

STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, August 08, 2007

In attendance were:

Ms. Janis Loiselle

Mr. Bernie Frezza

Chief Thomas P. Tighe

Ms. Janis Loiselle declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and, upon a motion duly made and seconded, were unanimously accepted by the State Traffic Commission. It was voted to continue to follow the procedures and policy of the State Traffic Commission as previously established.

Old Business

BRISTOL ==> METACOM AV HWY 136

Creation Date

6/12/2007

Disposition

Continued

Item Number

40401

Request from Representatives Raymond E. Galison and Douglas W. Gablinski for the following:

Metacom Ave. (southbound) – a right turn only lane onto Gooding Ave.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made

Mr. Bernie Frezza

Motion 2nd

Chief Thomas P. Tighe

Voting Results

Unanimous

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BRISTOL ==> METACOM AV HWY 136

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/6/2007	Continued	40355

Request from Representatives Raymond E. Gallison and Douglas W. Gablinske for the following:

Metacom Ave. (northbound) – a dedicated left turn lane onto Tupelo St.
Metacom Ave. (southbound) – a dedicated left turn lane onto Michael Dr.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Unanimous

BRISTOL ==> METACOM AV HWY 136

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/6/2007	Continued	40357

Request from Representatives Raymond E. Gallison and Douglas W. Gablinske for the following:

Metacom Ave. (southbound) – a dedicated left turn lane into the CVS /
Cumberland Farms Shopping Plaza.
Metacom Ave. (southbound) – a dedicated right turn lane onto Bay View Ave.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

BRISTOL ==> METACOM AV HWY 136

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/6/2007	Continued	40356

Request from Representatives Raymond E. Gallison and Douglas W. Gablinske for the following:

Metacom Ave. (southbound) – a dedicated left turn lane onto Annawamscutt Dr.
Metacom Ave. (northbound) – a dedicated right turn lane onto Annawamscutt Dr.
Annawamscutt Dr. (westbound) - a dedicated right turn lane onto Metacom Ave.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

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BRISTOL ==> METACOM AV HWY 136

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/5/2007	Continued	40349

Request from Representatives Raymond E. Gallison and Douglas W. Gablinske for the following:

Metacom Ave. (southbound) – a dedicated left turn lane onto Fatima Dr.
Metacom Ave. (northbound) – a dedicated right turn lane onto Fatima Dr.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Unanimous

BURRILLVILLE ==> BRONCO HW HWY 102

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
6/29/2007	Denied	40403

Request from the Burrilville Police for a speed study to lower the posted speed limit from 50 MPH to 35 MPH in the area of Bronco Highway (Rt. 102) between the intersections of East Avenue (Rt. 107) and Glendale Meadow Road.

Comments: Speed study was completed and the 85th per centile was 48 MPH southbound and 46 MPH northbound. It was also determined the road is straight with good sight distance. Thus the request was denied.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Unanimous

COVENTRY ==> VICTORY HW HWY 102

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
6/6/2007	Continued	40396

Request from Representative Nicholas Gorham for the installation of a four way stop condition or a red flasher signal for all four approaches at the intersection of Rt. 102 and Rt. 117.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Unanimous

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EAST PROVIDENCE ==> HENDERSON BRIDGE

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
4/5/2007	Action Taken	40372

Request from East Providence Public Works to review the off ramp for signing and / or configuration to Massasoit Ave. from the Henderson Bridge northbound.

Comments:

Action Taken: Study determined geometry of the ramp was an acceptable design and additional warning signs was recommended to the City of East Providence for Massasoit Ave.

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

EAST PROVIDENCE ==> WATERMAN AV

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/5/2007	Action Taken	40406

Request from the City of East Providence to review the intersection of Warren Ave. and Waterman Ave. for possible re-stripping of the intersection to improve traffic flow.

Comments:

Action Taken: Approved to re-stripe a left turn lane on Warren Ave.

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

EXETER ==> S COUNTY TL HWY 2

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
6/5/2007	Action Taken	40385

Request from the Town of Exeter to review the need for a crosswalk on South County Trail (Rt. 2) from the entrance to the Ladd Center to the Post Office / Bus Stop and conduct a study for a traffic signal for this area of Exeter Road.

Comments:

Action Taken: Approved to change previously approved flashing signal to a traffic signal and a interim crosswalk and pedestrian signs.

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Unanimous

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JOHNSTON ==>> HARTFORD AV US 6

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
6/5/2007	Continued	40387

Request from Representative Stephen R. Ucci for the following:

The installation of left arrow turn signals at all existing lights (Reservoir Avenue, Brown Avenue and Rollingwood).

