



**ORANGE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICE
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS/TRAFFIC AUTHORITY**

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COMMISSIONER JOHN BARTON

COMMISSIONER MARIAN HURLEY
COMMISSIONER NYJAHWAHN WALKER

**TRAFFIC AUTHORITY
Monday January 9, 2023 – 4:30 p.m.**

Unapproved Minutes

Pledge of Allegiance

Commission Chairman Barton called the Traffic Authority Meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

Commissioners Present:

Commissioner Jack Barton
Commissioner Nyjahwahn Walker (Joined via ZOOM)
Commissioner Chris Carveth (Joined at 4:42 p.m.)
Commissioner Marian Hurley
Commissioner Roy Cuzzocreo

Commissioners Absent:

Also Present:

Police Chief Robert Gagne
Assistant Police Chief Max Martins
Kathy Gulia, Board Secretary
Luke Mauro, PE, Solli Engineering
Vahid Karimi, VP, WSP USA

Minutes

Commissioner Hurley seconded by Commissioner Cuzzocreo, made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2022 Traffic Authority Meeting. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Old Business

88 Marsh Hill Road Noble Gas: Chief Gagne introduced Vahid Karimi from WSP who completed the peer review. Mr. Karimi explained to the Board that his job was to do a technical review of the plan presented by Solli Engineering, he did and also requested additional information which he received. He advised the study did follow standard practice and was procedurally and methodically sound. He also advised that he still has concerns about the overall impact to Marsh Hill Road as it already has 16,000-20,000 vehicles a day traveling in this studied area and will be adding approximately 5,000 per day with this proposal. He feels the queuing of vehicles could be a problem and has safety concerns with the number of accidents in this area. Initial discussion with the State DOT also expressed concerns of accidents and Commissioner Hurley reminded the Board about data showing more traffic lights in a limited travel span result in more accidents. Mr. Karimi concurred. Discussion ensued with Chief Gagne echoing Mr. Karimi's concerns, as well as general discussion regarding Salem Lane businesses and traffic, July traffic data, potentially moving the entrance for the proposed business further south to alleviate concerns of vehicles coming off of the I-95 north exit ramp, turning right and

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Old Business (continued)

immediately coming to another traffic light as well as the short distance between the proposed traffic signal and existing traffic signals. Mr. Mauro and Mr. Karimi explained a Norwalk project with similar signaling issues and the use of adaptive signals. Commissioner Carveth asked, if possible, to get a commitment from the State of CT to coordinate and maintain the proposed new traffic signal. Mr. Mauro and Chief Gagne advised that the State will not entertain further discussion until the project is approved by the Local Traffic Authority.

Commissioner Carveth, seconded by Commissioner Hurley made a motion to deny the proposal in light of the peer review results, the short distance between the existing and proposed traffic signals as well as the unknown situation as to the State of Connecticut's willingness to coordinate the proposed traffic signal with the State maintained signal. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Mauro left the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

175 Boston Post Road Southern CT Wellness and Healing Dispensary: Chief Gagne updated the Board with the outcome from the recent Planning and Zoning Meeting, explaining the proposal passed with conditions that the applicant will close the second driveway on Lindy Street and that Town Department Heads approve of this change. Chief Gagne explained the concerns with this plan, as it is a significant deviation from the plan that was originally approved by the Traffic Authority. As of now, he is waiting to hear from the applicant as to their new plan, which he feels may require a new traffic study. Mr. Karimi also commented on concerns with the removal of the second driveway and the impact of cars leaving the proposed lot. Mr. Karimi agreed with Chief Gagne that there may be a need for a new traffic study and the Board concurred.

Mr. Karimi left the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

New Business

None.

Correspondence

None.

Commissioner Hurley seconded by Commissioner Cuzzocreo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Gulia, Board Secretary