

TOWN OF SOUTHTON
PARKING AUTHORITY

The regular meeting of the Town of Southington Parking Authority was held on Wednesday September 1, 2010 at 2 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall, 75 Main Street, Southington, CT. Chairman John J. Solury, Jr. called the meeting to order at 2:10P. M.

Roll Call

Present were Chairman John J. Solury, Jr., Vice Chairman Dolores Babkirk-Rodrigues and Commissioner Mathew Florian. Commissioner Thomas DelSanto arrived a few minutes late.

Approval of the Minutes of June 3, 2010 meeting.

Commissioner DelSanto made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2010 meeting. Commissioner Florian seconded his motion and it passed on a voice vote.

Approval of the Minutes of July 1, 2010 meeting.

Commissioner Babkirk-Rodrigues made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2010 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner DelSanto and was passed on a voice vote

Public Communications

None.

Commissioner Communications

Chairman Solury presented a letter dated August 26 from the Town Manager's secretary. Apparently a Fed EX driver complained that there was no loading dock at the Branford Hall area which forced him to use a Handicapped space. People complained about his parking and he registered his complaint at the Town Manager's office. There was some discussion about the need for designated loading areas.

There is a letter dated August 11 from Frank Bonilla of Branford Hall. He had a complaint about some lighting that came down at the rear of the Riccio Way lot and there were some lights that were not working. Chairman Solury reported that he spoke with the Assistant Town Manager/Town Attorney Mark Sciota, who informed him that he had authorized repair of this. A letter from the Engineering Department dated August 19 stated that there was some wiring that needed to be done and there would be a charge of \$480, the bill enclosed. Chairman Solury drove through the lot at night and found it to be well-lighted. Solury acknowledged that he has been in touch with Mr. Bonilla to report this progress.

Solury also received a complaint about Center St. In front of Move Over Martha's, there was some brickwork being done and barricades were put up blocking parking spaces. On street parking was involved and the complainant was advised to contact the police department. Solury also spoke with Officer Mullens.

Commissioner Babkirk-Rodrigues noted that the handrail on the steps to the church in the D'Angelo lot are unstable and in need of repair. It was decided to walk over there after this meeting to assess the situation. That area is well used and needs to be in safe condition before the Apple Harvest Festival.

Commissioner DelSanto questioned the change in meeting day and time. Chairman Solury explained that this was a planned change due to work conflicts. This is the only meeting to be held on Wednesday.

Submission of Bills and Payments

In addition to the stenographer's bill of \$106, a bill is presented for ongoing maintenance of the lots in the amount of \$740 and a bill for \$480 for restringing 210' of wire in the Riccio Way lot, putting two poles and two floodlights back into operation, as requested by Anita Turnquist. The work was completed on August 17. There was some discussion about the repair bill for the lighting. Commissioner Florian questions if this is the Parking Authority's responsibility. It is not reflected in the very tight budget of the Parking Authority for this fiscal year and if the money runs out at the end of the year, the town will need to be approached for additional funds. Chairman Solury reported that he has spoken with Mark Sciota, Assistant Town Manager/Town Attorney about this and has been directed to pay this bill. There was some discussion about this. It was agreed that somebody must pay the bill and so the Parking Authority will. Therefore, at the direction of the Town Attorney/Assistant Town Manager, Commissioner Florian made a motion to pay the bills as presented, with a concern that the \$480 is not reflected in the budget. Commissioner Babkirk-Rodrigues seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

Chairman Solury noted that the Parking Authority budget should be drafted earlier next year.

Signs

Commissioner DelSanto reported on the sign project. Now that the Park and Recreation Department (who has been placing and/or replacing municipal lot signs as time allows) falls under the Highway Department, there has been some mention of future shared funding for the sign work. This information is contrary to Commissioner DelSanto's arrangements. Apparently, there was some misunderstanding about contacts between the departments. DelSanto asked to resign from the sign subcommittee. Solury asked for an inventory of the location of the signs that have been ordered.

Bank of America Lot Islands/Restriping

Chairman Solury announced that the \$4400 earmarked for this project has been approved for carryover by the Board of Finance. Commissioner Florian will secure proper estimates for the islands. The agreed-upon plans were reviewed. Florian will report back so that this project will go forward.

Use of the Municipal Lot APPLE HARVEST FESTIVAL

Chairman Solury presented a request from Jim Champagne for permission to use the Riccio and Bank of America municipal lots for the Apple Harvest Festival to be held this year on October 1,2,3 and then 8,9 and 10. Accommodations closely resemble previous years. Champagne was present and spoke to the Parking Authority and answered questions. He also presented a map of the vendor areas and planned use of the public areas. The carnival will be all together in a different place this year. He also noted that there is new lighting available in the Bank of America lot, behind the stage, on a dusk-to-dawn basis, and one in the Riccio Way lot, lighting the bottom area. salvaged from the South End school demolition and installed by a local electrical contractor. He expressed thanks to Annette in Engineering for her help. Previously it cost \$2100 to rent generators to provide light to these areas. This year the cost is 0. It is a major addition to the area and the lights are permanent. Branford Hall will graciously bus students from Derynoski to free up the Riccio lot on festival days. Following some discussion Commissioner Babkirk-Rodrigues made a motion to approve Mr. Champagne's request as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Florian. The Chairman asked for a roll call vote: Solury=yes, Babkirk-Rodrigues=yes, Florian=yes.

Adjournment

Commissioner Babkirk-Rodrigues made a motion to adjourn at 2:40 P. M. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Florian and passed on a voice vote.

John J. Solury, Jr.
Chairman
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