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**ORANGE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICE  
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS/TRAFFIC AUTHORITY**

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COMMISSIONER ROY CUZZOCREO  
COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER CARVETH

COMMISSIONER JOHN BARTON

COMMISSIONER MARIAN HURLEY  
COMMISSIONER NYJAHWAHN WALKER

**TRAFFIC AUTHORITY  
Monday April 10, 2023 – 4:30 p.m.**

**Unapproved Minutes**

Pledge of Allegiance

Commission Chairman Barton called the Traffic Authority Meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

**Commissioners Present:**

Commissioner Jack Barton  
Commissioner Nyjahwahn Walker  
Commissioner Chris Carveth (via ZOOM)  
Commissioner Roy Cuzzocreo  
Commissioner Marian Hurley

**Commissioners Absent:**

**Also Present:**

Police Chief Robert Gagne  
Assistant Police Chief Max Martins  
Kathy Gulia, Board Secretary  
Anne Marie Zsamba, Director Municipal Compliance, Southern CT Wellness & Healing Dispensary;  
Richard D'Andrea, Ass't Department Manager Colliers Engineering & Design; Marjorie Shansky, Esq, attorney  
for Southern CT Wellness & Healing Dispensary  
Attorney Vin Marino (Orange Town Attorney)  
Vahid Karimi, WSP (via Zoom)  
Jeffrey Litwak, 784 Mapledale Road  
Pat and Sheila Panza 357 Lindy Street  
Jesse Parks, 12 Founders Way (joined meeting at 4:55 p.m.)

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**Minutes**

Commissioner Hurley seconded by Commissioner Walker, made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2023 Traffic Authority Meeting. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**Old Business**

**175 Boston Post Road proposed Southern CT Wellness & Healing Dispensary:** Chief Gagne updated the Board advising that since our last meeting the peer review conducted by WSP had been submitted to Planning and Zoning and it determined that there is no impact to the Boston Post Road. In addition, Chief Gagne spoke with the State of CT who also felt there is no impact to Boston Post Road, therefore no need for their involvement. He added that Planning and Zoning approved this project with a driveway modification and since they approved

**Old Business (continued)**

it the Commissions involvement is administrative. Town Attorney Vin Marino is present for any necessary clarifications. Commissioner Cuzzocreo seconded by Commissioner Hurley made a motion that the Board approve Chief Gagne signing the plan allowing the project to move forward. **The motion passed unanimously.**

At 4:43 p.m. Attorney Marino, Vahid Karimi, Anne Marie Szamba, Attorney Marjorie Shansky & Richard D'Andrea left the meeting

**New Business**

None.

**Correspondence**

Jeff Litwak, 784 Mapledale Road: Mr. Litwak sent a letter and joined to discuss the issue of speeding on his road. He thanked Chief Gagne, Lieutenant LaPlante and the Department for the use of the speed trailer and enforcement and asked about the possibility of speed bumps or any other measure to reduce the speed. Discussion ensued and Chief Gagne advised that enforcement is the best solution and that speeding is a problem on many streets and towns. He explained that speed humps are not approved, his use of orange cones on his yard are acceptable and that best efforts are being made with enforcement efforts. Mr. Litwak left the meeting at 4:51 p.m.

Prior to adjourning the meeting Mr. Panza of Lindy Street asked Commissioner Barton if they could be heard. Commissioner Barton agreed at 4:54 p.m. with Chief Gagne explaining that this is for informational and discussion purposes only.

Discussion ensued with Mr. Panza explaining his concerns with the drive thru and potential traffic backups, the leasing of parking spaces at Hitchcock Plaza, the lack of a Town Referendum, the safety of the children living on Lindy Street and the training of officers to handle potential situations. Chief Gagne assured him that 15 of our officers are trained in ARIDE and that POSTC plans to have regional DRE officers. He also assured him that we will be in touch with the management of Southern CT Wellness and Healing Dispensary if any issues arise and that they have a very robust security plan. He has spoken with Chiefs in Branford, New Haven, Westport and Massachusetts and they are not having any issues.

Mr. Parks added saying he had issues in Milford near a surgery center he owned that was near a dispensary and cited problems in Fall River.

The Commissioners assured Mr. and Mrs. Panza and Mr. Parks that they understood their concerns. Chief Gagne added that we are in the position of policing and monitoring what the State Legislature has approved and will be monitoring it and making suggestions as needed.

Pat and Shelia Panza and Jesse Parks left the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

Commissioner Hurley seconded by Commissioner Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 p.m. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Gulia, Board Secretary