

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2004  
7:00 P.M. IN ROOM 104  
SHELTON CITY HALL, 54 HILL STREET, SHELTON, CT**

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

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Papa at 7:00 in Room 104 of Shelton City Hall. The pledge of allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** ALDERMAN PAPA, CHAIRMAN  
ALDERMAN FINN  
ALDERMAN LANZI

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** CHIEF ROBERT VOCCOLA

- **PUBLIC PORTION**

**NANCY MINOTTI – 246 ASPETUCK TRAIL**

She is here with a petition from the Senior Citizens Center concerning the air conditioning at the Center. She states it doesn't work properly. Alderman Papa states that this problem is a maintenance problem. Ms. Minotti states they have complained to him already. **Alderman Papa states to send a letter to the Mayor about this problem with a copy of the petition which will be attached to these minutes.**

The other problem she wishes to address is East Village Road. She received a call from a resident that her daughter works in Adams in the East Village Plaza and has to walk home and there are no sidewalks. She would like it addressed with the new construction going on this road. Ms. Minotti will contact the caller and get further details.

Alderman Finn states at their meeting with the neighborhood it was stated about sidewalks from Meadow to Lagana Lane.

Alderman Papa states it is a street committee issue. Alderman Finn and Alderman Minotti state it is also a safety issue. She will get further details. Alderman Finn states no one got back to them on the cost of sidewalks. He feels with the money the city received from the State in reference to taking city property, maybe that money could be used on sidewalks.

**The Clerk should send a memo to the Mayor about this sidewalk issue after Ms. Minotti gets back to her with information and details.**

**CATHERINE CERVERA – 116 CORAM AVE.**

She has received no answer from the committee on her speeding problem and stop signs on her street. She gave information to the Chief and he will follow up. Originally the Chief states, they were looking at wrong location and they denied the stop sign. The Chief asks Ms. Cervera for her information and he will look into it. The Chief states someone will stop in to see her also.

NOTE: - This should be put on the next Agenda – Hillside/Coram. Please send a notice to Mrs. Cervera when it will appear as an agenda item.

**KENNETH CHIRSKY, 5 NORTH PRINCETON DRIVE**

He is here to talk about a troublesome corner. It is a School Bus Stop. He is requesting a “Slow School Children Sign” or “Caution – School Bus Stop Ahead” Sign for both sides of Thompson St heading east and westerly towards the public school bus stop at the corner of Thompson and No. Princeton.

He states it has been and continues to be a frightening experience for both parents and children alike whereas traffic both regularly speeds and regularly disregards school bus lights & signage during pick-up and drop off.

This corner is at the bottom of a downward slanting roadway coming from both directions that increases distances to stop, especially with the speeding problem.

He gives the committee some pictures that indicate the activity and poor sightline that does not offer enough reaction time for both motorist and young children to avoid issue when cars speed, or weather conditions cause havoc.

One picture indicates a very recent car skid mark, where several children were nearly struck by a speeding car coming around the corner. The skid was a result of the motorists maneuver to avoid children that could not be seen by motorist.

His second issue, there has been an illegal driveways and now continued formal requests to Shelton Wetlands Comm. and the City Engineer for review of a discretionary secondary driveway to support an onsite Stone Manson Business Owner that has involved dump trucks, backhoes and the like to enter and exit at this corner. The City Engineer Bob Kulacz has been extremely helpful and his letters are attached to these minutes. They are having their last and final meeting with Wetlands next week.

He states if that driveway is approved it will be an incremental additive problem to what we have here.

Alderman Papa states the Chief will look at this problem – the signage. He asks if there is a better place to stop the bus. Mr. Chirsky states the bus stop is in the right place.

The Chief does not see a problem with putting warning signs. (It is around #120 Thompson)

They would appreciate any help the Aldermen can give them with this problem and the driveway problem also.

A copy of their comments and pictures will be sent to the Chief also.

### **JEFF LUTHERAN – 8 NO. PRINCETON**

He states the kindergarten bus goes down the cul du sac and picks his child up. Can the regular school bus stop be changed and then the safety issue will be solved. The hill comes down into the ravine and the children crossing the street have to deal with cars stopping short because then don't see them soon enough.

### **IRVING STEINER**

Mr. Steiner speaks to the committee and copies of his concerns are attached at the back of these minutes. He also submits excerpts from the P & Z meeting of 4/8/2004 and Page #9 from the P & Z regulations.

