

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Local Traffic Authority Public Hearing Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 25, 2022

PRESENT: Chairman Ed Tessman, Commissioners, Rob Derry, Paul Melanson, Dom Morelli and Lynn Hidek

Also present: Chief DeMaio, Captain Jakober, Captain DePietro and Sergeant Varone

The public hearing was called to order at 6:00 pm. Chairman Ed Tessman of the Board of Police Commissioners, representing the Local Traffic Authority advised that the purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments concerning the possible implementation of a proposed regulation 22-01, Use of Golf carts on certain named public highways, allowable under Connecticut general Statute 14-300g. Copies of the draft regulation were available tonight and had been made available on the town's website and at the Town Clerk's office. Chairman Tessman explained that the purpose of the hearing was for the Local Traffic Authority to hear public comments on the issue.

The meeting was then opened up to the public for comments.

- Phil Sengle spoke in support of the regulation.
- Bob Bradley spoke in support of the regulation in certain neighborhoods however not to access the town beach.
- Ruth Matthews who is the Treasurer of the Country Club Estates Association spoke in support of the regulation on the 3 streets in the association. (Indian Drive, Mohawk Drive and Iroquois Drive).
- Dylan Walter spoke in support of the regulation advising he felt it would alleviate traffic issues.
- Barry Bechard who is the Vice President of the Country Club Estate's Association spoke in support of the regulation. He commented that neighbors will be responsible.
- Beth Bechard spoke in support of the regulation and commented that neighbors will be responsible and she appreciates the idea being considered.
- Mary Nuzzo spoke in support of the regulation commenting that people who operate them are cautious.
- Richard Nuzzo spoke in support of the regulation commenting that the 12-15 mph speed of golf carts is safe.
- Susan Lighty spoke in support of the regulation.
- Jim Shefcyle spoke in support of the regulation and commented that the draft of the regulation seems sensible.
- Sue Dellenbaugh spoke in support of the regulation and commented that it will be great for the community.
- Elizabeth Goldstein understands the attractiveness of the regulation but she is not in favor of it, citing safety concerns.
- Don Young spoke in support of the regulation and commented that neighbors would make sure the regulation was followed properly.
- Maureen Wilson spoke in support of the regulation.
- Donnie Cariati spoke in support of the regulation and of his desire for it to be allowed on Shore Rd and Grove way.

As there were no additional comments, Chairman Tessman closed the meeting at 6:17 PM. He thanked everyone for their comments and advised that it would be an item on the agenda of the May 9, 2022 Police Commission meeting and he welcomed attendees to attend the upcoming meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Shove
Executive Assistant Police Chief