some responsibility – cars coming out into traffic.

Alderman Lanzi states the hedges obstruct the view (sight line).

Mr. Todice states his issue is someone will be killed. For two and ½ years this has been going on. Why can't you drop a Police Car to sit there and deter speeding.

The Chief states the accidents on Bridgeport Ave. don't justify a light or stop sign.

Mr. Todice feels they need someone to defend their rights.
People are afraid to turn into their businesses.

The Chief states on a regular basis he puts radar out there. He believes there are two signs out there – 25 MPH.

Rep. Belden wishes he had the answer to make people more responsible.

The Chief asks what would make him happy. Mr. Todice states a Light and Stop Sign. The Chief has already sent a letter about the light and he will sent another about a Stop Sign.

Alderman Papa states, on the record, the Chief will talk to the State.

Alderman Lanzi asks about the bumps for a “wake up” on the road. Could they be put on the road?

The Chief will meet with the State. He feels they have to see the location.

Alderman Papa states the Chief will get back to the residents of Shelton Ave and Mr. Todice with the information he obtains.

The Chief suggests the State should penalize speeding with points again (the old system).

◆ CORRESPONDENCE

The letters read into the minutes will be attached at the end.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. REGULAR MEETING MAY, 2004

ALDERMAN PAPA MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL BOARD TO WAIVE THE READING AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY MEETING OF MAY 5, 2004. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LANZI. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

2.0 NEW BUSINESS

2.1 STOP SIGN REQUEST – WEBSTER & 30 LONGFELLOW

ALDERMAN PAPA MOVED TO FORWARD REQUEST FOR STOP SIGN & SIGHTLINE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE AND CITY ENGINEER FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LANZI. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

2.2 SOUNDVIEW AVE.

ALDERMAN PAPA MOVED TO FORWARD REQUEST FOR SIGHTLINE IMPROVEMENTS & GUARD RAILS IN FRONT OF 186 SOUNDVIEW AVE TO THE CITY ENGINEER AND CHIEF OF POLICE FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LANZI. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

2.3 DEAD TREE LIMB – WABUDA PLACE

The clerk should send a letter to Mrs. Lopez informing her that a letter has been sent to the City Engineer for review to determine if the tree is on City property or private property. Also, advise Mrs. Lopez if the tree is on private property the homeowner is responsible.

2. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 STREETLIGHT REQUESTS

3.1 WRIGHT STREET & LADAS PLACE STREETLIGHT REQUEST

ALDERMAN PAPA MOVED TO FORWARD TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LANZI. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

This was tabled from the 12/3/2003 meeting because there was a moratorium on streetlights which now has been lifted.

3.1.1 209-215 HOWE AVE. STREETLIGHT REQUEST

ALDERMAN PAPA MOVED TO FORWARD TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LANZI. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

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3.2 CONSTITUTION BLVD

The Chief has stated he is still reviewing this and he has talked to the Board of Education about parking at Shelton Intermediate School. *The clerk should send a memo to Chief for an update on Constitution Blvd.*

REPORTS OF THE EMERGENCY SVCS.

There are no reports this evening.

❖ ADJOURNMENT

**ALDERMAN LANZI MOVES TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:40
P.M. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN PAPA. ALL IN FAVOR.
MOTION CARRIED 2-0**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

MARGARET WEBER

Memo

To: Chief Voccola
From: Brigitte Pludenik
CC: John Papa
Date: 5/14/2004
Re: f.nme/l anrl Hr>\A/ia A

At the last meeting of the PH&S Committee Alderman Papa requested that you review the attached request for a stop sign at the intersection of Comell & Howe and report your findings back to the committee.

Memo

To: Dean Cawthra
From: Brigitte Plucienik, Clerk, Board of Aldermen
cc: P~S
Date: 5/27/2004
Re: Dead Tree Limbs

Dean,
Sandy Lopez of 2 Wabuda Place called the Aldermen's office today requesting that the dead tree limbs in front of her house be taken down. I do not know if the trees are on City property. I have informed her that if the trees are determined *not* to be on City property she will be responsible for having the trees/branches removed. Please investigate and advise status.

