

**MINUTES OF THE COHOES TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2008 IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL AT 4:15 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Johnston, Chairman
Chief Joseph Fahd
Sergeant Tony Pucci
Commissioner Ken Radliff
Melissa Ashline-Heil, City Planner

ALSO PRESENT:

Patty Bishop, Recording Secretary
Roger Ceccucci, Fifth Ward Councilman

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF SWITCHING THE FIRE LANE ON EGBERT STREET

Chairman Johnston called the meeting to order at 4:15 P.M. He stated that the first item on the agenda was consideration of switching the Fire Lane on Egbert Street. The request was submitted by Henry and Barbara Mailloux. The Chairman stated, that based on a previous survey of driveways on the street there would be no difference or benefit if the signs were switched. His recommendation was to deny the request. A motion was made by Ms. Ashline-Heil to deny the request. Chief Fahd seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Chief Fahd, Commissioner Radliff, Ms. Ashline-Heil and Chairman Johnston all voted AYE. Motion **DENIED**.

Sergeant Pucci was not in attendance for discussion and roll call vote of item #1. However, he was present for the remainder of the meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF A HANDICAP PARKING SIGN AT 82 WILLOW STREET

The next agenda item was the consideration of a handicap parking sign at 82 Willow Street. The request was submitted by William Rinchik. The *Center for Independence* reviewed Mr. Rinchik's application and recommended that he receive the handicap sign. Mr. Rinchik's application also meets all the requirements for the City's *MIRA* policy; therefore, the Chairman's recommendation is to install the handicap sign as detailed in Attachment A. A motion was made by Ms. Ashline-Heil to approve the request. Chief Fahd seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Chief Fahd, Sergeant Pucci, Commissioner Radliff, Ms. Ashline-Heil and Chairman Johnston all voted AYE. Motion **PASSED**.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE REMOVAL OF THE NO TURN ON RED SCHOOL DAYS
SIGNS AT SIMMONS AVENUE AND VLIET BLVD**

The next item on the agenda was the consideration of the removal of the *No Turn On Red School Days* signs at Simmons Avenue and Vliet Blvd. The request was submitted by Chairman Johnston. The Chairman stated that Chief Heslin has informed him that since the closure of the

adjacent school, only a few children cross at this intersection. His recommendation was to remove the signs. A motion was made by Ms. Ashline-Heil to approve the Chairman's recommendation. Chief Fahd seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Chief Fahd, Sergeant Pucci, Commissioner Radliff, Ms. Ashline-Heil and Chairman Johnston all voted AYE. Motion **PASSED.**

CONSIDERATION OF A CURB CUT AT 150 CONGRESS STREET

The next item on the agenda was consideration of a curb cut at 150 Congress Street. The request was submitted by Roxann R. Mapes-Clute. Ms. Mapes-Clute would like the curb cut to be on Newark Street where she is planning on constructing a driveway into her back yard. Chairman Johnston recommendation is to approve a 15 feet wide curb cut contingent on the applicant obtaining a City building permit. A motion was made by Ms. Ashline-Heil to approve the Chairman's recommendation. Chief Fahd seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Chief Fahd, Sergeant Pucci, Commissioner Radliff, Ms. Ashline-Heil and Chairman Johnston all voted AYE. Motion **PASSED.**

CONSIDERATION OF A CURB CUT AT 90-92 HOWARD STREET

The next item on the agenda was the consideration of a curb cut at 90-92 Howard Street. The request was submitted by James Pigeon. Mr. Pigeon would like to have a 30 feet wide curb cut onto Howard Street for a planned four (4) vehicle parking lot. Ms. Ashline-Heil informed Mr. Pigeon that a four vehicle parking lot would require Planning Board approval. Accordingly, the Chairman's recommendation is to table this item pending the Planning Board's review and approval. A motion was made by Ms. Ashline-Heil to approve the Chairman's recommendation. Chief Fahd seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Chief Fahd, Sergeant Pucci, Commissioner Radliff, Ms. Ashline-Heil and Chairman Johnston all voted AYE. Motion **TABLED.**

OLD BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF REINSTALLING THE FLASHING TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT MANOR AVE AND ROSE COURT AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S SPEED TRAILER DATA

The last item on the agenda was the consideration of reinstalling the flashing traffic signal at Manor Ave and Rose Court. The request was originally submitted by Mrs. Deb Fitzgerald. on behalf of the local residents.

In reviewing the data obtained by the Police Department's Speed Trailer it was noted that the average and 85th percentile speeds on Manor Avenue, at this location, has increased less than a one half mile per hour since the flashing signal was removed.

The Chairman opened the floor for public comment at 4:30 P.M. Mrs. Deb Fitzgerald of the *Rose Court Neighborhood Watch Group* spoke. She expressed her continued concern and hope of reinstallation of the signal at this intersection.

