



**ORANGE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICE
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**TRAFFIC AUTHORITY
Monday September 12 , 2022 – 4:30 p.m.**

Unapproved Minutes

Pledge of Allegiance

Commission Chairman Barton called the Traffic Authority Meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

Commissioners Present:

Commissioner Jack Barton
Commissioner Roy Cuzzocreo
Commissioner Nyjahwahn Walker
Commissioner Chris Carveth
Commissioner Marian Hurley

Commissioners Absent:

Also Present:

Police Chief Robert Gagne
Assistant Police Chief Max Martins
Kathy Gulia, Board Secretary
Luke Mauro, Project Manager/Engineer Solli Engineering
Anne Marie Zsamba, Director Municipal Compliance, Southern CT Wellness & Healing Dispensary
Richard D'Andrea, Ass't Department Manager Colliers Engineering & Design
Marjorie Shansky, Esq, attorney for Southern CT Wellness & Healing Dispensary (joined at 5:41 p.m.)

Minutes

Commissioner Carveth seconded by Commissioner Walker, made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2022 Traffic Authority Meeting. **The motion passed 4-0 with Commissioner Hurley abstaining.**

Old Business

No Through Trucks for Pleasant Hill and Hyland Terrace: Chief Gagne advised the Board that the State approved the request he sent on behalf of the Traffic Authority in June 2019.

Hope Charity Motorcycle Ride: Chief Gagne advised the Board that this is an annual charity ride that goes through Orange. The date is September 18, 2022.

New Business

88 Marsh Hill Road: Luke Mauro, Project Manager/Engineer Solli Engineering presented the plan to develop this property as a Gas Station with a Convenience Market and Electric Vehicle Showroom. Mr. Mauro advised the Board of the following details:

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ORANGE, CT 06477

New Business (continued)

88 Marsh Hill Road: (continued)

4 acres of land, 8500 square foot convenience store, 16 fueling stations, 8 electric vehicle charging stations, 23,000 square foot showroom with a service station. He reviewed the traffic study and indicated estimates of 260 vehicles in and 230 out in the morning peak hours, 210 in and out in the evening peak hours and 230 in and out on Saturday peak hours. They also estimate that 30% will come from and return to I95S, same for I95N and 20% will travel each way on Marsh Hill. The analysis does justify a traffic signal. He advised that this is an unusual situation in that it is 4 lanes, large vehicles travel this area and it is controlled locally not by the State, if however, a signal is added the State would have final jurisdiction over timing etc. Mr. Mauro advised that he has been working with Bob Brinton, Town Engineer but has not yet spoken with the State about traffic signal coordination.

Discussion ensued with Mr. Mauro and the Commissioners regarding concerns about the amount of traffic, accidents, accidents associated with additional traffic signals, a possible left turn only coming out of the drive thru, the Fire Marshal's comments on additional access, turn areas for large vehicles and traffic congestion caused by vehicles in que for signal changes. There was also concern that the current SCG property is not being fully utilized and the traffic that could be added when that changes.

It was discussed that coordinating traffic signals could be of assistance as well as a scaled down version of the development. Mr. Mauro will discuss these ideas with the State of CT and the property owner/developer.

Commissioner Carveth, seconded by Commissioner Cuzzocreo made a motion to table this conversation until Mr. Mauro is able to get a statement from the State regarding coordination of traffic signals, adding that the coordination does not represent an approval, just further discussion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

175 Boston Post Road: Anne Marie Zsamba, Director Municipal Compliance, Southern CT Wellness and Healing Dispensary presented a plan to relocate their business to this property. She provided the following details:

Former TD Bank property, will remove the canopy over the drive through but keep it as a pick-up window. The requirement is to have 19 parking spaces, there will be 35 and the traffic study expects approximately 215 trips in and out per day. Traffic will be similar to when the site was operating as a bank. 80% of their clients order on line and will pick up at the window. Once adult use is added to the business, the trips are expected to go to 430. All business with clients and deliveries is done through a reservation system, coordinating delivery and patient visits and limiting the number of patient visits at one time. Chief Gagne advised the Commissioners that he met with the security team and security is very robust. Commissioner Hurley, seconded by Commissioner Walker made a motion to accept the plan as presented. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Correspondence

None.

Commissioner Hurley seconded by Commissioner Cuzzocreo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 p.m. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Anne Marie Zsamba, Richard D'Andrea and Marjorie Shansky left the meeting at 5:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Gulia, Board Secretary