Thanks
Briqitte

cc: City Engineer

**Board of Aldermen 54 Hill Street, Shelton, CT
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May 14, 2004

Joseph Bourque
14 West Street
Shelton, CT 06484

Dear Mr. Bourque:

The Traffic Division has reviewed your request for a streetlight at Lakeview Ave and reports the following:

At this time there are three (3) streetlights at this location - one being on SNET Pole # 185 at Lakeview and West, a light on UI Pole (no numbers on Lakeview Avenue Extension, 305 feet north of Pole # 185, and a third light on UI Pole #5846, located 147 feet north of the last light. At this time, they cannot support the installation of any additional streetlights. _____

Sincerely,

Brigitte Plucienik
Clerk. Board of Aldermen

CC: John Papa
Chief Voccola



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To: Alderman John Papa, Chairman
Public Health & Safety Committee

From:

Date: Chief Robert A. Voccoli ~ ~

Subject: May II, 2004
Signalization at Major Intersections

In the most recent past, I asked the State Department of Transportation to come to Shelton and meet with me in order to observe the traffic light patterns and synchronization in Huntington Center, as well as the downtown area of Shelton.

On Friday, May 7, 2004, I met with representatives of the Department of Transportation, walked the Huntington Center area and monitored the traffic lights relative to the flow of traffic. We then went to downtown Shelton and did the same.

It is my hope that our observations and recommendations to the State will help the traffic flow in both areas.

I will keep you advised.

RAV/pmr



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To: Alderman John Papa, Chairman
Public Health & Safety Committee

From:

Date: Chief Robert A. Vocco ◦ ~W
May 14,2004

Parking - Sunnvside Boat Rame

The ramp was checked for the proper signage with the following noted:

- The area is clearly posted with three signs indicating that parking permits are required and that parking without a permit carries a \$IOC fine.
- Sings are posted at the entrance at its intersection of River Road, along the driveway adjacent to the ball field and at the ramp area.
- Some signs are obstructed by brush causing a work order to be posted and forwarded to the City yard for action.

If you have any questions, or if additional information is needed, please give me a call.

**Board of Aldermen
City of Shelton**

54 Hill Street, Shelton, CT 06484

May 14, 2004

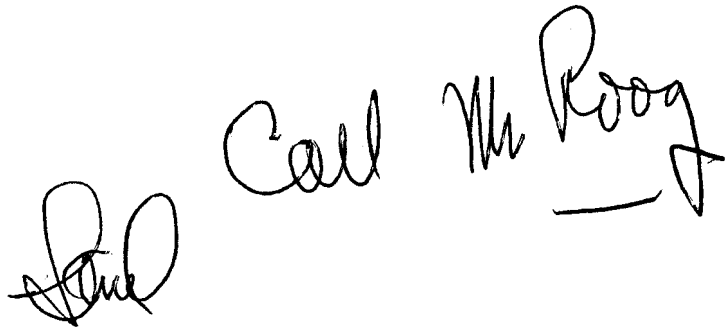
Ludlle Roog
16 Jefferson Street
Shelton, CT 06484

Dear Ms Rood'

Please be advised that at the last meeting of the Public Health & Safety Committee the Chief of Police reported back regarding your request for the installation of a "Hidden Driveway" sign. It was determined that traffic on this street is nearly non-existent. There have been no incidents or accidents reported to the Police Department in the last three years from this location. There are currently sightline obstructions on the property that need to be addressed by you, the homeowner. Therefore, the Chief does not support the installation of a sign at this time.

Brigitte Pludenik
Clerk Board of Aldermen

CC: John Papa
john.papa@shelton-ct.gov



Handwritten signatures and notes: "John" (signature), "Call Mr Roog" (text), and "Mr Roog" (signature).



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Alderman John Papa, Chairman
Public Health & Safety Committee

From: Chief Robert A. Voccola(f) 

Date: May 14, 2004

Subject:

Lewis Complaint - 299 Old Bridgeport Avenue

On Tuesday, April 13, 2004, this office has received a complaint from Mr. and Mrs. Lewis that there is a speeding problem on their street, and that they are concerned.

Officers from the Traffic Division monitored the area, clocking 56 vehicles with the use of speed laser and radar on this posted 25 MPH Speed Limit area, with an average speed recorded between 27 and 32 miles per hour.

This is the third complaint from the Lewis family regarding this problem; other complaints were reported in April 2001, July 2002 and April 7, 2004.

Previously the radar trailer and traffic counters have been placed in this area with the results being as follows: average speed of between 27 and 32 MPH.

The Shelton Police Department will continue to monitor this area and conduct

spot radar checks in an effort to make this area as safe as possible.

RAV/pmr

cc: Mavor Mark A. Lauretta



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To: Alderman John Papa, Chairman
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From:

Date: Chief Robert A. Vocco

May 14,2004

Handicapped Parking -
U.S.P.S. at Shelton Community Center

A complaint was received from the office of Administrative Assistant Sandra Nesteriak regarding the condition of the handicapped parking space in front of the Post Office at the Shelton Community Center.

The painting of these parking places needs to be redone. At this time, we are working with painting contractors to complete this project~sKell~asqther

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