Alderman Papa asks if Mr. Steiner went to the Street Committee. Mr. Steiner was at another meeting. Alderman Papa indicates Bridgeport Ave. is a State Road. Chief Voccola is also aware of these statements.

Mr. Steiner also states there is another bad point – the northbound entrance onto route 8 from that intersection. There are two courses that complex can let out – either get on Rte 8 to Merrit or Old Stratford Road – Warner Hill to Rte 110. That is the only other viable road.

Alderman Papa would like a copy of his reports to be made and sent to Alderman Ken Olin, Chairman of the Street Committee.

- **CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter from Ms. Snyder and Ms. Pelaggi is submitted. (The letter will be attached)

The Chief will call the Church and offer signs “Pedestrian in Crosswalk” and other signs that may be available to be displayed by the church during certain hours. A reminder will be send to the Chief’s secretary. The Chief states the crosswalks were already installed.

**Alderman Papa would like the clerk to notify Ms. Snyder and Ms. Pelaggi that their concerns were addressed and they will be hearing from the Chief in regards to the signs.**

A second letter (Attached) is in regard to State Police Truck Squad from the Chief.

Chief Voccola states that the Shelton PD and the State Police Truck Squad work together on the volume of truck traffic coming through the valley. A lot of traffic comes through Shelton. This is a joint operation that is conducted on a regular basis with the cooperation of both.

They stop the trucks, inspect them for safety. They can ground the trucks until the violations are fixed. The State brings in all the equipment and they set it up in commuter lots. They are there about 8 – 10 hours and stop about 12 trucks. The State Police bring in the scales. They also work with the Traffic Squad with radar on the State Highways – 110 to Northern Border from Southern Border.

- **AGENDA ITEMS**

## **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. REGULAR MEETING AUGUST, 2004

**ALDERMAN LANZI MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL BOARD TO WAIVE THE READING AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY MEETING OF AUGUST 2004. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN FINN. MOTION CARRIED 2-0-1. ALDERMAN LANZI ABSTAINS.**

## **2. NEW BUSINESS**

- 2.1 STREETLIGHT REQUEST – BEACON HILL & SILVA LANE

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

**2.2 STREETLIGHT REQUEST – POLE # 717 LONG HILL AVE.**

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

**2.3 GUARD RAIL REQUEST – OLD CORAM ROAD**

Alderman Papa stated that they will table this because the backup was missing. No action taken.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

**3.1 186 SOUNDVIEW AVE. SIGHTLINE**

**ALDERMAN FINN MOVED PER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE AND THE CITY ENGINEER TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF A GUARDRAIL FOR THE AREA IN FRONT OF 186 SOUNDVIEW AVE DUE TO THE DROP OFF WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE CURVE. 8-24 NOT REQUIRED. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LANZI. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.**

The Aldermen would like this motion send to the Mayor and to the Department of Highway & Bridges.

**3.2 LONGFELLOW ROAD- WEBSTER DRIVE INTERSECTION SIGHTLINE**

- **16 LONGFELLOW ROAD – REMOVE 12’ DIAMETER SPRUCE AND FLOWERING BUSH AT THE CORNER -**
- **23 LONGFELLOW ROAD – REMOVE ALL BUSHES TALLER THAN 3 FEET AT THE CORNER INCLUDING 2 ARBORVITE (6’ & 10’ HIGH). REMOVE 12’ HIGH SPRUCE LOCATED ALONG THE LONGFELLOW ROAD STREETLINE. REMOVE**

**THE LOWER BRANCHES OF THE LARGE SPRUCE TREE NEAR THE DRIVEWAY WHICH EXTEND TO THE PAVEMENT EDGE.**

**These have been recommended by the City Engineer and a notice will be send to the Director of Public Works and his office would be responsible for issuing the notice to the homeowners to correct the sightline violations. While some of the trees and brushes are on private property, our ordinance establishes a triangular shaped “sightline clear zone” at every intersection.**

Alderman Finn states the reason this was brought to our attention is because of the request from Mrs. Shamer for a stop-sign. Chief Voccola states he will look into the speeding. There are a lot of police officers assigned to radar. He believes that someone was notified about speeding and the incident has been corrected.

Highway and Bridges are already aware of this problem.

This item was on the agenda for discussion.

