

STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, December 12, 2007

In attendance were:

Ms. Janis Loiselle

Mr. Bernie Frezza

Chief Thomas P. Tighe

Mr. John DiTomasso

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

BARRINGTON ==> COUNTY RD HWY 114 AND 103

Creation Date

11/8/2007

Disposition

Action Taken

Item Number

40463

Request from the Town of Barrington for the installation of a crosswalk on County Road (Rt. 114) at Markwood Drive.

Comments:

Action Taken: Approved based on Wal Green will pay for the installation of the wheel chair ramps and crosswalk.

Motion Made

Mr. Bernie Frezza

Motion 2nd

Chief Thomas P. Tighe

Voting Results

Unanimous

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COVENTRY ==> FLAT RIVER RD HWY 117

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/8/2007	Approved	40465

Request from the Coventry Police for the following:

For the Western Coventry Elementary School installation of No Parking – Student Drop Off 8:00AM to 8:30AM for 3 vehicle spaces on the east side of Rt. 117 from the existing crosswalk to the gate fence.

Relocate the directional sign on Rt. 102 southbound at Rt. 117.

Comments: No Action on the relocation of the directional sign on Rt. 102

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Mr. John DiTomasso	Unanimous

COVENTRY ==> KNOTTY OAK RD HWY 116

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/8/2007	Approved	40464

Request from the Coventry Police for the following:

Relocate the School Flashing Light from the Flat River Middle School on Rt. 117 to Knotty Oak Road in the vicinity of Foster Drive for the Alan Shawn Middle School.

Comments:

Action Taken: Approved based on the Town will pay for and maintain the flashers and school sign.

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

COVENTRY ==> NOOSENECK HILL RD HWY 3

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/8/2007	Denied	40467

Request from the Coventry Police to reduce the 45 MPH speed limit zone to 35 MPH on Rt. 3 between Reservoir Rd. to Harkney Hill Rd.

Comments: Speedstudy indicated the posted speed is set appropriately.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Mr. John DiTomasso	Unanimous

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COVENTRY ==> TIOGUE AV HWY 3

<i>Creation Date</i> 11/8/2007	<i>Disposition</i> No Action	<i>Item Number</i> 40466
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Request from Coventry Police for the following:

Review the 45 MPH sign posting, which may have been previously posted as a 35 MPH zone in the vicinity of 1049 Tiogue Avenue.

Comments: RIDOT will rvelocate speed limit signs and install new signs as needed.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
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LITTLE COMPTON ==> COLEBROOK RD

<i>Creation Date</i> 11/8/2007	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 40470
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Request from RIDOT for a speed study on Colebrook Road.

Comments: Speed study showed 40 MPH speed limit is appropriate.

Action Taken: Approved 40 MPH.

<i>Motion Made</i> Chief Thomas P. Tighe	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. John DiTomasso	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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LITTLE COMPTON ==> LONG HW

<i>Creation Date</i> 11/8/2007	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 40469
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Request from RIDOT for a speed study on Long Highway.

Comments: Speed study showed 40 MPH speed limit is appropriate.

Action Taken: Approved 40 MPH.

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Bernie Frezza	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. John DiTomasso	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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LITTLE COMPTON ==>> PECKHAM RD

<i>Creation Date</i> 11/8/2007	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 40468
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Request from RIDOT for a speed study on Peckham Road.

Comments: Speed study showed 40 MPH speed limit is appropriate.

Action Taken: Approved 40 MPH.

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Bernie Frezza	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. John DiTomasso	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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NORTH SMITHFIELD ==>> FARNUM PK HWY 5

<i>Creation Date</i> 11/8/2007	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 40473
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Request from the Town of North Smithfield for the installation of crosswalks at the intersection of Rt. 104 and Rt. 5. This will be at the intersection of Farnum Pike (Rt. 5), Providence Pike (Rt. 5) and Greenville Road (Rt. 104).

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Bernie Frezza	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. John DiTomasso	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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PORTSMOUTH ==>> E MAIN RD HWY 138

<i>Creation Date</i> 9/6/2007	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 40442
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Request from Representative Amy G. Rice for the installation of a traffic control device on East Main Road at Glen Road.

Comments: The intersection met a warrant and traffic signal was endorsed by the Town of Portsmouth and the Portsmouth Police. The Town may pay for the installation if the Town wishes to have signal prior to the year 2010. Mr. Bernie Frezza opposed and voted nay.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Chief Thomas P. Tighe	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. John DiTomasso	<i>Voting Results</i> Majority
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PROVIDENCE ==> ELMWOOD AV US 1

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/8/2007	Continued	40477

Crosswalk across Elmwood Avenue on the north side of the intersection at Thurston Street.
Crosswalk across Elmwood Avenue on the south side of the intersection at Carlisle Street.

