

City of Norwich
TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes
June 9, 2010

Members Present

B. Merritt, Chairman
G. Brookins
G. Cleveland
K. Perez

Present

D. Smith, ACP

Meeting called to order by Chairman Merritt at 7-30PM.

Motion to approve the minutes from the May 2010 meeting made by G. Brookins and seconded by K. Perez. – Approved.

Correspondence: I read a letter from Ron Shapiro addressed to Mayor Mauirano addressing his concerns about the Diamond Street / Walnut Street curve. Ron gave to ideas that he wished to see done which are as follows:

- 1) Paint a yellow line in the center of the curve to keep traffic in line going around the curve.
- 2) School buses do come down the street – weight control sign.

Discussion ensued on this matter. After discussion G. Brookins made a motion to paint a center line in order to help keep traffic in their own lanes, but take no action in regards to buses on the street. Seconded by K. Perez. All in favor.

Old Business:

CMH issue – I advised that I had received a call from Preston Hertag from DOT Binghamton, stating the letter explaining the issue at hand was sent to him. He stated that he had put in a work order for a site inspection. He stated that an inspection will be conducted in the near future in regards to the entrance and we should have the results of that inspection and their ideas sent to us within a couple months.

Chairman Merritt advised the four way signs have not been placed at the Plymouth Street / Cortland Street intersection. DPW was advised of this and stated they would need to order some signs and then they would be put up on the Stop Signs.

I advised of the statistics I found in reference to motor vehicle accidents at the intersections of Eaton Ave / Elm Street and Conkey Ave / Elm Street.

Since January 1st 2008 to date at the Eaton Ave/ Elm Street intersection there have been 3 property damage accidents and 1 personal injury accident while during the same time at

the Conkey Ave / Elm Street intersection there has been 1 property damage accident and no personal injury accidents.

Chairman Merritt advised on Broad Street in front of Rite Aid there is an arrow on the pavement showing that south bound traffic can turn left into the Rite Aid parking lot which contradicts the no left turn sign. Committee thought the simplest solution to this matter would be to paint over the arrow blackening the arrow out.

Committee advised the tree / shrubs in the box at the intersection of Birdsall and Hale Streets is creating more of a hazard every month it is not trimmed. Advised Code Enforcement would send a letter to the property owner advising the tree needs to be trimmed to open up visibility at that location.

New Business:

G. Brookins advised the hedge near the County Office building parking lot at Court Street and Fair Street needs to be trimmed as it obstructs the view of people leaving the lot.

Chairman Merritt advised of a concern passed on to him from Mayor Maurano and Alderman Jeffrey of parking on West Midland Drive. The issue is residents from Norwich Court Apartments are parking on West Midland Drive near the curve which turns into Westcott Street. A resident in the area claims the vehicles parking there are creating a hazard.

Committee agreed to monitor this situation and report back at the next meeting with their opinions and any solutions in regards to this matter.

With no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made by G. Cleveland and seconded by K. Perez.

Meeting adjourned at 7-55PM.

Next Meeting
September 8, 2010
7-30PM