



ORANGE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICE
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TRAFFIC AUTHORITY
Monday, May 3, 2021 – 4:30 p.m.
SPECIAL MEETING

Notice: In accordance with Governor Lamont's Executive Order 7B regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting will be held remotely with no in-person attendance. If you wish to attend this meeting remotely, you must pre-register with Board Secretary Kathy Gulia at kgulia@orange-ct.gov or 203-891-2136.

Unapproved Minutes

Commissioner Carveth called the Special Meeting for the Traffic Authority to order at 4:33 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioners Present:

Commissioner Roy Cuzzocreo
Commissioner Marian Hurley
Commissioner Chris Carveth
Commissioner Nyjahwahn Walker

Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner Jack Barton

Also Present:

Police Chief Robert Gagne
Assistant Chief Max Martins
Commission Secretary Kathy Gulia
Michael Ott, PE, Summer Hill Civil Engineering & Land Surveying
David Sullivan, PE, SLR
Mr. Ott and Mr. Sullivan represent the Firelite Commons and joined the meeting at 4:35 p.m. and left at 5:42p.m.

Old Business

Commissioner Carveth explained the purpose of the meeting was to reconvene with the representatives of Firelite Commons to address the concerns that the Board had from our last meeting.

Mr. Sullivan began with a presentation of the traffic study that was done examining the 4 major intersections that would be impacted, Lambert Road and Old Tavern Road, Boston Post Rd and South Lambert Road, Racebrook Road and Boston Post Road and Smith Farm Road and Boston Post Road. He explained the impact according the numbers used by the Institute of Traffic Engineers. He also explained they have been working with the CT DOT on signal timing, especially for the Racebrook Road and Lambert Road intersections where

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he feels the timing needs to be reduced from 3 minutes to 150 seconds. The conclusion is that there will not be a significant traffic impact and that they will maintain and improve the level of service, reduce the curb cuts from 7 to 5, narrow the driveways and install a new sidewalk on the Firelite side of Old Tavern Road.

Mr. Sullivan continued with a presentation on parking. They are providing 226 parking spots and included peak parking needs for weekdays and weekends for the residential, retail, office and banking needs.

Commissioner Carveth asked if the parking estimates took into account how many people are now telecommuting, Mr. Sullivan responded they did not as all numbers are pre-covid.

Commissioner Carveth also asked about a sidewalk on the opposite side of Old Tavern Road, explaining there are many businesses there that residents would likely walk to including CVS, Elis, Dip Top, the bank, etc. Mr. Ott said there was not a plan for a sidewalk on that side of Old Tavern Road.

Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of adding a pedestrian cross walk. Mr. Sullivan said that is possible.

Commissioner Hurley questioned the conclusion of no significant traffic impact, emphasizing that the conclusion assumes the CT DOT will adopt the suggestion to change the signal timing, but there is no guarantee that will happen.

A question regarding the number of parking spots that would be gained if the "Nuvita" building was removed was posed, Mr. Ott said it would add 16 spots. The current proposal is to double the size of the "Nuvita" building not remove it.

Discussion ensued with all of the Commissioners expressing major concerns for pedestrian safety due to lack of sidewalks, cross walks, etc. Chief Gagne pointed out that page 2 of the February 24, 2021 traffic study recognizes that, "There are no sidewalks in the study area and there are very limited roadway pedestrian crossings/crosswalks, making walking conditions poor." Also questioned was the conclusion of a lack of significant traffic impact from this plaza, which is currently primarily empty (with traffic congestion already present) and will now add 72 apartments as well as retail and commercial space.

Commissioner Carveth ended the discussion part of the meeting at 5:38 p.m. and asked Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Ott if they would like the Board to vote on this or table it until the pedestrian safety issues are addressed. He added that the Board would be remiss if they did not address this safety issue.

Mr. Ott requested it be tabled and they will present at the next Traffic Authority Meeting on May 10, 2021.

Commissioner Hurley, seconded by Commissioner Cuzzocreo made a motion to reconvene with Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Ott at the next meeting May 10, 2021. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Commissioner Hurley, seconded by Commissioner Cuzzocreo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:43 p.m. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Gulia, Board Secretary