RIDOT is consolidating crosswalks; currently there are 9 on the south section, between Park Avenue and McKinley Street, and 4 on the north section between McKinley and Roger Williams Park entrance. They are providing fully actuated pedestrian phases at all the signals and signage at crosswalks. Also the city has been included during the whole design process and they concur with the proposed number of crosswalks.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

PROVIDENCE ==> PROVIDENCE PLACE SIGNALS ONLY

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/3/2007	Denied	40460

Request from Senator Maryellen Goodwin and Representative John J. McCauley to study the existing flashing signal on Providence Place in the vicinity of 903 Condominium Complex to determine if it should be fully activated.

Comments: Study indicated the signal did not meet MUTCD warrant criteria. It also showed there was very little delay for vehicle right turn movements and that an activated traffic signal could increase accident frequency.

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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SMITHFIELD ==>> PUTNAM PK US 44

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
5/2/2007	Tabled	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: Tabled until the Town of Smithfield, Smithfield Police, or the Public Works of the town endorses parking on U.S. Rt. 44.

Action Taken:

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

New Business

BARRINGTON ==>> WASHINGTON RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/4/2007	Tabled	40495

Request from the Town of Barrington for two additional parking spaces on the west side of Washington Road north of the proposed driveway of Haines Park Village.

Comments: Tabled until the development makes improvements to Washington Road to provide proper width for parking.

Action Taken:

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

BRISTOL ==>> FERRY RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/4/2007	Continued	40496

Request from RIPTA for a crosswalk on Ferry Road at its intersection with Metacom Ave. in the vicinity of the Roger Williams University's driveway.

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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CUMBERLAND ==>> ARNOLD MILL BR

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/4/2007	Approved	40497

Request from RIDOT for a 3 TON gross posting for the Arnold Mills Bridge.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Mr. John DiTomasso	Unanimous

EXETER ==>> VICTORY HW HWY 102

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/4/2007	Study	40498

Request from Senator Kevin A. Breene to review the intersection of Rt. 102 southbound from Rt. 3 southbound for the possible change of the existing Yield sign to a Stop condition.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Mr. John DiTomasso	Unanimous

GLOUCESTER ==>> PUTNAM PK US 44

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/4/2007	Study	40499

Request from the Town of Gloucester for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of U.S. Rt. 44 and Rt. 102.

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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NARRAGANSETT ==>> OCEAN RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/4/2007	Study	40500

Request from the Narragansett Police for two crosswalks:

On Ocean Road 50' north of the Towers.
At the intersection of Ocean Road / South Pier Road north of the "wishing well".

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

PORTSMOUTH ==>> E MAIN RD HWY 138

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/4/2007	Approved	40501

Request from the Portsmouth Police to remove the existing crosswalk on East Main Ave. at Patriots Drive.

Comments:

Action Taken: Approved the removal of the crosswalk and pedestrian sign.

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Col. Brenden Doherty	Mr. John DiTomasso	Unanimous

PROVIDENCE ==>> SMITH ST US 44

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/4/2007	Approved	40502

Request from the City of Providence for Two Hour Parking 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM signs on Smith Street's north side from Academy Ave. to Meridian St.

Comments: STC determined hours were consistent with business parking.

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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WARREN ==> MAIN ST HWY 114

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/4/2007	Study	40503
Request from the Town of Warren for No Parking on Main Street's west side from Miller St. to Baker St.		
<i>Comments:</i>		
<i>Action Taken:</i>		
<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Mr. John DiTomasso	Unanimous

WEST WARWICK ==> PROVIDENCE ST HWY 33

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/4/2007	Study	40504
Request from the West Warwick Police for the installation of a crosswalk on Providence St. in the area of Prospect Hill / Market St.		
<i>Comments:</i>		
<i>Action Taken:</i>		
<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Mr. John DiTomasso	Unanimous

Special Event

STATEWIDE

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/4/2007	Approved	40505
Request from the following cities and towns to use state highways as designated in their letters to the STC:		
SOUTH KINGSTOWN - Spring Forth Parade on 4/12/2007.		
<i>Comments:</i>		
<i>Action Taken:</i>		
<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Unanimous

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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, January 09, 2008 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 11:15AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE
Secretary

Approved: _____

Ms. Janis Loiselle
Acting Chairperson