

**TOWN OF SOUTHLINGTON
PARKING AUTHORITY
Regular Meeting
December 12, 2007**

A regular meeting of the Parking Authority of the Town of Southington was held on December 12, 2007 at 4:30 pm in the Town Council Chambers of the Southington Town Hall at 75 Main Street, Southington, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order by Rebecca Davis, Chairperson.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was recited by everyone in attendance.

Roll Call

Ms. Zommer, Ms. Zoni, Mr. Salmeri, Mr. Myers and Ms. Davis, Chair.

A quorum was determined.

Approval of Minutes of October 4, 2006.

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented. Mr. Salmeri seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Police Communications

None to report

Public Communications

None to report

Commissioner Communications

Welcome to Susan Zoni, our new Commissioner. And, a thank you to Roger Jones got his tireless effort to the Parking Authority. He will be missed by all of us.

Vote of Confidence renewal to Mathew Florian for having the cherry picker in the 98 Main Street Lot. Mr. Salmeri made a motion to move that to New Business. Ms. Zommer seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Submission of Bills and Payments

Bill from AMJ in the amount of \$525 for the installation of signs in the lot. Ms. Zommer made a motion to pay the bill. Mr. Salmeri seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Stenographer's bill for November and December, 2007 in the amount of \$205.89. Mr. Myers made a motion to pay the bill. Mr. Salmeri seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Old Business

Vote of Confidence for 2 cherry pickers to be stored in the rear of 98 Main Street parking lot to December 31, 2007.

Mr. Myers brought up the question of liability. The Chair indicated in the letter it says it is understood that the vehicles are insured and the Town of Southington and this Board aren't held responsible should an occurrence happen with these two vehicles. And, Mr. Florian signed the letter.

Ms. Zommer made a motion to approve. Mr. Myers seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

New Business

Mat Florian

Mr. Florian addressed the Commission regarding the handicapped spaces in Riccio Way lot. He submitted a letter he received from one of his tenants. We have three handicapped spots now and we could use 2 or 3 more next to the building. Extensive discussion.

Mr. Florian also suggested signing the people to park in the back at Riccio Lot. That would allow more spaces in front to be signed for 2 hour parking.

Two hour parking was discussed. Mr. Florian suggested 25 or 30 more spots signed 2 hour parking would be good.

The Parking Authority said they would look at the issues and study them and come back with a response.

On street parking signed handicapped was discussed. There is no handicapped parking on street right now.

Mr. Salmeri said he would bring in the Parking Lot Statutes for the next meeting so everyone would be fully informed.

Meeting Schedule for 2008

The Chair advised the Parking Authority meets on the 1st Thursday of every month.

A 4:30 pm start time was discussed and everyone preferred the earlier start time.

Ms. Zommer made a motion to adopt the scheduled meetings and change the time to 4:30. Ms. Zoni seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Projects for 2008

- Existing Rules and Regulations were distributed to everyone as well as Proposed Changes to the Rules and Regulations. Between now and our next meeting, if you could look over the Rules & Regulations and the new changes. There might be other changes we need to hit upon.

- A synopsis of what we had done regarding 2-hour parking was distributed to everyone. And, also the change to the Overnight Parking. Just for you to have that.

- Dumpsters are something we're going to have to deal with this year. We have to conform. If you could take drive through the parking lots before the next meeting and take a look, we can then discuss it.

We can talk about how we want to approach the business owners about putting the dumpsters somewhere aesthetically pleasing and with safety for us in accordance with our Rules and Regulations.

- We will discuss the 2008 budget at the next meeting. We talked about doing the Quinipiac Lot this year. I'd like everyone to take a look at it and give their opinion as to whether they feel that lot needs to be done. It's 9 spaces that we have jurisdiction over.

Discussion.

Mr. Meyers asked who was responsible for the easement. Discussion followed and the Chair will get more information.

Mr. Salmeri will get estimates on what it would cost to do the parking lot.

- Line striping in the parking lot is a big project for 2008.

- Master planning for the future parking needs was discussed. Money for a parking study was discussed.

- Two hour parking signs were discussed. Removable signs were discussed.

Mr. Florian said he would volunteer to have his maintenance people in the lot do that if it is legal. The Chair will investigate that.

Our next meeting is January 3,2008.

The Chair brought up the fact that half of the D'Angelo lot is leased. Come 5 or 6 years from now, we have to know the story on that.

Ms. Zommer made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Mr. Salmeri. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

(Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 o'clock, p.m.)

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Rebecca Davis, Chair
Parking Authority