

TOWN OF SOUTHTON
PARKING AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 2009

The regular meeting of the Parking Authority of the Town of Southington was held on November 5, 2009 in the Council chambers of the Southington Town Hall at 75 Main Street, Southington, CT. The meeting was called to order by John Solury, Jr. Chairman, at 1:05pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was recited by all present.

Roll Call

Commissioners present: Chairman John Solury, Jr., Mathew Florian, Thomas DelSanto and Mark Dziubek. A quorum is determined.

John J. Solury, Jr. assuming the Chair:

Approval of Minutes of October 8, 2009

A motion was made by Commissioner Florian to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner DelSanto. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Public Communications

None.

Commissioner Communications

None.

Submission of Bills and Payments

Commissioner Dziubek made a motion to pay the bill presented by the stenographer for today's meeting in the amount of \$106. His motion was seconded by Commissioner DelSanto and passed on a voice vote. There is a bill presented by Dan Quinlan in the amount of \$500 for grounds maintenance. Chairman Solury reported that he had taken a stroll through the municipal parking lots and found them to be in good shape. He noted that the fall clean up was coming up and understandably there were still some leaves on the ground. Commissioner DelSanto made a motion to pay the invoice as presented. This was seconded by Commissioner Dziubek and passed on a voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Communal Dumpster Project BOA Lot

Commissioner Florian reports on this project. Bank of America is not interested in a communal dumpster due to security issues. Their dumpster must be locked and not accessible to outside entities. Letters have been sent out to other

businesses involved and there has not been a response. He pointed out that if the dumpsters were combined, and dumped more frequently, there would be less smell in the parking lot, making the area more pleasant for their customers. It would also allow a few extra parking spaces. This is entirely up to the businesses. Commissioner Dziubek reminded the Parking Authority that it is against the regulations for dumpsters to be placed in municipal parking lots. There was a discussion about setting up a meeting to include businesses and the parking authority, probably to be held in the lot. Commissioner Florian will follow up.

2009 Parking Survey

No report.

Signs

Commissioner Dziubek reported. Commissioner DelSanto is working with him on the assessment of all municipal parking lot signs for clarity, condition and legal wording. They have spoken with the Park Department about erecting signs for the Parking Authority. Town Attorney, Mark Sciota approved the arrangement and the Park Department has agreed. They will work on lot signs during their slow time. Collaboration between the commissions represents a considerable savings to the parking authority and to the town.

There was a lengthy discussion about the signs. Commissioner Florian questioned the use of some type of decorative logo on all parking lot signs as they are replaced. Commissioner Dziubek and DelSanto will explore this option with the supplier and the police department. Appropriate height of the signs and the use of "break away" posts were also discussed. Commissioner DelSanto will discuss legal pole height with Dave LePre at the Park Department. Commissioner Dziubek is concerned about signs being placed too high to be viewed easily through car windows. Commissioner DelSanto will secure the official regulations regarding the erection of parking lot signs, including the rules pertaining to the posting and striping of handicapped spaces, from the police department.

Chairman Solury reported that he had done a drive through to survey the signs, noting where additional or replacement signs were needed. There is a damaged handicapped sign in the Popular lot.

NEW BUSINESS

Use of Municipal Parking Lot

No requests.

Parking Waiver

No requests.

Miscellaneous

Chairman Solury reported that he has received comment from the police about a Fed Ex drop-off box sitting in a handicapped parking space at 98 Main Street. A discussion disclosed that it has been there "forever" and that it is heavily used by the business community.

Adjournment

Commissioner DelSanto made a motion to adjourn at 1:55PM. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Dziubek. All were in favor of adjournment.

John J. Solury, Jr.
Chairperson
Southington Parking Authority