### **3.3 DEAD TREES – OWNERSHIP**

A letter is received from the City Engineer:

- 136 Maple Ave – City Tree –(removed 10/6/2004)
- 19 Dimon Road – Private Property
- East Village Road in front of #29, rear of White Hills Firehouse – City Tree
- Across from 61 East Village Road – City Tree
- 164 East Village Road – Private Property (174 East Village Rd)
- 211 East Village Road (behind mailbox) – City Tree (removed week of 9/30/2004)
- Shelton Community Center / 37 Church Street – City Tree

**3.4 TRAFFIC – ROUTE 110 SAFETY REVIEW**

This will be put on the agenda for next month. Representative Belden should be notified of this meeting.

The following items were added to the agenda. Motion by Alderman Papa seconded by Alderman Finn. All in favor. Motion carried.

**3.5 83 WOOSTER STREET – NO PARKING SIGN**

**ALDERMAN LANZI MOVED PER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO DENY THE REQUEST OF A NO PARKING SIGN BETWEEN THE DRIVEWAYS OF #83 & #91 WOOSTER STREET. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN FINN. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.**

**3.6 OLD CORAM ROAD – STOP SIGN REQUEST**

**ALDERMAN FINN MOVED PER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO DENY THE INSTALLATION OF A STOP SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF ROCKY REST AT OLD CORAM ROAD. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LANZI. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.**

**3.7 MOULTHROP LANE**

**ALDERMAN FINN MOVED TO FORWARD TO HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES FOR REVIEW AND ACTION. REPORT BACK TO THE PH&S COMMITTEE WHEN COMPLETED. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LANZI. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.**

**ALDERMAN LANZI WOULD LIKE THE CLERK TO CALL UI AND FIND OUT HOW STRONG THE LIGHT IS ON KNEEN AND MYRTLE.**

- **REPORTS OF THE EMERGENCY SERVICES**

## **A. POLICE SERVICES**

Chief Voccola provided any reports he had during the meeting.

## **B. FIRE SERVICES**

No one appeared to give a report.

## **C. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

### **NOREEN MCGORTY – CHAIRMAN EMS**

Ms. McGorty states they had the last meeting with the Public Safety Council and they talked about Shelton Day and discussed coverage of EMT'S and also communication.

Alderman Papa states you have younger EMT's on bikes. They will be opening the Skateboard Park would any one patrol that or are they in the vicinity. She will speak to the Chief and see what can be done. Ms. McGorty will look into it for Alderman Papa. He states it will only be for a couple of weeks.

Ms. McGorty states that 13 participants are registered for the next MRT class. Some are High School students.

Communication Update – they have received additional equipment and are being tested. The PD, FD & EMS will get together to discuss their communications and discuss all duplications.

Alderman Papa is trying to coordinator Fire, PD and EMS – Police is a separate situation – so they can all communicate with each other.

Alderman Finn states the only thing you can do is go with a low-frequency. There is grant money available – Westport just got a grant for First Responders

Ms. McGorty states that communication is the key.

Alderman Finn mentioned Life Star – only EMS could communicate with Life Star.



At the Valley Council of Governments they have made a recommendation to stay with the regional approach. Although, more discussion will be had. Double billing was discussed and it needs to be addressed. She will keep the committee advised of the progress. She will supply the committee with a copy of the report. The EMS Commission discussed this but their hands are tied on this topic. It is in the study and was addressed.

They enhanced a life-assist policy. It streamlines the effort of FD when EMS crew needs assistance with a difficult situation. This way the proper equipment rolls out. It will also reduce the calls that they need to go on.

Alderman Finn states White Hills has one truck that runs when a rescue is needed.

Alderman Papa asks about defibrulators. The aldermen approved 3 or 4.

All EMS vehicles have them.

They would like one at the High School and Community Center. It was also to be given to City Hall. They need training. Alderman Finn states you have to be trained. One could opt not to be trained at the Senior Center or City Hall.

Police officers are trained by the State initially but they have to be recertified.

She has contacted the sightings committee – Mr. Davis – Tower Committee.

Alderman Papa states the Stratford PD are all recertified and trained per their contract. In Shelton it is not in the union contract.

\$5,000.00 a month is allocated for First Responder Program. Alderman Papa asks if that is the \$60,000.00 that the aldermen allowed. Ms. McGorty states this gives better control of the money.

Alderman Lanzi states Ms. McGorty does a great job.

They discussed additional ambulances.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

**ALDERMAN FINN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:15 P.M. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LANZI. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

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

**ATTACHMENTS**