

TOWN OF SOUTHTON
PARKING AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2009

The regular meeting of the Parking Authority of the Town of Southington was held on October 8, 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 1:08PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call

Commissioners present: Chairman John Solury, Jr., Dolores Babkirk, Mathew Florian, Thomas DelSanto. A quorum is determined.

John J. Solury, Jr. assuming the Chair:

Approval of Minutes of September 10, 2009

A motion was made by Commissioner Babkirk to approve the minutes as they are presented. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Florian. The Chairman called for a roll call vote: Florian-yes, Solury-yes, Babkirk-yes, DelSanto-yes.

Public Communications

A letter has been received from Stephen Palmieri, Executive Director of the Southington Housing Authority (attached) thanking the Parking Authority on behalf of the residents of Lincoln-Lewis Terrace for granting overnight parking in the Riccio Way Lot during their paving project. Chairman Solury read the letter to the panel.

Public Communications

None.

Commissioner Communications

Chairman Solury brought to the attention of the commissioners a meeting scheduled for this evening at 7 in the Town Hall outlining current Freedom of Information law. All commissioners and town officials have been encouraged to attend.

Chairman Solury commented on the new stairs in the Bank of America lot. He is pleased with the work.

Commissioner Babkirk reported on an issue she was handling for the Parking Authority. It was explained that a lady tripped and twisted her ankle in a hole in the plantings of one of the lots. It turned out that Park & Recreation was responsible for taking care of this and they have done so.

Chairman Solury welcomed Thomas DelSanto to the Parking Authority. DelSanto has agreed to work with commissioner Dziubek in assessing the condition of the signs in the municipal lots.

Submission of Bills and Payments

Chairman Solury presented bills for payment. Dan Quinlan has submitted a bill for the September, 2009 ground maintenance in the amount of \$500 and a bill in the sum of \$2441 for the replacement of stairs in the Bank of America parking lot. There is also a bill from the stenographer for today's meeting in the amount of \$106. Commissioner Babkirk made a motion to approve for payment all three bills as presented. This was seconded by Commissioner Florian. The Chair called for a roll call vote: Florian-yes, Solury-yes, Babkirk-yes, DelSanto-yes.

OLD BUSINESS

Dean's Stove and Spa - Hearthstone Pub 2 hour Parking Limits

The commissioners studied the proposed parking lot map. It was ascertained that there would be 24 two hour spaces and that they should be close to the road for the convenience of the area businesses. The Chairman suggested spaces #74 to #81 and #82 to #87 and then #59 to #68. Commissioner Babkirk asked about the handicapped spaces. Commissioner Florian agreed that it seems logical to place the short term parking at the front of the lot. He asked if Dean had a preference. Solury recalled that Dean did prefer they be close to the road. Commissioner Florian made a motion to designate the noted parking spaces as two hour parking. Commissioner DelSanto seconded his motion. The Chair called for a roll call vote: Florian-yes, Solury-yes, Babkirk-yes, DelSanto-yes. Chairman Solury will forward a letter outlining the action of the commissioners.

Communal Dumpster Project BOA Lot

Commissioner Florian reports on this project. He has researched the feasibility and potential cost savings from using a communal dumpster in the Bank of America lot. He recalculated and secured a few quotes. If they used a 6 yard dumpster and dumped it 3X a week, it would be less expensive than what the businesses are currently spending on waste removal. There would be a return of a few parking spaces and the frequent dumping would make the area cleaner. Florian has presented the suggestion to the businesses involved. It will be up to them to make this decision. Florian will provide the quotes and encourage the change. Chairman Solury thanked Commissioner Florian for all of his time and work on this.

2009 Parking Survey

Commissioner Babkirk reported on her parking survey project. She has a few more returns and they are still coming in. Commissioner DelSanto asked to review the questions on the survey. She will contact those businesses who have not

responded. Commissioner DelSanto wondered how many employees park close to the businesses taking up valuable space that could be used by customers. They could park in the Branford Hall lot, especially on evenings and weekends, when the restaurants are busy and that would free up many spaces convenient to the buildings. He noted that this effort must come from the restaurant owners, who need to make it mandatory, but should be encouraged to do so by the parking authority. He wondered how many employees each restaurant has and commented that most drive a car.

NEW BUSINESS

Signs

Commissioner Dziubek has been working on assessing the signage in the municipal lots for condition and current legal wording. Commissioner DelSanto has agreed to work with him on this. Chairman Solury thanked him for this effort.

Use of Municipal Parking Lot

No requests.

Parking Waiver

No requests

Adjournment

Commissioner Florian made a motion to adjourn at 1:31PM. Commissioner Babkirk seconded his motion. All were in favor of adjournment.

John J. Solury, Jr.
Chairman
Town of Southington
Parking Authority



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Southington Parking Authority
John Solury – Chairperson

September 29, 2009

Chairperson Solury and Commissioners:

On behalf of the Southington Housing Authority Commissioners, residents of Lincoln-Lewis Terrace and myself want to express our sincere thanks for approving our request for overnight parking in the Riccio Way Lot during our paving project.

In granting our request, you have assistance the Authority in meeting the advice of our paving contractor not to use the lot for five days. Our elderly tenants were very appreciative having been able to park next to Lincoln-Lewis Terrace. We now have a quality parking lot that will last for many years.

Sincerely,

Stephen L. Palmieri
Executive Director