A center turn lane to enable safer turning for all of the side streets on Hartford Avenue, in particular Belfield Drive and Scenic View Drive.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

LINCOLN ==>> OLD RIVER RD HWY 126

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
6/29/2007	Continued	40404

Request from Mr. James R. Jahnz Lincoln Council Vice President for a study to recommend a safety upgrade on Old River Rd. (Rt. 126) at the Albion Rd. / School St. intersection.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Unanimous

MIDDLETOWN ==>> E MAIN RD HWY 138

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/5/2007	Denied	40336

Request from Representative Amy G. Rice for the installation of a traffic signal on East Main Road at Mitchells Lane will be continued until July 11,2007 meeting. At that time this intersection will be studied to determine if warrants will be met.

Comments: Did not meet warrants.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Unanimous

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NARRAGANSETT ==>> OCEAN RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
6/5/2007	Action Taken	40389

Request from the Narragansett Police for the installation of a crosswalk on Ocean Rd. at the intersection of Sakonnet Blvd.

Comments:

Action Taken: Warrants were not met to install a marked crosswalk. Approved to replace missing pedestrian warning signs for unmarked crosswalks.

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Unanimous

SMITHFIELD ==>> PUTNAM PK US 44

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
5/2/2007	Continued	40378

Requests from the Town of Smithfield Traffic Safety Commission as follows:

Evaluate the need for the existing parking regulations on Putnam Pike (U.S. Rt. 44), from West Greenville Road to the Gloucester Town Line.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Unanimous

SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==>> HWY 138

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/5/2007	Denied	40338

Request from Representative Donald J. Lally, Jr. for the installation of a traffic signal on Rt. 138 at its intersection with Stony Fort Road and Broad Rock Road.

Comments: It was found that the geometry of the intersection was not conducive for signalization.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

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WOONSOCKET ==> DIAMOND HILL RD HWY 114

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
6/6/2007	Continued	40393

Request from Senator Marc A. Cote and Representative Roger A. Picard to approve the installation of sequence turn arrows at the intersection of Mendon Road and Diamond Hill Road (Rt. 114).

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Unanimous

New Business

GLOCESTER ==> CHOPMIST HILL RD RT 102

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/2/2007	Approved	40408

Request from RIDOT to approve the existing Stop sign on Chopmist Hill Road (Rt. 102) at Putnam Pike (U.S. Rt. 44).

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

GLOCESTER ==> PUTNAM PK US 44

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/2/2007	Approved	40409

Request from RIDOT to approve the existing Stop sign on Tanyard Lane at Putnam Pike (U.S.Rt. 44).

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Unanimous

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JOHNSTON ==>> GEORGE WATERMAN RD HWY 128

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/2/2007	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 40410
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Request from RIDOT for the right turn from George Waterman Road onto Smith St. be signalized.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Bernie Frezza	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Chief Thomas P. Tighe	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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JOHNSTON ==>> PUTNAM PK US 44

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/2/2007	<i>Disposition</i> No Action	<i>Item Number</i> 40416
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Request under House Resolution 2007 - H5150 for the installation of a traffic signal at the 170 block on Putnam Pike (U.S. Rt. 44).

Comments: Issue was heard and acted on in the past year and conditions have not changed to warrant an additional study.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Chief Thomas P. Tighe	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. Bernie Frezza	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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LINCOLN ==>> GEORGE WASHINGTON HWY HWY 116

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/2/2007	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 40417
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Request from RIDOT to approve the existing No U Turn restriction on Rt. 116 southbound at the island opening opposite the Rt. 146 northbound off ramp.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Bernie Frezza	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Chief Thomas P. Tighe	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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MIDDLETOWN ==> AQUIDNECK AV HWY 138A

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/2/2007	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 40418
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Request from RIDOT to remove the existing crosswalk on Aquidneck Ave. at Newport Ave.

Comments: This crosswalk was removed in conjunction with the new crosswalk that was approved during the July 11, 2007 meeting.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Bernie Frezza	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Chief Thomas P. Tighe	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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NEW SHOREHAM ==> DODGE ST

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/2/2007	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 40411
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Request from RIDOT for the installation of a crosswalk on Dodge St. in front of the Town Library.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Bernie Frezza	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Chief Thomas P. Tighe	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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NEW SHOREHAM ==> WATER ST

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/2/2007	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 40412
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Request from RIDOT for the installation of crosswalks on Water Street at the following locations:

At Chapel, Pole #8, Fountain Square (northern leg), and at the Post Office.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Chief Thomas P. Tighe	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. Bernie Frezza	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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NORTH KINGSTOWN ==> BROWN ST HWY 1A

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/3/2007	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 40427
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Request from RIDOT for Yield signs at the intersections of Phillips / Brown Streets. and Brown / West Main Streets.

Comments:

Action Taken: Chairperson Janis Loiselle request to also approved Yield warning signs in advance of the intersection.

