

**TOWN OF SOUTHLINGTON
PARKING AUTHORITY
Special Meeting
June 27, 2007**

A special meeting of the Parking Authority of the Town of Southington was held on June 27, 2007 at 4:38 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

Mr. Jones, Mr. Myers, Mr. Salmeri and Ms. Davis, Chair.

Absent: Ms. Zommer

A quorum was determined.

Apple Harvest Festival

John Ryan requested permission to use the Town's municipal parking lots again for the Apple Harvest Festival. Basically, everything is pretty much the same as last year.

We've had a Parking Task Force that has been meeting for about six months. Your Chair has been a part of that committee trying to address some of the parking issues that have arisen with the Festival and trying to come up with more structure for people for parking as well more effective use of the parking lots. Because the Festival is growing, there has been some concerns about safety and how to deal with that. Chief Daly is part of the Task Force, as well. We have some good conclusions and I think it's going to be easier this year.

I'll entertain questions.

The layout is basically the same as last year. Explained layout for the Festival.

Fliers are distributed indicating which lots will be closed and at what time. We can just as easily put up signs, if fliers are not desired.

Discussion.

Mr. Salmeri reminded everyone that the exhibitors on the new lot cannot drive stakes or posts. John Ryan said not stakes or posts are used. Any tents that are used are anchored with water barrels. The arts and crafts people know that they can't use any stakes. We don't use any stakes for anything, even on the Green.

The lower parking lot at Town Hall will be used for handicapped parking.

Discussion.

The parking lots for the one adjacent to the church and in Abby Park where the carnival goes will be closed down at midnight on Sunday night of the Monday before. Those are really closed for two weeks.

Discussion.

The other parking lots only get closed for the times of the festival when the streets get closed which are an hour before the Festival times.

The Legion lot is not closed. 98 Main is not closed. Bank of America is not closed. The pass-thru from Columbus to Center Place is not closed. Popular is not closed. Those are all open.

The Festival comes under the Town's insurance.

Small discussion about what a good job the Parking Authority did on repaving the lots.

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the Apple Harvest Festival parking lot beginning Sunday, September 23rd, 2007 running through Monday morning, October 8th, 2007 at 8:00 am.

Mr. Salmeri seconded the motion.

The Chair clarified the motion noting that would be for the Riccio and D'Angelo lot. And, the Fleet lot would be used the days as the Festival. (Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.)

Information and request for fliers

Mary Marcuccio and I'm a spokesman for a new group in Town called: Parents for A Change. I'd like to pass around to you the flier I am going to discuss.

My group is a new group and I do have information on it and I'll be happy to give you the information. Explained they are a group of parents concerned about the drug problem we have here in Town. We're trying to raise public awareness.

Discussion.

Our second goal is to create a network for parents to have a communication setting.

Discussion.

On the Townwide level, we'd like to work with other civic groups in Town to try to pool our resources because we all have the same goal just with different ways of getting there.

Discussion.

My reason for being here is we simply wanted to put the flier out for our meeting on parked cars.

Discussion.

I would like to ask if there is anything we do need to know, what we can or can't do.

The Chair said you always see signs on telephone poles and fliers on your cars, but no one has ever asked permission. From everything I can gather, liabilitywise --- it is a wonderful thing you're doing and it sounds like it's needed, but the problem is if we said you could do it and you start putting fliers on the cars and someone hit you, then the Town is liable. That is what I don't know how to get over.

Mr. Jones added we cannot give you permission to touch someone else's personal vehicle. That's their personal property.

Discussion.

Mr. Salmeri brought up the precedent setting of this if permission is given for this.

Litter is a potential problem, as well, and the cost to pick up the litter.

Discussion.

Other advertising methods were discussed.

A release of liability or hold harmless form was discussed.

We want to keep this a very informally, friend based organization of people that want to share.

Discussion.

We would consider, if it would help, joining with other groups with similar goals to put out this flier.

The Chair indicated she would check on the distribution of the fliers and the release of liability with Attorney Sciota and get back to her with an answer.

Submission of Bills and Payments

(1) Stenographer's bill for \$274.79.

Mr. Jones made a motion to pay the bill. Mr. Salmeri seconded. (Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.)

(2) Eagle Fencing invoice for \$14,750.

Mr. Jones made a motion to pay the invoice. Mr. Myers seconded. (Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.)

(3) John Meade Lawn Maintenance invoice for \$3,408.89.

Mr. Myers made a motion to pay the invoice. Mr. Jones seconded. (Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.)

(4) Anthony Musto, partial invoice for line striping the entire lot including painting the parking lot arrows, handicapped stalls, stenciling, painting the curbing and make sure all the lines that are supposed to be placed are in place over there. Total price for materials and labor is \$2,975.

In addition, he also restriped the Old Popular Lot, repainted that and that was an additional \$200. So I have a grant total of \$3,175 that we owe Mr. Musto.

What's not included in this bill is the American Legion Lot and we will have a bill forthcoming. And, there are approximately six signs that we have to have made.

Mr. Myers made a motion to pay the \$3,175 to Mr. Musto. Mr. Jones seconded. (Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.)

Mr. Salmeri advised the Tilcon bill is still outstanding. We have enough in our budget to pay that.

Summer Meetings

July 5, 2007 and August 3, 2007.

Mr. Salmeri made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Jones seconded. (Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.)

(Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 o'clock, p.m.)

Rebecca Davis, Chair

Southington Parking Authority