After a lengthy discussion it was determined that Mrs. Fitzgerald's concern was for pedestrian

safety at this intersection and reinstalling the flashing traffic signal would not meet that need. The Chairman closed the floor to public discussion at 4:40 P. M.

The Chairman's recommendation was to again deny the request. A motion was made by Ms. Ashline-Heil to approve the Chairman's recommendation. Chief Fahd seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Chief Fahd, Sergeant Pucci, Commissioner Radliff, Ms. Ashline-Heil and Chairman Johnston all voted AYE. Motion **PASSED**.

The Chairman asked if there was any further business. There being no further business on the agenda, the Chairman stated the next meeting of the Commission would be held on Monday, September 15, 2008 at 4:15 P.M. The Chairman made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ashline-Heil. The meeting adjourned at 4:43 P.M.

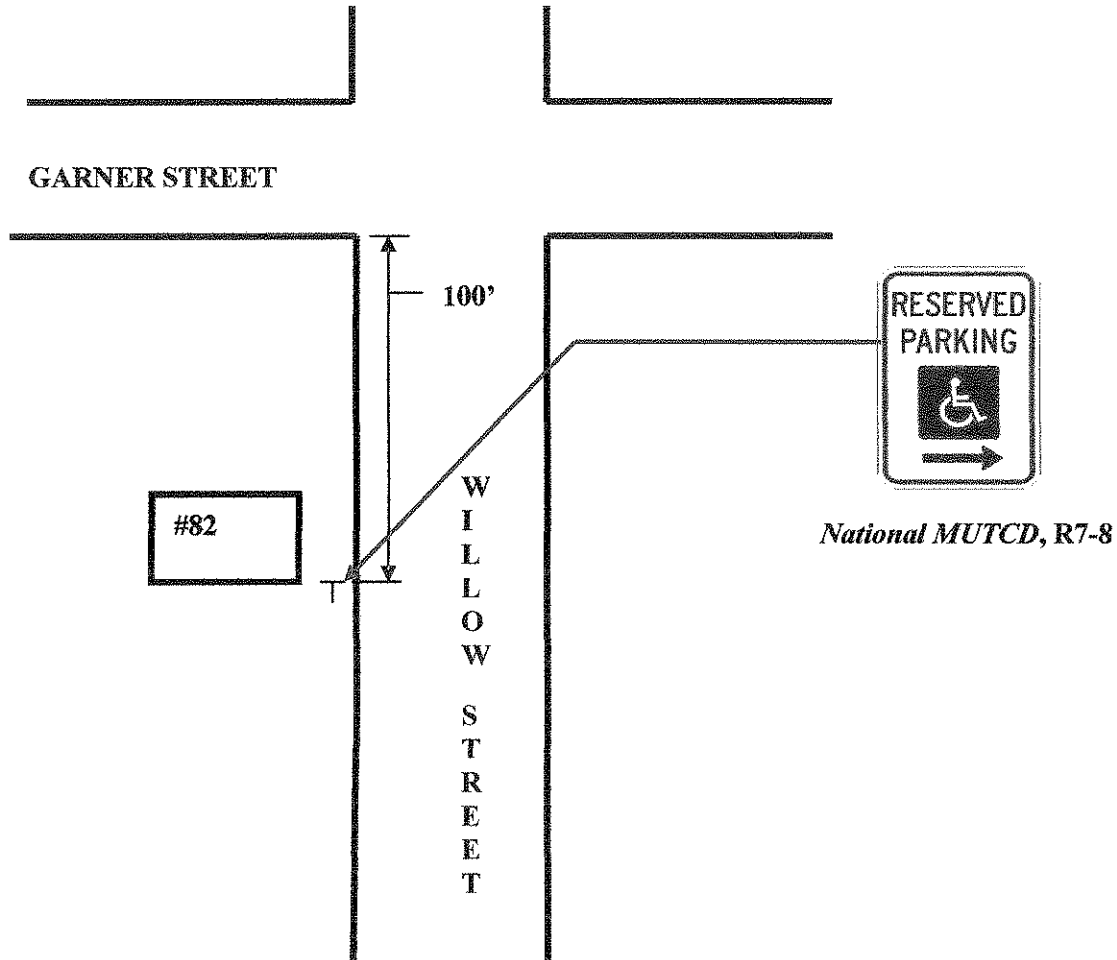
Minutes respectfully submitted by Nancy Walker

WILLOW STREET

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NORTH

INSTALLATION:

- 1) Install a R7 - 8, *Handicap Parking*, sign on the south side of Willow Street, in front of # 82 Willow Street and 100' east of the Garner Street intersection. Said sign shall conform to the *National Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices*, be 12" by 18" in size, have a right directional arrow and be mounted at a height of 7'. Said sign shall be placed facing approaching traffic at an angle of between 30 and 45 degrees with the line of traffic flow.

NO SCALE