

TOWN OF SOUTHTON
PARKING AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 1, 2010

The regular meeting of the Southington Parking Authority was held on Thursday, July 1, 2010 in the lower level conference room at the Town Hall, 75 Main Street, Southington, CT. The meeting was called to order by Chairman John J. Solury, Jr. at 2:12PM.

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

Roll Call

Present were John J. Solury, Jr., Chairperson, Dolores Babkirk-Rodrigues, Vice Chairperson, Commissioners Mark Dziubek and Thomas DelSanto, Sr.

Approval of Minutes of June 3, 2010.

Tabled, due to lack of quorum of commissioners there present.

Public Communications

There were none.

Commissioner Communications

Commissioner Dziubek reported that there has been a problem with the new lot maintenance firm, Schmidt Landscaping, not keeping up. He made some calls and listened to some excuses. Mark drove around the lots today and found them to be in acceptable condition. They are due to be hydro seeded soon and existing plantings will be requiring attention. He expressed hope that their performance will improve as they become acclimated. Terms of the contract were reviewed.

Commissioner Babkirk-Rodrigues reported that the hold harmless agreement between the town and the YMCA has been signed by all parties. She will be delivering it to the YMCA and notifying the involved restaurants that their employees may park at the Y after 4:30 on Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday. Commissioner DelSanto remarked that it would be wise to remind those using the Y parking lot, that it is a privilege. YMCA rules apply, and to please be careful about litter. There is no overnight parking in the Y parking lot. The YMCA will notify the Southington Police Department of this arrangement.

Commissioner DelSanto reported that he toured the lots with Chairman Solury to assess the condition of all signs. He also noted that the Park Department has been merged with the Highway Department as of today, and it may be necessary to engage in a new procedure to secure permission for the Park Department to erect parking authority signs. He will report back.

There was a discussion about the retirement, or pending retirement, of Bernie Mullens from the police department.

Commissioner DelSanto reported on signs that he has ordered. The handicapped signs need to be updated. The fine posted is incorrect.

The commission discussed updating the signs outlining the rules of the parking lots. It was noted that some have had some information taped over and no one is aware by whom, for what reason. An attempt will be made to delete some redundant information, so that the signs can be smaller and easier to read. The rules must be posted in order that the police can enforce them. After considerable discussion, it was decided to meet with the new traffic enforcement officer and discuss this with him or her.

Chairman Solury discussed the carryover funds he has requested for the island project in progress in the Bank of America lot. He reviewed the plans for the benefit of the commissioners who were not present at the June meeting. It was felt that since there was a paucity of bids, a few more should be solicited, in deference to the taxpayers, before this work is awarded.

Submission of Bills and Payments

The stenographer's bill is filed for payment.

Signs

Discussed under Commissioner Communications.

Bank of America Lot Islands/ Restriping

Tabled in the absence of Commissioner Florian.

Use of Municipal Lot

Apple Harvest Festival

Chairman Solury read a written request from Jim Champagne for use of the municipal lots during the Apple Harvest Festival planned for October 1, 2 and 3 and 8, 9, and 10. Last year's request was reviewed. There is apparently some question about funding for security that puts the Apple Harvest Festival in jeopardy. Jim did not appear before the commission to answer questions. No action was taken.

Adjustment

Commissioner Dziubek called for adjournment at 2:55PM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Babkirk-Rodrigues and all were in favor of adjournment.

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