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Bernie Frezza	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Chief Thomas P. Tighe	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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PORTSMOUTH ==> E MAIN RD HWY 138

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/2/2007	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 40413
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Request from RIDOT for pedestrian heads and push buttons at East Main Rd. and Turnpike Ave.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Bernie Frezza	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Chief Thomas P. Tighe	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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PORTSMOUTH ==> PARK AV

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/2/2007	<i>Disposition</i> Study	<i>Item Number</i> 40414
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Request from RIDOT for a pedestrian study to determine appropriate crosswalk locations along Park Ave.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Bernie Frezza	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Chief Thomas P. Tighe	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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SMITHFIELD ==>> DOUGLAS PK HWY 7

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/2/2007	Approved	40419

Request from RIDOT under a PAPA to approve the proposed signal on Rt. 7 at Essex St.

Comments: Subject to the Fidelity Company paying for the design and installation of the signal. RIDOT will maintain the signal once it is installed.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==>> TOWER HILL RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/2/2007	Approved	40420

Request from RIDOT for painted pavement marking arrows on Tower Hill Road at its intersection with Narragansett Ave. as follows:

Tower Hill Rd.- Indicate left lane for left turn only with painted pavement marking left arrow and only.

Tower Hill Rd.- Indicate right lane for right turn and straight through only movements with painted pavement markings right and straight arrows and only.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==>> TOWER HILL RD US RT 1

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/2/2007	Approved	40421

Request from RIDOT to approve the existing No U Turn signs for both directions and existing traffic signals on Tower Hill Rd. at the Half Moon Trail jug-handle and Torrey Lane jug-handle.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

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WARREN ==>> MAIN ST HWY 114

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/2/2007	Study	40422

Request from the Town of Warren to approve a NO Left Turn on Main St. (Rt. 114) northbound onto Miller St. The Town of Warren is requesting this turn restriction to be approved or offer advice to correct the situation of congestion at this intersection.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

WARWICK ==>> CORONADO RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/2/2007	No Action	40423

Request from Representative Al Gemma for the installation of a delay left turn signal for Coronado Road westbound onto Jefferson Blvd.

Comments: The intersection is not under the jurisdiction of the STC, thus there was no action on this request.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Unanimous

WARWICK ==>> GREENWICH AV HWY 5

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/2/2007	Study	40424

Request from Representative Al Gemma for a 4 Way Stop at the intersection of Greenwich Ave. and West Natick Rd. / Reed St.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

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WARWICK ==>>> GREENWICH AV HWY 5

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/2/2007	<i>Disposition</i> Study	<i>Item Number</i> 40425
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Request from Representative Al Gemma for a Stop sign on Greenwich Ave. northbound at King St. and North St.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Bernie Frezza	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Chief Thomas P. Tighe	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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WARWICK ==>>> GREENWICH AV HWY 5

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/2/2007	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 40415
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Request from RIDOT under a PAPA for a traffic signal at Route 5 and Crowne Plaza driveway.

Comments: Approved based on the Crown Plaza will pay for the design and installation of the signal. Once the signal is install RIDOT will maintain.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Bernie Frezza	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Chief Thomas P. Tighe	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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Special Event

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STATEWIDE

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/2/2007	Approved	40426

Request from the following Cities and Towns to use state highways as designated in their letters to the STC.

JOHNSTON - St. Rocco Procession on August 19, 2007 beginning at 1:30 PM. (Atwood Ave. and Plainfield St.)

SMITHFIELD - Smithfield Lions Club to hold their Annual Striding for Smithfield 5K on 9/23/2007 beginning at 10:30 AM. (Pleasant View Ave.)

SOUTH KINGSTOWN - The Peace Dale Arts Initiative on 9/9/2007 beginning at 2:30 PM (Railroad St.), St. Francis Church to hold their 10th Annual 5K on 10/6/2007 beginning at 9:00 AM (Kingstown Rd., Main St., High St.), Mews Tavern's "Gear and Beer" 5K Road Race on 11/18/2007 beginning at 12:00 PM (High St.) and the Town's Annual Veteran's Day Parade on 11/11/2007 beginning at 10:00 AM (Main St. and High St.).

WESTERLY - The Roger H. Schonning 5K Road Race on 9/11/2007 (Broad St., Beach St., Grove Ave., High St.) , the Greater Westerly American Heart Walk on 9/29/2007 (Broad St., Beach St., East Ave.) and the Ocean Community YMCA Triathlon on 9/23/2007 (Shore Road).

WEST WARWICK – The Portuguese Holy Ghost Society on 9/2/2007 and 9/3/2007 (Main St. and Providence St.).

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Mr. Bernie Frezza

Motion 2nd
Chief Thomas P. Tighe

Voting Results
Unanimous

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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, September 12, 2007 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 10:32AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE
Secretary

Approved: _____

Ms. Janis Loiselle
Acting Chairperson